

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, November 27, 2017, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Lori DelBuono Bartlett, Chairman of the Board of Education; Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board of Education; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board of Education; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; 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; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Anthony Cianchetti, School Social Worker; Deborah Goodman, School Psychologist; Danielle Morek, School Speech and Language Pathologist; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

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

Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett announced the Board of Education Committee membership as follows:

Finance	Chairman: Cindy Mancini Members: Paul D'Angelo, Tony Gugliotti
Negotiations	Chairman: Tony Gugliotti Members: Chris Charette
Facilities	Chairman: Tom Buzzelli Members: Cindy Mancini, Roberta Leonard
Operations & Programs	Chairman: Roberta Leonard Members: Kelly Mazza, Kathy Cordone
Parliamentarian ACES Representative	Tony Gugliotti Roberta Leonard

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2017. So voted.

Communications:

Invitation to the WHS Fall Sports Banquet
Notice from WHS PAC on a Poinsettia Fundraiser

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$221,046.84** paid on November 28, 2017 for fiscal year 2017-2018.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Hollis and Mrs. Ramalhete gave the Board of Education an overview of the programs, procedures, and services offered by the District's Student Services Department. In addition, some of the Department's support staff were introduced and explained what services their area provided.

The School Principals gave two minute school highlights, and Mr. Purcaro gave an update on the Student Learning and Teaching Department.

Dr. Gasper said that these are very exciting times for our schools, the school system, and Board of Education. A new Board of Education is seated and, as with any change, this will bring opportunities for new vision and new ideas on how to achieve our long-range goals. A key document in this work will be the Board's new Vision of the Graduate - ratified by the Board in September 2017. All of our work to come will be guided by this document as we work to "unpack" it into specific plans at the school, department, and teacher levels. Over the next few editions of this update, he said he will take the time to introduce you to this simple-but-rich document (the full document can be found at this [LINK](#)).

The introduction of the Vision is very important to understand. It says *"To guide long-range, strategic planning and implementation of programs, the Wolcott Board of Education has prepared and ratified the following list of skills, knowledge, and dispositions that define its aspirations for all students. It is important to note that this vision encompasses a child's thirteen-year journey through our school system. The word 'graduate' should not be interpreted to pertain only to high school students. These are attributes to be developed in each classroom in each grade level."* We will be working to ensure that all of the skills and dispositions laid out later on in the document into all of

our curricula, teaching methods, and experiences from kindergarten through grade twelve. He looks forward to updating you further on the Vision in the future.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Paulina Palazzo** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective on November 29, 2017;
2. **Nancy Sheehan** to the position of Family Consumer Science Teacher at Wolcott High School effective as soon as possible.

So voted.

Permission to Discard Old Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the request from Mr. Stankus to dispose of a Cub Cadet riding lawn tractor and a Husqvarna snow thrower at Wolcott High School which are no longer serviceable. So voted.

Approve a Grant Award - WEF:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve and accept a Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant as follows:

Shannon Gomez \$200.00

Location: Frisbie Elementary School

Project Title: Family STEM Night

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is December 11 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 to discuss a confidential student matter protected under FERPA, and the discussion of ongoing negotiations. Mrs. Najarian, Mrs. Lumia, and Mr. Bendtsen were invited to attend Executive Session. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:23 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. So voted.

Note: The Board of Education meetings are videotaped, and as result are available to be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott's website, www.wolcottct.org.