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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, November 26, 2018, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Bethany Stango, Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School; Pamela Conway, Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held for Constance Picard, and David Pelletier. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2018. So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Buzzelli stated that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 and reviewed school enrollment history and the possibility of reconfiguring grade levels. Lastly, they discussed the Wolcott High School Locker Room Improvements.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 7:10 p.m. and reviewed the variable accounts report, locked in oil and diesel rates. Lastly, they reviewed pending vendor invoices and budget reports.

Mr. Gugliotti stated that the Building Committee went in front of the Town Council on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 and spoke of the price of the Oil Tank and Boiler project being over budget.

**Communications:**

Thank You Card from a Family,  
Letter from The Student –Athlete Advisory Council  
Letter from a Concerned Parent

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$209,697.21** paid on November 27, 2018 for fiscal year 2018-2019.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

**Workshop:**

Mr. Purcaro, Mr. Hollis, Mr. Norcross, Mrs. Stango, Mrs. Conway, and the Students of the Life Skills and Project Explore Programs gave a presentation and demonstration of their iLeap project "Sweets & a Smile". Board of Education members placed orders through a google form prior to the meeting, students came in and delivered the items to the board members to give a live demonstration of what is done every Friday at Tyrrell.

Mr. Purcaro spoke of the iLeap program and other projects that are taking place within the school district. Mr. Hollis spoke of the Life Skills program and how this project compliments the 18-21 program at Wolcott High School. Mrs. Stango talked about this project and how it is run and how much hard work each student puts into it every week. Mr. Norcross spoke about the peer to peer interaction, how it has brought the staff together and the real life Math Skills that are used.

Lastly, Dr. Gasper spoke about the iLeap program and stressed the "i" in iLeap, which stands for incubator. He went on to explain everything that is used in just the "i" alone for these iLeap projects.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the Superintendent's Report.  
So voted.

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:****Adopt Curriculum Revisions-Final vote:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to adopt on final vote the following curriculum revision for Wolcott Public Schools as presented during the Operations and Programs Committee Meeting:

- Elementary Art Part 1
- Middle School Science, Grades 6, 7, and 8
- High School English:
  - Film and Literature
  - Multicultural Literature
  - Short Fiction
- High School Science:
  - Civics Part 1 – Grade 10
  - Global Studies Part 1 – Grade 9
- High School Electives:
  - Capstone
  - Entrepreneurship
  - Nursing Assistant
  - PE – Unified

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Nominations:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated:

1. **Donna Calabro** to the position of Adult Education Teacher for the district effective November 27, 2018,
2. **Sara Tedesco** to the position of Summer Studies Director for the District effective November 27, 2018.

So Voted.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**A. Transfers:**

1. **June Fishbein** in the position of Grade 5 Teacher at Wakelee School to the position of Kindergarten Teacher at Alcott School effective November 27, 2018.

**B. Resignation:**

1. **Linda Erami** in the position of Paraprofessional at Frisbie School effective immediately.

**C. Out of State Conferences:**

1. Kristin Ferguson, SHAPE Teacher, Jill Fontanella, School Social Worker and Kristin Sweeney-Bizer, School Psychologist, at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Harvard Medical School's, School Mental Health Training Students K-12, at Fairmont Copley Plaza in Boston, MA on January 25 and 26, 2019.

So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is December 10 and will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.  
So voted.

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