

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Patricia Najarian, Chairman of the Board; Gloria Gubitosi, Vice Chairman of the Board; Cynthia Mancini, Secretary of the Board; Thomas Buzzelli, Gloria Clair, Lori DelBuono, Roberta Leonard, Arthur Lerz Sr., and Kimberly Lumia, all Board members. Also in attendance: Joseph Macary, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Shaye Sheehan, Interim Director of Student Services; Rosa Ramalhete, Supervisor of Special Education; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvald, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Daniel Caetano, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott School; Joseph Norcross, Principal of Frisbie School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; David Stankus, Director of Facilities; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 17, 2015.

Communications:

Thank you card – Mr. Shannon
CABE Journal – September 2015
Letter – Mr. & Mrs. Cordeau

Business Manager's Report:

Expenditures:

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

To approve the October 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,800,000.00.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$679,993.67** paid on September 9, 2015 for fiscal year 2015-2016.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals gave two minute reports on their school's class sizes, PTO meeting dates, and the first day of school.

The Principals then introduced their new staff members to the Board. Mr. Macary introduced the new Administrators.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to take a recess to meet the new staff members.

Mrs. Najarian called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Macary spoke about the opening of school in the District.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that earlier this evening Mr. Stankus gave the Facilities Committee a detailed report on the District building projects and conditions in the schools.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed pending invoices, the internal service report, the Latchkey Program's and Food Service's 2014-2015 Profit and Loss statements, and reviewed the bid summary for the boiler replacement at Alcott School.

Mrs. Lumia said that the Negotiations Committee has been meeting with the unions for the School Secretaries, the Paraprofessionals and the Administrators.

OLD BUSINESS:**Approve a Revised Job Description – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Ms. DelBuono, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on final vote a revised job description for the position of Superintendent of Schools.
So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:**Approve – Resignations:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to accept the resignations of:

1. **Michele Cordeau** in the position of Head Cheerleading Coach at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015 fall season;
2. **Ronald Cordeau** in the position of Assistant Cheerleading Coach at Wolcott High School for the purpose of retirement effective at the end of the 2015 fall season;
3. **Luann Dunnuck** in the position of Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective August 25, 2015;
4. **Susan Frosolone** in the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Frisbie Elementary School effective August 14, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Susan Boutote** in the position of Dance Team Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective September 9, 2015;
2. **Jeannine Cullen** in the position of Lunchroom Monitor at Frisbie Elementary School effective September 9, 2015;
3. **Jessica Morytko** in the position of Secretary – 10 month at Wolcott High School effective September 9, 2015;
4. **Carol Sampieri** in the position of Library/Media Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective September 9, 2015;
5. **Sarah Stable** in the position of Community Service Club Advisor at Wolcott High School effective September 9, 2015;
6. **Inacio Dias and Antony Vaughn** in the position of Assistant Boys Soccer Co-Coaches at Wolcott High School effective September 9, 2015.

So voted.

Approve – A Leave Request:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Buzzelli, to approve Kerianne

Falencki, Grade 2 Teacher at Wakelee School, request for an unpaid leave of absence to commence after her FMLA ends November 9, 2015 through to December 23, 2015. So voted.

Revise the Board of Education 2015-2016 Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to revise the 2015-2016 schedule of Board of Education meeting dates as indicated:

	<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
JULY	20 (Monday)	
AUGUST	17 (Monday)	
SEPTEMBER	8 (Tuesday)	21 (Monday)
OCTOBER	5 (Monday)	26 (Monday)
NOVEMBER	9 (Monday)	16 (Monday) delete
DECEMBER	14 (Monday)	
JANUARY	11 (Monday-Alcott)	
FEBRUARY	8 (Monday-Frisbie)	22 (Monday-Wakelee)
MARCH	14 (Monday- WHS)	28 (Monday- WHS)
APRIL	11 (Monday- WHS)	
MAY	9 (Monday- WHS)	23 (Monday- WHS)
JUNE	13 (Monday- WHS)	27 (Monday- WHS)

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 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month unless otherwise indicated.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trip:

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

1. Tyrrell Middle School’s Chorus and Project Explore Students (90) request permission to go to New York City on November 4, 2015 to see the play, “An American in Paris”, to learn about and observe a Broadway show that incorporates singing, dancing, acting and history.
2. Wolcott High School’s Students (18) request permission to go on an international tour to Germany, Austria and Switzerland from July 17, 2017 to July 27, 2017.

So voted.

Bid Award – Alcott Boiler:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the bid and award a contract to A.R. Fonda Mechanical to replace the boiler at Alcott

Elementary School in the amount of \$54,198.00. So voted.

Approve Contracts:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve the following contracts:

Tracey Fitzmorris	Latchkey Director	2016-2019
David Stankus	Facilities Director/Energy Education Specialist	2016-2019

So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to go into Executive Session for discussion of independent contracts; discussion of the contract of the Superintendent of Schools; and the discussion of a pending legal claim.
So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:35 p.m. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:36 p.m. So voted.