

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

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2018, at Alcott Elementary 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; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; Shawn Simpson, Principal of Alcott Elementary School; Deborah Osvald, Principal of Wakelee Elementary School; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mrs. DelBuono Bartlett 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 December 11, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to approve the minutes of the public session of the expulsion hearing of December 20, 2017. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mazza, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the public session of the expulsion hearing of January 3, 2018. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note from a staff member
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Business Manager's Report:**Expenditures:**

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

To approve the February 2018 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,520,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$ 867,393.50** paid on January 9, 2018 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

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

Dr. Gasper reported on the Board of Education's Vision of the Graduate, which is a relatively new and important document for us. He encourages all families and staff to become familiar with it. The first set of expectations is stated below. They outline the over-arching skills that we believe all students must have across K-12 and after graduation in college and the workforce. The full document can be found on the school system's website.

The Wolcott Public Schools Graduate:

- Takes a proactive and self-directed approach to learning.
- Is willing and capable of improving upon past performance.
- Demonstrates the ability to learn and adapt to new environments and challenges.
- Shows intellectual curiosity.
- Makes connections in their ongoing learning across content areas.
- Sets personal goals and can implement strategies to achieve them.
- Perseveres in the face of adversity and challenge.
- Uses current technologies in ethical and effective ways.

The Superintendent said that we are currently working actively to include these skills and dispositions as we revise curriculum documents and other practices district-wide.

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

Public Comment:

Peter Worhunsky of Plymouth said he would be attending the next Finance Committee regarding the transportation bids.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:**Resignations:**

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to accept with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement from **Joan Gray** in the position of Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent for the Wolcott Public Schools effective March 31, 2018. So voted.

Nominations:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to appoint the individual(s) as indicated:

1. **Heather Pytel** to the position of Drama Advisor at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

So voted.

Bid Award – Regular Education Transportation:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mr. D'Angelo, to table the resolution on the bid award for regular education transportation. So voted.

Out of State Conference(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Mazza, to approve the following out of state conference(s):

1. **Kristin Ferguson, Jill Fontanella, and Kristin Sweeney-Bizier**, who are all student support staff at Wolcott High School, request permission to attend the Harvard Medical Centers' conference titled, "School Mental Health; Treating Students K to 12," being held in Boston, MA on January 26-27, 2018.

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Ms. Leonard reported that the Operations & Programs Committee met earlier and received a presentation from Mrs. Garland, the District's Head Nurse, on a potential district policy on Narcan. They also reviewed a transportation waiver form and discussed the Wolcott High School's auto lab.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met at 7:00 p.m. and reviewed the regular education transportation bids, the December health claims, pending invoices, and the current price of oil.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next meeting is February 12 and will be at Frisbie Elementary School. Board members can contact the Board of Education Office if you have additional agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. D'Angelo, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 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.