

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, August 17, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; David Stankus, Director of Facilities; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 20, 2015.

Communications:

Thank you card – Mrs. Ramalhete
Thank you card – Ms. Jones
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Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize the transfer of **\$1,287,863.55** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve the September 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,450,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$63,821.68** paid on August 18, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$602,622.27** paid on August 18, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The Summer Studies Program is into its fourth week of the five week program, and it is running very well. There are approximately 500 students enrolled in the program being held at Tyrrell Middle School.

Registration for new students at Wolcott High School is August 20 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. by appointment only. Call 203 879-8157 from Tuesday to Thursday mornings during the summer to schedule an appointment.

All perspective student-athletes will need a current physical to participate in the high and middle schools. Forms can be obtained at the main office of both schools.

Three Building Projects are going on this summer – the Wakelee Canopy, the Wolcott High School Lecture Hall and Music Suite.

School bus routes have been posted to the district website, www.wolcottps.org

With the start of the 2015-2016 school year, if school opening needs to be delayed for any reason, we will now be doing a 2 hour delay rather than the usual 90 minute. This change is to mirror the schedule in the schools surrounding Wolcott.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the Superintendent's Report. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received a presentation on the condition of school roofs.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee will be meeting with the School Administrators on August 19th, with the Paraprofessionals' Union on August 20th, and the School Secretaries' Union on the 31st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignations:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Christine Bernier** in the position of Lunch Aide at Alcott Elementary School effective July 30, 2015;
2. **Kathleen Colavecchio** in the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School for the purpose of retirement effective August 1, 2015;
3. **Adriana D'Amico** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 23, 2015;
4. **Laura DiDominio** in the position of Dance Team Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective immediately;
5. **June Fishbein** in the position of Regular Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective July 31, 2015;
6. **Andrea Heller** in the position of Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective July 30, 2015;
7. **Fallon Mesaros** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Maloney Magnet School effective August 3, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:

1. **Becky Riviezzo** from the position of 10 Month Secretary at Wolcott High School to the position of Secretary for the School Nurse at Wolcott High School effective August 26, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Anjeza Cuko** in the position of Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective August 26, 2015;
2. **Erik DiDomizio** in the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Alcott Elementary School effective August 26, 2015;
3. **Brett DiStasio** in the position of Boys Soccer Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 26, 2015;

4. **Daphne Giuggio** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective August 26, 2015;
5. **Kaitlin Helaire** in the position of Transition Coordinator at Wolcott High School effective August 24, 2015;
6. **Brittany Jenkins** in the position of Grade 4 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 24, 2015;
7. **Jessica Kowalski** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Maloney Magnet School effective August 26, 2015;
8. **Robert Moffo** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 26, 2015;
9. **Allison Montowski** in the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee Elementary School effective August 24, 2015;
10. **Kimberly Murtaugh** in the position of Director of Adult Education for the Wolcott Public Schools effective for the 2015-2016 school year;
11. **Kristin Steeves** in the position of Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective August 24, 2014 pending certification;
12. **Tammi Treen** in the position of Substitute Coordinator for the Wolcott Public Schools for the 2015-2016 school year;
13. **.45 Numeracy Teachers** for 2015-2016 school year as follows:
 - **Gina Effrece** Alcott Elementary School
 - **Kim Stein** Frisbie Elementary School
 - **Danielle Schweikher** Wakelee Elementary School
14. **2015 Fall Sports Volunteers** at Wolcott High School as follows:
 - Boys Varsity Soccer**
Charles Guerrero
Steven DePinho
 - Girls Varsity Soccer**
Becky Riviezzo
 - Freshman Football**
John Kiely
Jim Maisto
Jay Prescott
Andrew Pabey
CJ Monroe
 - Varsity Football**
Thomas Gorman
Greg Jackson
Pete Pace
Bob Stockert
Tony Bell

Mark Bove
 Joseph Lynch
 Ronald Gambino
Varsity Cheerleading
 Jillian Guerrero
 So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

1. Wolcott High School’s Football Team (55) requests permission to go to the Becket-Chimney Corners YMCA’s football camp in Becket, MA from August 29-30, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – a Girls Swim Team:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize Sarah Burton and Carrington Conner to practice and compete for Wolcott High School in cooperation with the Naugatuck High School’s Girls Swim Team as one-man teams for the 2015-2016 school year.

So voted.

Approve 2015-2016 Tuition Rates:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the following tuition rate for the 2015-2016 School Year:

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| ALL GRADES | - | \$12,031 |
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So voted.

Approve 2015-2016 Special Education Tuition & Related Services Rates:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, the following Special Education tuition and related services rates for the 2015-2016 School Year:

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| Special Education Teacher | - | \$53.00/hour |
| Speech Therapy | - | \$93.00/hour |
| Counseling | - | \$85.00/hour |
| Social Work Services | - | \$85.00/hour |
| Occupational Therapy | - | \$84.00/hour |
| Physical Therapy | - | \$76.00/hour |
| Music Therapy | - | \$63.00/hour |
| Nursing Services | - | \$58.00/hour |
| Instructional Assistant | - | \$17.00/hour |

So voted.

Permission to Teach a 6th Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize Lisa Tassinari to teach a 6th class in French at Tyrrell Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. So voted.

ADD TO THE AGENDA:

Approve – a Revised Job Description- Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to add to the agenda to adopt on initial vote a revised job description for the Superintendent of Schools position. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on an initial vote the revised job description for the Superintendent of Schools position. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the revised job description – Superintendent of Schools
Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session for discussion of the employment of a non-certified employee; the discussion of collective bargaining agreements (certified and non-certified employees); and the discussion of a pending legal claim. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:06 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

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