



# OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

**MONDAY  
7:30 P.M.**

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
AGENDA  
February 24, 2014**

I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, and Reading of the Mission Statement

*The mission of the Wolcott Public Schools is to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of all students to become contributing members of the global community.*

II. Approval of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of February 10, 2014

III. Communications

IV. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

V. Superintendent's Report

A. Mr. Macary's Report

B. iPads in the Classroom – Mrs. Wright

C. Interactive Whiteboard Demonstration – Tyrrell Students

VI. Public Comment

VII. Committee Reports

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

A. Nomination(s)

B. Approve Out of State Field Trip(s)

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Adjournment

Note:

Finance Committee at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Tyrrell's Library/Media Center

1) Discuss the Board of Education's 2014-2015 Budget; 2) Expenditures; and 3) Business Manager's Report.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at Frisbie Elementary School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Kimberly Lumia, 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; Walter Drewry, Assistant 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; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; a WEA Representative; Marie Bartz, Kathy Colavecchio, and Kimberly Ryan, all Grade 4 Teachers at Frisbie School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 Ms. DelBuono, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 13, 2014. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note – The Dunn Family  
Thank you note – The Murphy Family  
Thank you note – Mr. Allen  
Thank you letter – Junior Women's Club of Wolcott  
The CABA Journals – February 2014

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the March 2014 payroll expenditure in the amount of \$1,322,000.  
To approve expenditures in the amount of \$1,350,530.86 paid on February 11, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Mrs. Bartz, Mrs. Colavecchio and Miss Ryan introduced three Frisbie students, Jordan Chamberlain, Jacob Dellavecchia, and Kaitlyn Ouellette, who read from their journals about the weekend that Humphrey stayed with their families.

The Principals and Mrs. Iles gave two minute updates on their schools and Student Services for the District.

Starting with their January meeting, the Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools over the next few months. Their next meeting will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

Pre-registration for Kindergarten and the Pre-K Program lottery is underway for January and February. Please call the 203 879-8183 and 203 879-8178 to register.

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. Training and practice drills are being conducted in all our schools to be properly prepared for any crisis or incident.

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. Mancini reported that prior to the meeting the Finance Committee met and received a presentation by the Superintendent on the proposed 2014-2015 budget. They also reviewed pending invoices, and the internal service report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt the Wolcott Public Schools 2014-2019 Goals – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on final vote the draft of the 2014-2019 Wolcott Public Schools Mission Statement and Goals.  
So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:****Approve – Resignation:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to accept the resignation of:  
1. **Daniel Boutot** in the position of Maintenance Worker for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective February 28, 2014.  
So voted.

**Approve – Transfer Between Jobs:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following transfer to the position indicated:  
1. **Ann Bourassa** from the position of Food Service Worker Floater for the District to the position of Food Service General Worker at Wolcott High School effective February 11, 2014.  
So voted.

**Approve – Nominations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:  
1. **Charise Courtney** in the position of Junior Varsity Softball Coach at Wolcott High School effective February 11, 2014, pending certification;  
2. **Fallon Mesaros** in the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Maloney Magnet School effective on February 11, 2014;  
3. **Jason Pearson** in the position of Softball Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective February 11, 2014, pending certification.  
So voted.

**Approval – Out of State Field Trip(s):**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve the following out-of-state field trips:  
1. Tyrrell Middle School's Project Explore Grade 6 Students (30) request permission to go to the New York City's Botanical Gardens on April 9, 2014 to attend a workshop entitled "The Role of Plants in Water Cycle."  
2. Wolcott High School Cheerleaders (16) request permission to change the date of their Board approved trip to Myrtle Beach, SC to attend the Cheer Nationals from March 14-17 to March 13-17, 2014.  
So voted.

**Permission to Discard Equipment:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following:

1. Food Services requests permission to dispose of an inoperative refrigerator at Frisbie School - Hobart model number 049715A, Asset Tag #04763;
2. Student Services Department requests permission to dispose of outdated equipment as per the attached list.

So voted.

**Approve a District Child Nutrition Standard:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following certification statement:

On behalf of the Wolcott Board of Education:

Pursuant to section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, we hereby certify that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under our jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will meet said standards during the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. Such certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises, whether or not school sponsored.

We hereby acknowledge that the Wolcott Board of Education, will exclude from certification food and beverage items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards, provided that (1) such food is sold in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend, (2) such sale is at the location of the event, and (3) such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store.

So voted.

**Approve an Out of State Conference:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following out-of-state conference:

1. **Holly Jayne**, Business Teacher at Wolcott High School, requests permission to attend a workshop entitled "40 Personal Finance Lessons Tied to the Common Core and C3 Framework" being held February 19, 2014 in New York City at the Science, Industry and Business Library.

So voted.

**Time for the Public:**

Kathy Cordone, 80 Old Boundline Road, commented on the Smart Balance Field Test.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next Board meeting will be at Tyrrell Middle School.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to take a 5 minute recess at 8:25 p.m., then go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the discipline of classified employees, and the employment of a certified teacher. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 10:03 p.m. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:04 p.m. So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 24, 2014

**RESOLUTION:                    EXPENDITURES**

**Resolution** from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$320,380** paid on February 25, 2014 for fiscal year 2013-2014.



WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

February 24, 2014

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Curriculum & PD:

Just a reminder, starting in January, the Wolcott Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five (5) schools over the next few months. Next meeting is at Wakelee Elementary School on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

If you have a child who will be Five (5) years old on or before January 1, 2015, you are requested to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-879-8183 by March 1st. The child's: name, address, age, date of birth, and e-mail address will be taken over the phone. Information will be mailed to your home in March. Early pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order for us to plan classes and the budget appropriately.

The Department of Student Services will be accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2014-2015. Applications are available for all Wolcott residents who have a child between the ages of 3 and 4, born in 2010 and 2011. The deadline for applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>. A lottery will be held in March to determine the preschool enrollment for the 3-year-old and 4-year-old programs for the next school year. Parents will be notified of the results by March 15th. If you would like an application, please contact the secretary in the Student Services office at 203-879-8178. Thank You

Safety and security continue to be a top priority for the Wolcott Public Schools. We will continue to review and amend, if necessary, our security guidelines to ensure that our students, faculty, and staff are in a safe learning environment. Wolcott received approximately \$150,000 from a competitive "Security Grant" from the State of Connecticut. These funds will be used for additional cameras, panic buttons, and keyless monitoring systems for all five schools. The nature of safety and security in our schools has fundamentally changed forever. Thank you for your cooperation.

Presentations from Tyrrell MS...

- iPads in the classroom by Ms. Wright.
- An interactive whiteboard presentation by Tyrrell students, Kailyn Lawlor and Brianna Shea.

# Conference Attendance Report

February 24, 2014

DATE	COST	PERSON(S)	SCHOOL/POSITION	SUB	PRESENTER	TITLE	LOCATION
03/25/14	\$20 + (M)	Eileen Girgenti	District/Food Service Director	No	State Dept of Admin Services & Ct Dept of Educ.	Procurement training and USDA Food Processing Show	Aqua Turf, Southington, Ct.
04/22/14	Mileage only	Patti Welton	District/Central Office Admin Specialist	No	National Seminars Training	2014 FMLA Compliance Update	Cromwell, Ct

(M) = Mileage

(P) = Parking Fees

Trip ReportViewer BOE Meeting February 24, 2014

Trip ID	Trip Name	Date	School	# Students	Trip Destination	Educational Objectives	Teacher Name
260	SRMS CMEA Festival Rehearsal	02/28/14	Tyrrell Middle School	12	Naugatuck Community College	Students will participate in a regional choir and band.	Jones, Katherine Choral Music
261	SRMS CMEA Festival Concert	03/01/14	Tyrrell Middle School	12	Naugatuck Community College	Students will participate in a concert for CMEA	Jones, Katherine Choral Music
277	AP Psychology	03/06/14	Wolcott High School	24	Alcott School	To apply understanding of developmental and learning theories by teaching a lesson to pre-school students and observing student behavior.	Thies, Michelle Social Studies
282	Math Team Meet	03/05/14	Wolcott High School	15	Suffield High School	Students will be competing in a Math Meet against other schools in the state. Students that score high enough will have the opportunity to compete against others in the nation at Penn State.	Stabile, Sarah Math
285	Reading with Friends at the Wolcott Public Library	02/27/14	Frisbie Elementary School	18	Wolcott Public Library	To learn about the resources offered by the Wolcott Public Library while choosing books with our friends in our Friends For Everyone friendship group.	Discepolo, Janet Project Explore
291	STEP PBIS 2	02/26/14	Wolcott High School	10	I-HOP/Movies - Waterbury	To continue with positive behavioral interventions, this trip will reward students for earning good behavior and improving their grades.	Margiotta, Lysa Spec. Ed STEP
294	Preserving Our Histories	02/28/14	Wolcott High School	18	Education Connections, Litchfield	Speakers and workshop activities> this is part of the Preserving our Histories Program. Students are making a historical documentary.	Nevins, Nancy Social Studies
297	Rite Aid	02/24/14	Wolcott High School	9	Rite Aid, 744 Wolcott Rd, Wolcott, CT 06716	Given a list of items at Rite Aid, students will locate 4/5 items without assistance.	Vilardo, Brittany Spec. Ed Life Skills
298	TJ Maxx	02/24/14	Wolcott High School	2	TJ Maxx, 939 Wolcott St, Waterbury, CT 06705	Given a shopping list generated by the student with up to 5 items (i.e. sweater, jeans), she/he will independently locate 4 out of 5 appropriate items in a store for clothing and personal needs as measured by data collection with 80% accuracy.	Vilardo, Brittany Spec. Ed Life Skills
299	TJ Maxx	02/24/14	Wolcott High School	2	TJ Maxx, 939 Wolcott St, Waterbury, CT 06705		Vilardo, Brittany Spec. Ed Life Skills
305	Wolcott Public Library Resources	03/03/14	Alcott Elementary School	20	Wolcott Public Library	4th and 5th Grade High Ability Readers will learn about the resources available at the Wolcott Public Library. They will also choose appropriately challenging nonfiction books to borrow for a project which encompass Common Core standards.	Discepolo, Janet Project Explore
308	WHS Jazz Band Performance at TMS	02/25/14	Wolcott High School	15	Tyrrell Middle School		Clement, Justin Music/Band

**Fundraiser Report  
February 24, 2014**

DATE	SCHOOL	GROUP/PERSON	DESCRIPTION OF FUNDRAISER
Mar 24 to Apr 4	Tyrrell	7th Grade	Penny wars between homerooms
Apr 9	WHS	Strike Club	Sell time at Flight Trampoline Park

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – February 24, 2014

RESOLUTION:                    NOMINATION(S)

Resolution from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING PERSON(S) AS INDICATED:

1. **Kimberly O'Connor** in the position of Long-Term Substitute English Teacher at Wolcott High School effective February 25, 2014;
2. **Emily Roethlein** in the position of Long Term Substitute Teacher with a Reading Concentration at Wakelee Elementary School effective February 25, 2014;
3. **Shaye Sheehan** in the position of Interim Supervisor of Special Education for the Wolcott Public Schools effective February 25, 2014 at the WPSAC per diem rate;
4. **2014 WHS Fall Coaches:**

Bryan Plona	Boys Head Soccer Coach
Dan Caetano	Assistant Boys Soccer Coach
Chris Riviezzo	Girls Soccer Coach
Samantha Gigliotti	Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
Kaity Craig	Varsity Volleyball Coach
Briana Daniele	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach
Alison Regan	Assistant Girls Volleyball Coach (Freshman)
Jason Pace	Head Football Coach
Joe Golden	Assistant Football Coach (JV)
Steve Jasulavic	Assistant Football Coach
Joe Cornelio	Assistant Football Coach
Jim Pawlak	Freshman Football Coach
Michele Cordeau	Head Cheerleading Coach
Ron Cordeau	Assistant Cheerleading Coach

(See attached)

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**RESOLUTION:                    OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS**

**Resolution** from Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

**TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS:**

1. Wolcott High School's Golf Team (6) requests permission to go to the Ben Russell Golf Tournament in Queenstown Harbor, MD on April 14-16, 2014 to prepare for golf season.
2. Wolcott High School's Incoming Junior and Senior Class Students (18) request permission to travel to Dublin, London and Paris from July 20-29, 2015 to experience culture first hand, including the history about each site.

(See attached)