

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 21, 2019, 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, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza, all board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Director of Student Services; 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; Dan Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett then read the Wolcott Public Schools' Mission Statement.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mr. D';Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 08, 2019.  
So voted.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Wolcott Board of Education

**Committee Reports:**

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed the business manager's report, expenditures, pending vendor invoices, the accounting system, oil and diesel bids, and health claims. Operations and Programs had a presentation held by Mr. Hollis in regards to the Sunscreen Policy. Lastly, the Committee discussed the quotes that have been received in regards to the Track and Field Renovation.

**Communications:**

Thank you card.

**Business Manager's Report:****Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the following Expenditures:  
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$213,061.46** paid on October 22, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020.  
So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Gasper made a statement about the State Department of Health's report on vaccination data being misleading. We do uphold the State law for vaccinations but we do not have any control over a parent's right to not vaccinate their child in regards to religion or medical reasons.

The Superintendent also took a moment to acknowledge Mrs. Lori DelBuono Bartlett and Mr. Thomas Buzzelli, as this is their last meeting on the Board. He thanked them for all they have done for the Students, Staff, himself and all of Wolcott and lastly for all the tireless hours they have volunteered to the Wolcott Public Schools.

Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett made a statement to the people of Wolcott, Staff, and students, that it has been an honor to serve. She thanked the Board Clerk, Superintendent, Board of Education, Vice Chairman, and her husband and sons. The Chairman lastly thank Mr. Buzzelli for his six years of service.

Mr. Norcross, Mr. Simpson, Mrs. Murtaugh, and Mrs. Oswald gave a presentation on the Middle School and Elementary Schools Vision of the Graduate. They all spoke of how they came up with their versions of the Vision of the Graduate.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini seconded by Mr. Buzzelli to approve the superintendent's report as presented.  
So voted.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Thomas Buzzelli, 38 Old New England Road, said a few words of how he enjoyed the last 6 years on the Board, he thanked his wife and children. Mr. Buzzelli stated that he was proud of the leadership of the Board, Town, Administration, and Superintendent. Lastly, Mr. Buzzelli thanked everyone for letting him be a part of it.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated as presented:

1. **Joseph Socowocz** to the position of PE Long Term Substitute at Wolcott High School effective on or about November 15, 2019;
2. **Alicia Maffiolini** to the position of Dance Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2019-2020 Dance Season, pending certification.

So Voted.

**Adopt a Policy - Initial Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adopt on Initial Vote a Board Policy #P5141.214 - Students: Student Sunscreen Use as presented during the Committee of the Whole meeting.  
So voted.

**Bid for Financial Accounting Software:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to award the bid for financial accounting software to Weidenhammer.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

**1. Transfer(s):**

- a. **Kim Tatro-White** from the position of Lunch Aide at Wakelee School to the position of Lunch Aide at Frisbie School.

**2. WEF Grant Award:**

**Kate McCasland                      \$1,250**

**Location: Wakelee Elementary School**

**Project Title: Author Visit – Phil Bildner****3. Out of State Field Trips:**

- a. **Tyrrell Middle School's 8<sup>th</sup> grade** (180) requests permission to go to Washington D.C. on May 26-29, 2020, for the purpose of enrichment of Grade 8 History and ELA content.
- b. **Wolcott High School's Baseball Team** (40) requests permission to go to Johnson City, Tennessee on April 13-18 2020, for the purposes of Varisty playing two nonconference games and JV playing three games to help team building, prep, and practice.

**4. Out of State Conferences**

- a. **Tanya Adorno**, Athletic Director, request permission to attend the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) Annual Conference in Maryland from December 13-18, 2019;
- b. **Amanda Gorton**, School Psychologist, request permission to attend the Collaborative Program Solving workshop, at the Worchester Public Schools, Worchester Tech High School, in Worchester, MA on October 23, 2019.

So Voted.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is November 12, 2019 and 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 Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Wolcott Public Schools Administrative Council, with Mr. Bendtsen invited into executive session.

So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

**Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli on the ratification of the collective bargaining agreement of the Wolcott Public Schools Administrator Council.  
So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.  
So voted.

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