

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at Tyrrell Middle School. In attendance were: Mayor Thomas Dunn and the Board elect-members Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Sean Hughes, Roberta Leonard, Cynthia Mancini, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools, Sean Simpson, Assistant Superintendent; Todd Bendtesen, Business Manager; 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; Matthew Calabrese, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Kimberly Murtaugh, Principal of Frisbie Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Wakelee Elementary School; Wayne Natzel, Facilities Director; Alexander Pagán, IT Director; and Jessica Kenny, Board Clerk.

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

Dr. Gasper read the Mission Statement of the Wolcott Public Schools.

Board Swearing in:

Mayor Dunn swore in the new Board of Education. Members are as follows: Christopher Charette, Kathleen Cordone, Paul D'Angelo, Sean Hughes, Roberta Leonard, Cynthia Mancini, Timothy McMurray, and Kelly Mazza.

Approved:



Cynthia Mancini, Chairman
Wolcott Public Schools

Organizational Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza to nominate Cynthia Mancini as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to close nominations.
So voted.

***All Board Members present voted "aye" in support of Mrs. Mancini to the position of Chairman of the Board of Education.
The motion carries.***

Motion: by Mr. Hughes to nominate Paul D'Angelo as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to close nominations.
So voted.

***All Board Members present voted "aye" in support of Mr. D'Angelo to the position of Vice Chairman of the Board of Education.
The motion carries.***

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to nominate Roberta Leonard as Secretary of the Board.

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to close nominations.
So voted.

***All Board Members present voted "aye" in support of Ms. Leonard to the position of Secretary of the Board of Education.
The motion carries.***

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to take a 10 minute recess.

Mrs. Mancini called the meeting back into session at 7:43 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 21, 2019.

Aye – 6

Nye – 0

Abstained – 2

Add an Item to the Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. Charette, seconded by Ms. Leonard to add the Item D. Bid Award for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel to the Agenda under new Business.

So voted

Communications:

Thank you note – Mrs. Schweikher and Mrs. Garland
Wakelee invitation to Thanksgiving Feast
Rotella Monthly Montage

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

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to approve the following expenditures:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$901,853.51** paid on November 13, 2019 for fiscal year 2019-2020.
To approve the December 2019 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,550,000.00** for fiscal year 2019-2020.
So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

The School Principals gave two minute school highlights, and Mr. Hollis gave an update on Student Services.

Dr. Gasper welcomed and thanked the new and returning members of our Board of Education. He said, To campaign, be elected, and then serve on the Board represents a commitment of hundreds of hours of volunteerism in the name of serving the children and families of Wolcott. This commitment does not go unnoticed by me and many within our community. The administrators, staff, and I look forward to continued collaboration with the Board of Education as we move forward. Congratulations to each member on their election!"

Mr. Simpson and Mr. Pagán gave an IT update and presented on the needed infrastructures.

Dr. Gasper then gave an update on Facilities upgrades. He stated that we will be moving forward with Phase 1.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:**Adopt a Policy – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette to Adopt on Final Vote a Board Policy #P5141.214– Students: Student Sunscreen Use.

So Voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations:

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

1. **Christa Leary** to the position of Special Education Paraprofessional at Wolcott High School effective November 13, 2019;
2. **Heather Powers** to the position of 0.45 Math Interventionist at Wakelee School effective November 14, 2019;
3. **Chelsea Schmidt** to the position of Food Service Worker for the District effective November 13, 2019;
4. **Joseph Sobowicz** to the position of Freshman Boys Basketball Coach at Wolcott High School effective November 13, 2019;
5. **Stephanie Torres** to the position of Lunch Aid at Wakelee School effective November 13, 2019;
6. **Lidia Verdura** to the position of Social Worker at Wakelee School effective November 26, 2019;
7. **2019 Fall Season Volunteer**

Wolcott High School

Matt Maisto

Boys Basketball (pending certification)

So voted.

Discussion and Possible Action on Amending the 2019 – 2020 School Calendar

The Board had a discussion on amending the 2019 – 2020 School Calendar to change December 20th to a half day of School.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to amend the 2019 – 2020 school calendar as presented.

Consent Agenda:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Charette, to approve the consent Agenda as presented:

A. Resignation(s):

1. **Jennifer DiNunzio** from the position of School Nurse at Tyrrell Middle School effective November 8, 2019;
2. **Barbara Lindquist** from the position of Paraprofessional at Tyrrell Middle School for the purposes of retirement effective with the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

B. Out of State Field Trips:

1. **Wolcott High School's Varsity Cheerleading (22)** requests permission to go to Spirit Unlimited U.S. Open Cheerleading and Dance Championship in Orlando, Florida on February 06-10 2020, for the purposes of being exposed to and compete against other

competitive cheerleading programs from around the country in addition to experiencing a new city and culture.

C. Dispose of Equipment:

1. Tyrrell Middle School's Media Center request permission to dispose of non-fiction books that are no longer current with curricula at Tyrrell Middle School.

Bid Award:

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo to approve the bid and award a contract to Dime Oil for #2 Fuel Oil and Diesel in the following amounts:

#2 Fuel Oil	\$.1077	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)
Diesel	\$.1197	Mark-up (Prepayment Option)

Time for the Public:

Rachel Wisler, 14 Tunxis Road, spoke in regards to the Administaors Contract.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is November 25 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. Hughes, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Wolcott Public Schools Central Office Secretaries. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mr. Hughes, to come out of Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. So voted.

Ratify a Contract:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Cordone to Ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Wolcott Public Schools Central Office Secretaries.
So voted

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Hughes, seconded by Mr. Charette, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. So voted.

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