

***BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT***

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, March 10, 2014, at Wakelee Elementary School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, and Arthur Lerz, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Fran Hubeny, Facilities Director; a WEA Representative; Jason Fontaine, Wakelee Music Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m., and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mrs. Najarian read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 24, 2014. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing of February 27, 2014. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – The Marino Family
The Rotella Monthly Montage – March 2014
The CABA Journal – March 2014

Business Manager’s Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$183,459.28** presented in the Business Manager’s report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the April 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,290,000.**
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$459,847.86** paid on March 11, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.
So voted.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Fontaine introduced members of Wakelee’s Winter Ensemble, who played their instruments for the Board. They were Eleesia Medina, Dan Loughman, Taylor Bland, Samantha Orsini, and Zachary Osvald.

The Principals and Mrs. Iles gave two minute updates on their schools and Student Services. Mr. Norcross reported for Frisbie and Wakelee.

Starting with their January meeting, the Board of Education rotated their meeting schedule to visit all five schools. Their next meeting will be at Wolcott High School.

The Smarter Balanced Assessments begin March 18 to April 4 for Grade 11 Students; April 28 to May 16 for Grades 4, 5, 7, & 8; and May 19 to June 6 for Grades 3 & 6.

Orientation Sessions will be held for parents/guardians of preschoolers scheduled to begin Kindergarten during the 2014-2015 school year. The schedule is

Alcott School	March 20
Frisbie School	March 26
Wakelee School	March 25

March is Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Macary thanked the Board members for the number of hours they spend attending meetings and events on behalf of the Wolcott students.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the Superintendent’s Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi said that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received an update from Mr. Hubeny, the Facilities Director, on the school buildings, including the boiler project at the high school, and energy conservation efforts.

Mrs. Mancini reported that prior to the Board meeting the Finance Committee met and reviewed vendor invoices, budget transfers, the internal service report, the 2014-2015 Board of Education budget, and two bid awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of:

1. **Karen Kotwicki** in the position of Family Consumer Science Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year;
2. **Donna Kupchik** in the position of Grade 2 Teacher at Alcott Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2014;
3. **John Regan** in the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective August 1, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Holly Fleming** from the position of 4.5 hour Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective March 12, 2014;
2. **Todd Welton** from the position of 2nd shift Custodian at Tyrrell Middle School to the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools effective March 11, 2014.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Mirlinda Abou Arrrange** in the position of Food Service General Worker Floater for the Wolcott Public Schools effective March 12, 2014;
2. **Becky Riviezzo** in the position of Girls Varsity Outdoor Track Coach at Wolcott High School effective for the 2014 spring season.
So voted.

Approve – Leave of Absence:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve Amanda Gorton, School Psychologist at Wakelee Elementary School, request for an unpaid leave of absence from her position. So voted.

Approve – Disposal of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve Wolcott High School Health Office's request for permission to dispose of two outdated stretchers. So voted.

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adopt on initial vote the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of **\$32,779,867**. So voted.

Bid Award – Wireless Network Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the bid and award a contract for the CISCO WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT to **CUSTOM COMPUTER SPECIALISTS, INC.** in the amount of **\$15,043.92**. So voted.

Bid Award - #2 Fuel Oil & Diesel:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the bid and award a contract to Santa Buckley Energy for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$.1428	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$.1484	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

Pending a meeting on March 20 with Santa Buckley Energy.

So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA

Approve – Nomination(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to add to the agenda a resolution to appoint the 2014 WHS Spring Sports Coaches. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

2014 WHS Spring Sports Coaches:

William Balanda	Head Boys Outdoor Track Coach
Becky Riviezzo	Head Girls Outdoor Track Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Assistant Girls Outdoor Track Coach
Tary Scott	Varsity Baseball Coach
Ed Belval	Junior Varsity Baseball Coach
Peter Pace	Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach
Dave Pelletier	Freshman Baseball Coach
Lisa Belval	Varsity Softball Coach
Charisse Courtney	Junior Varsity Softball Coach
Steve Jasalavic	Boys Tennis Coach
Virginia McHugh	Girls Tennis Coach
Craig Kealey	Boys Golf Coach
Justin Bolton	Weight Training (Club)

So voted.

Time for the Public:

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, shared information on Common Core.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be at Wolcott High School on March 24, 2014. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:10 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the performance of a non-certified employee. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:07 p.m. So voted.