

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, October 24, 2016, 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, Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; Frank Purcaro, Director of Student Learning & Teaching; Kevin Hollis, 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; Bryan MacKay, 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; Stacey Hart, WHS Teacher; 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.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of October 12, 2016. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the public session of Expulsion Hearing-October 18, 2016 – Student 1. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the public session of Expulsion Hearing-October 19, 2016 – Student 2. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to approve the minutes of the public session of Expulsion Hearing-October 19, 2016 – Student 3. So voted.

Communications:

Invitation – Ben Was Here Inc. 2nd Annual Dinner

Invitation – WHS Fall Sports Banquet

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

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

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$402,381.53** paid on October 25, 2016 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Ms. Hart's WHS students showed slides of their trip this summer to Italy and Greece.

Two minute school highlights were presented by each principal. Mr. Purcaro reported on the Student Learning and Teaching.

The Look for the Good school culture program is showing excellent progress in all three of our elementary schools. Students have written notes on each school's Gratitude Wall about others who have enriched their lives.

The Coffee with the Superintendent events are going well, and have been held at Tyrrell and Wakelee Schools. The Superintendent will be at Alcott on October 26, WHS on November 2, and Frisbie on November 9.

Dr. Ronald Beghetto, UConn Professor, met with Mr. Simpson and Dr. Gasper regarding Alcott professional development.

Dr. Gasper gave the Board an enrollment report of the number of students per grade level:

- Pre-kindergarten: 40
- Kindergarten: 140
- First: 145
- Second: 127
- Third: 148
- Fourth: 157
- Fifth: 150
- Sixth: 196
- Seventh: 187
- Eighth: 193
- Ninth: 207
- Tenth: 205

- Eleventh: 184
- Twelfth: 192
- Other: 17

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignations:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to accept the resignation(s) of:
1. Karen Sherman in the position of Math Intervention Tutor at Tyrrell Middle School effective as soon as a replacement can be found or by November 30, 2016, whichever comes first.
So voted.

Permission to Conduct a Research Project:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to allow Grade 4 students at Frisbie Elementary School to participate in a research project as presented.
So voted.

Ratify a Contract with UE, Local 222, CILU #84:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to ratify the agreement between the Wolcott Board of Education and Local 222, CILU #84, UE – Wolcott Paraprofessionals, Library Aides, and Security Aides, effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
So voted.

Revise the 2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule:

Motion: by Mr. Gugliotti, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to revise the Board of Education's regular meeting schedule as indicated:

- Move November 14 meeting to November 15

The rescheduled meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Tyrrell Middle School's Large Group Instruction Room.
So voted.

Bid Award - Oil:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, 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)

So voted.

Permission to Teach a 6th Class:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to approve teaching a 6th class as math interventionists at Tyrrell Middle School by the following staff members:

Kerri Baker
John Richardson
Marian Boisvert
Ellen Cox

So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi said the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Stankus gave the Committee an update on the Business Office renovations, and other building updates. With the Elections coming up, he reported that all schools were checked to make sure they were ready. He also reported that the energy program is about 4% better than last year.

Mrs. Mancini reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and discussed pending invoices, the Budget Report, the bid award for oil, and the insurance claims.

Ms. Leonard said the Operations and Programs Committee met on October 17th and continued their work on reviewing Board policies.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to go into Executive Session to discuss documents pertinent to the Superintendent's evaluation and also discussion of a confidential matter of a certified employee. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to come out of Executive

Session and reconvene the regular meeting. So voted.

Board Discussion.

ADD TO AGENDA

Accept the Superintendent's Evaluation:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to add to the agenda a Resolution to accept the Superintendent's evaluation. So voted.

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Gugliotti, to accept the Superintendent's evaluation. So voted.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:17 p.m. So voted.

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