



OUR FUTURE IS IN CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

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

**TYRRELL MIDDLE SCHOOL
LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
May 13, 2019**

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 April 29, 2019

III. Committee Reports

IV. Communications

V. Business Manager's Report

A. Expenditures

B. Transfers

VI. Superintendent's Report

A. Dr. Gasper's Report

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Old Business

A. Adopt Revised Policies/Regulations-

5123, 6146, 6152 - Final Vote

- IX. New Business
 - A. Bid for WHS Photography Services
 - B. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Resignation(s)
 - 2. Transfer(s)
 - 3. Accept a Donation
 - 4. Permission to Dispose of Equipment

X. Time for the Public

XI. Items for the Next Agenda

XII. Executive Motion:

Recommended Motion: "That the board go into executive session for the purposes of discussing the superintendent's evaluation."

ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIII. Action on Item XII, if Necessary

XIV. Adjournment

Note:

Committee of the Whole at 6:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School Library:

1. Business Manager's Report
2. Expenditures
3. Budget Transfers
4. Discussion of Athletes Pre-Payment
5. Discussion of Late Buses for 2019 - 2020 School Year
6. Discussion of Assignment of Transportation Contract
7. Time for the Public

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, April 29, 2019, at Wolcott High School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Gugliotti. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Frank Purcaro, Assistant Superintendant of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Kevin Hollis, Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramahlete, Supervisor of Special Service; 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 Ceatano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Alcott Elementary School Principal; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Sara Tedesco, Teacher at Alcott Elementary; and Sara Vumbaca, Art Teacher at Alcott and Frisbie Elementary; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini, 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 April 8, 2019.
So voted.

Committee Reports:

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed pending vendor invoices, Variable Accounts Report and Transfers.

Lastly, Principals presented the 2019 – 2020 Handbooks for Elementary, Middle, and High School to Programs and Operations. Also, they discussed Payments for School Athletes, this will be discussed further as a future topic.

Communications:

Invitation to the Wolcott High School, Spring Sports Banquet,
Invitation to Wolcott High Schools, Super Senior Banquet;
Invitation to Tyrrell Middle Schools, National Junior Honor Society Induction,
Invitation to National Teacher Day, Retirement, Recognition & Renewal Celebrations
Thank you cards;
Draft minutes from the April 24th, Building Committee.

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

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following Expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of \$275,663.79 paid on April 30, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.
So voted.

Budget Transfer(s):

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Cordone, to approve the following Budget Transfers:
To authorize the transfer of \$300,718.80 from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented in the Business Manager's report.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Mrs. Vumbaca spoke to the Board about the Art Integration ILeap project. Mrs. Vumbaca explained had she used Art to help help 5 students with Math Intervention, "The Fab Five" For example they used counting by 1's and 10's to make art projects of their names. When the "Fab Five" would return back to the classroom, they would become the teacher's and teach the other student's in their classroom what they did and how they came to the answer that they showed through art work.

Mrs. Tedesco spoke of her ILeap project "Neighboring Classrooms," she did suspend the project for the year, but spoke of the positives and negatives of her project.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the Superintendent's Report.

So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelly seconded by Ms. Leonard to add executive session to the agenda in regards to the performance of a Public Officer.

So voted.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Silva, 210 Central Avenue, spoke of Mrs. Tedesco's ILeap project and explained that they do the same concept in her school district. She encouraged Mrs. Tedesco not to give up because it is a great thing for the teachers and students.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approve the 2019 – 2020 Handbooks - Final Vote

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve on final vote of the 2019-2020 Student Handbooks, as presented in Committee of the Whole, as follows:

The Elementary Schools Parents/Guardians Handbook

Tyrrell Middle School Student Handbook

Wolcott High School Student Handbook

So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve a Graduation Date:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Ms. Leonard, To approve June 14, 2019 as the date for the following graduation ceremonies:

Tyrrell Middle School at 4:00 p.m., and

Wolcott High School at 7:00 p.m.

So Voted

Dr. Gasper asked to Removed the first original candidate from the nominations, due to the candidate withdrawing his name.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following nomination(s) to the position indicated as presented:

1. **Ellen Hughes** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Frisbie Elementary School effective May 1, 2018;

2. **WHS Football Volunteers:**

Anthony Bell

Ryan Caggiano

John Kiely

Kevin Nicol

Jim Maisto

So Voted.

Adopt Revised Policies – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti to adopt on initial vote the following revised Board policies and regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 5123 – Students:
Promotion and /Retention of Students
- Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements
- Policy/Regulation 6152 - Grouping Policy

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. **Resignations:**
 - a. Beverly Fulmer in the position of Library Paraprofessional at Alcott School, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 1, 2019;
 - b. Margaret Miller in the position of Food Service Worker at Frisbie School, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 3, 2019;
 - c. Patricia Stanco in the position of Paraprofessional at Alcott School, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 31, 2019;
 - d. Lori Hubeny in the position of Food Service Worker at Wolcott High School, effective the end of the 2018 – 2019 school year.
2. **Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:**
 - a. Alcott School's Grade 4 (32) requests permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village in Sturbridge, MA on June 5th, 2019 for the purpose of Research/Experience Colonial Life.
3. **Dispose of Equipment:**
 - a. To give Wolcott High School permission to dispose of the following text books that are no longer needed:
 - a. 48 - Office 97 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
 - b. 3 – Office 2000 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
 - c. 24 – Computer Programming in Basic (1991) (No Longer Relevant to Curriculum)
 - d. 40 – Typing Drill Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
 - e. 21 – Keyboarding Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
 - f. 23 – Speed Writing Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
 - g. 13 – Office Workplace Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)

- h. 13 – Shorthand Textbooks (No Longer Part of the Curricula)
 - i. 28 – Office 2007 Textbooks (Outdated & Replaced with Office 2016 Text)
 - j. 13 – Miscellaneous Textbooks (Outdated & No Longer Relevant to Curriculum)
- So Voted.

Time for the Public:

Jennifer Silva, 210 Central Avenue, would like the Latchkey part of the website updated.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is May 13, 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 Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a Public Officer.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. Charette, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 8:25 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

May 13, 2019

Committee of the Whole – April 29, 2019

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, April 08, 2019, at Wakelee School. In attendance were: Cynthia Mancini, Vice Chairman of the Board; Roberta Leonard, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Anthony Gugliotti and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; and Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director, Shawn Simpson, Alcott School Principal; Joe Norcross, Tyrrell Middle School, Principal; Joe Morgan, Wolcott High School Assistant Principal; Bryan Mackay, Wolcott High School Assistant Principal.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Mancini.

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held at 6:30 p.m., during the meeting Finance topics were reviewed. They discussed pending vendor invoices, Variable Accounts Report and Transfers.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'angelo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

So voted.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 13, 2019

RESOLUTION: EXPENDITURES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$818,687.29** paid on May 14, 2019 for fiscal year 2018-2019.

To approve the June 2019 payroll expenditures in the amount of **\$2,840,000** for fiscal year 2018-2019.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 13, 2019

RESOLUTION: BUDGET TRANSFER(S)

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To authorize the transfer of **\$87,300.28** from fiscal year 2018-2019 as presented, in the Business Manager's report.

**WOLCOTT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
May 13, 2019**

Two Minute School Highlights:

Alcott:

Frisbie:

Wakelee:

Tyrrell:

Wolcott High:

Student Services:

I'd like to commend and congratulate our faculty and administration on a large number of accomplishments this year. Across all phases of our school community, we have much to be proud of.

- We learned this week that Wolcott High School's performance on the SAT has increased by 8.6% from last year to this year and is up over a four-year trend as well.
- On our internal, i-Ready assessments, students are showing good growth as well. Both ELA and Math are up 2.5% since this time last year.
- Wolcott High School was awarded the College Board Honor Roll for the number of students taking and passing Advanced Placement tests and was also named as among the top 10% of high schools in the state for awarding UCONN credit.
- We have improved our student attendance rate over time. For both the general student population and among students designated as "high need" we now have the best student attendance rates among all similar districts.
- In fact, for overall Accountability Index score, SBAC English Language Arts, SBAC Math, chronic absenteeism, success on college-and-career-readiness exams, on-track to graduation measures, high-need student graduation rate, acceptance into two- and four-year colleges, and even physical fitness we rank first among similar Connecticut school districts.
- Where, just a short time ago, our performance was similar to districts like Cromwell, Region 14, and Berlin... We now outperform many more affluent districts such as Bolton, Canton, Glastonbury, East Lyme, Westbrook, and Madison.
- Our students are succeeding outside of the classrooms as well with awards, recognitions, and championships in athletics, robotics, and the Invention Convention.

These accomplishments would not be possible without a strong dedication from all facets of our school community: our supportive Board of Education, dedicated Central Office staff, school administrators, teachers, counselors, mental health professionals, and support staff of all types. We are proving what can be accomplished when all members of an organization collaborate and hold each other to high expectations.

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 13, 2019

RESOLUTION: ADOPT REVISED POLICIES/REGULATIONS

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

To adopt on final vote, the following revised Board policies and regulations:

- **Policy/Regulation 5123 – Students:
Promotion and /Retention of Students**
- **Policy/Regulation 6146 - Graduation Requirements**
- **Policy/Regulation 6152 - Grouping Policy**

(See attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 13, 2019

RESOLUTION: BID FOR PHOTOGRAPHY SERVICES

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation(s)

To award the bid for photography services for Tyrrell, Alcott, Wakelee, and Frisbie Schools from 7-1-2019 thru 6/30/2021 to Lifetouch Inc. using the attached rates

(see attached)

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education – May 13, 2019

RESOLUTION: CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution from Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, to the Honorable Board of Education of the Town of Wolcott, making recommendation

TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED:

1. Resignation(s):

- a. **Eileen Girgenti** in the position of Director of School Nutrition for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2019.

2. Transfer(s):

1. a. **Nanci Fleming** to the position of Library Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective August 28, 2019;
- b. **Kassidy Morin** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Alcott Elementary School effective August 28, 2019.

3. Accept a Donation:

- a. Wolcott High School requests that the Board accepts a donation from Spilltech of Oil-Only Commander Pads to be used in the automotive department.

4. Permission to Dispose of Equipment

- a. To give Alcott School permission to dispose of the following items:
 - Non-Fiction books that fall under the American Library Association Guidelines for book weeding.

(See attached)