

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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Kimberly Lumia, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Anthony Gugliotti, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz, and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services, Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Walter Drewry, Interim Principal of Wolcott High School; Bryan MacKay, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Joseph Morgan, Interim Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Oswald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Aisha Mobley, Director of School Guidance; Kelley Brochu, School Counselor at Wolcott High School; Michael Lynch, School Counselor at Tyrrell Middle School; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Najarian, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion:           by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of November 15, 2016. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you note from Frisbie Third Grade Teachers  
Thank you note from Ms. Schinkel  
Thank you note from Mr. Meuser  
Thank you note from Ms. Hartigan  
Holiday card – Chinni & Meuser  
Book: Savadio's Secrets by Domenica Johns

**Business Manager's Report:**

**Budget Transfers:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to authorize the transfer of **\$32,107.85** from fiscal year 2016-2017 as presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

**Expenditures:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following expenditures:

To approve the January 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,519,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$1,090,025.48** paid on December 13, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

**Superintendent's Report:**

Ms. Mobley, Ms. Brochu, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Hollis gave the Board an overview of the School Counseling Departments' procedures and events at Wolcott High School and Tyrrell Middle School.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Cynthia Dias, who is a Wolcott High School senior, talked about the CT High School Reimagined Program that she had participated in. Mr. Purcaro reported on the Student Learning and Teaching with emphasis on the District Data Team.

The State Department of Education released updated cohort growth results comparing districts' performance in the 2015 administration of the SBAC test to 2016. In 13 of the 18 total cohorts, Wolcott's students showed more growth than the state average. In 6 cohorts our growth rate was 15 percentage points or more greater than the state average.

Budget development has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. The Superintendent said that he will be visiting each school's parent group to hear ideas and suggestions.

Dr. Gasper thanked students and faculty for their efforts in helping those who are less fortunate and in need in the Wolcott area during this holiday season.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Adopt Revised Board Policies/Regulations – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adopt on final vote the

following revised Board policies and regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 0521 – Mission-Goals-Objectives:  
Nondiscrimination
- Policy/Regulation 1330 – Community Relations:  
Use of School Facilities
- Policy/Regulation 3320 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:  
Purchasing Procedures
- Policy 3513.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:  
Energy Conservation
- Policy/Regulation 3524.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations:  
Hazardous Material in Schools
- Policy 4131.5 - Personnel – Certified:  
Continuing Education Units (CEU's)
- Policy 6164.13 - Instruction:  
Home Visits
- Policy/Regulation 6173 - Instruction:  
Homebound Instruction

So voted.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Joseph DiLeo** in the position of .4 Counselor for SHAPE at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the first semester;
2. **Steven Jasulavic** in the position of Girls' Tennis Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately;
3. **Joseph Monroe** in the position of Principal at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective December 31, 2016.

So voted.

#### **Nominations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to appoint the following person(s) as indicated:

1. **Lawrence Chiucarello** to the position of .45 Math Intervention Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 13, 2016;
2. **Salvatore Coppola** to the position of Team Leader for the Social Studies Department at Wolcott High School effective December 13, 2016;
3. **Lisa Emmons** to the position of Lunch Monitor at Alcott Elementary School effective December 13, 2016;
4. **Nicholas Galullo** to the position of Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher at Wolcott High School effective December 13, 2016;

5. **Carol Lewia** to the position of Long Term Substitute Language Arts Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective December 13, 2016;
6. **Robert Stoekert** to the position of Assistant Football Coach at Wolcott High School effective August 15, 2016.

So voted.

**Revise the 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to revise the Board of Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Cancel the February 13 meeting
- Change the location of the March 27 meeting to Frisbie School.

So voted.

**Out of State Field Trip:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the following out-of-state field trip:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Grade 8 Chorus (46) requests permission to go to NYC to see the play *Phantom of the Opera* on April 27, 2017.

So voted.

**ADD TO THE AGENDA:**

**Approve Grant Awards:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to add to the agenda to approve and accept two grant awards from the WEF. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundations Grants as follows:

1. Shannon Gomez \$ 500.00  
Location: Frisbie Elementary School  
Project Title: STEM Family Night
2. Jennifer Sullivan & Sara Vumbaca \$1,850.00  
Location: Alcott Elementary School  
Project Title: One School, One Book

So voted.

**Committee Reports:**

Ms. Leonard reported on the Operations and Programs meeting that met at 6:30 p.m. The Committee reviewed and finalized the Board policies they have been working on. They voted to forward the policies onto the Board for final adoption.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and reviewed the Internal Service report, expenditures and the use of the gymnasium.

Mrs. Lumia stated that the Negotiations Committee will be meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> to review the contracts that need to be negotiated before the end of this school year.

**Time for the Public:**

No one came forward.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next Board meeting will be Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Alcott School.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Clair to go into Executive Session for a discussion on the contract of the Superintendent of Schools.  
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:52 p.m. So voted.

Board Discussion.

**Approve the Superintendent's Contract:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve a contract with Dr. Anthony Gasper, the Superintendent of Schools, for the period from November 23, 2016 to June 30, 2019. So voted.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. So voted.

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