

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, May 8, 2017, 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, 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 Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; 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. A moment of silence was observed for former teachers, Doris Kelley and Ernest DiPietro.

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 regular meeting of April 24, 2017. So voted.

**Communications:**

Thank you notes  
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**Business Manager's Report:**

**Expenditures:**

Motion:           by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the following expenditures:  
To approve the June 2017 payroll expenditure in the amount of  
**\$4,171,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$775,243.86** paid on May 9, 2017 for fiscal year 2016-2017.  
So voted.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Mr. Drewry gave the Board of Education an overview of the Community Service program at Wolcott High School.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Purcaro updated the Board on activities in his department of Student Learning and Teaching.

Dr. Gasper said that he, the Board Chairman, and Mr. Bendtsen presented the school budget to Town Council. He encouraged parents and the community to let the Board and Town Council hear input from them.

The upcoming important dates for the budget process are as follows:

- On Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Town Council will conduct workshop discussions on the town budget at 7:00pm in the Najarian Conference Room at the Board of Education office. While there will not be an opportunity for the public to speak at these meetings, they are open to the public.
- On Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the Council will hold its public hearing. This is the best opportunity to be heard regarding your priorities on the budget. The location has been changed to the Tyrrell Middle School auditorium at 7:00pm
- On Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> the Council will hold its regular meeting. The Council plans to adopt the budget at this meeting.

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

**Public Comment:**

No one came forward.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approve the 2017-2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on final vote the following 2017-2018 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	17 (Monday)	
AUGUST	14 (Monday)	28 (Monday)
SEPTEMBER	11 (Monday)	25 (Monday)
OCTOBER	10 (Tuesday)	23 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	13 (Monday)	27 (Monday)
DECEMBER	11 (Monday)	

JANUARY 8 (Monday-Alcott)  
 FEBRUARY 12 (Monday-Frisbie)  
 MARCH 12 (Monday-Wakelee) 26 (Monday-WHS)  
 APRIL 9 (Monday)  
 MAY 7 (Monday) 21 (Monday)  
 JUNE 11 (Monday) 25 (Monday)

All Board of Education meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School’s Large Group Instruction Room unless otherwise indicated.

All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

**Approve the 2017-2018 School Handbooks – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve on final vote the 2017-2018 Handbooks as follows:

- The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook
- Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook
- Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resignations:**

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

1. **Staci Tumel** in the position of 10-Month Secretary at Wolcott High School effective on May 19, 2017.
2. **Laura DiDominzio** in the position of Spanish Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective on June 30, 2017.

So voted.

**Nominations:**

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

1. **Alison Regan** to the position of Special Education Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year (the appointment is dependent upon budget appropriation);
2. **Patricia Stanco** to the position of Paraprofessional for the 2017 Summer Studies Program (a current WPS employee & returning SSP employee).

So voted.

**Accept a Grant Award:**

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve and accept a Wolcott Education Foundation's Grant as follows:

1. Dan Goldstone \$ 250.00  
Location: Tyrrell Middle School  
Project Title: Sixth Grade Family Math & Science Night  
So voted.

**Approve a District Healthy Food Certification Statement:**

Motion: by Mrs. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the 2017-18 Healthy Food Certification Statement as follows:

**Healthy Food Option:** Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. This 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 sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

**Food Exemptions:** The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held.

**Beverage Exemptions:** The board of education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event;

and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

So voted.

**Accept a Bid Award – Water System Maintenance:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the Water System Maintenance bid and award a three year contract (July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020), to **J H Barlow Pump & Supply Inc.** in the amount of **\$56,914.50**. So voted.

**Approve a Bid Waiver – Security Alarm Services:**

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to waive the bid and award a contract to **Stanley Security** to provide security alarm monitoring and maintenance service for the Wolcott Public Schools for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2019.  
*All Board Members voted “aye”, except Mrs. Lumia who voted “nay”.  
The motion carries.*

**Committee Reports:**

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed a bid award for water system maintenance, a bid waiver for security services, and expenditures.

Mrs. Lumia, the Chair of the Negotiations Committee, said the Committee has upcoming negotiations scheduled this week.

The Facilities Chair, Mrs. Gubitosi, said the Committee has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Time for the Public:**

Theresa Marin, 1147 Wolcott Road, told the Board that “Grad Night” is a go, and they are looking for volunteers, and sponsors.

Michael Bruce, 424 Bound Line Road, congratulated the Board on their budget presentation to Town Council. Their presentation and the Town’s will be telecast on May 13-14 on a 24 hour feed on Comcast Channel 96 and Frontier Channel 99.

**Items for the Next Agenda:**

The next meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 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](http://www.wolcottct.org).