

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, February 22, 2016, at Wakelee Elementary 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 Sr., and Cynthia Mancini, all Board members. Also in attendance: Dr. Anthony Gasper, Superintendent of Schools; Todd Bendtsen, Business Manager; 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; 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; Jason Fontaine, Music Teacher at Wakelee School; 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. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 9, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

None

Business Manager's Report:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to authorize the transfer of \$46,443.37 presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures in the amount of \$219,594.26 paid on February 23, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016. So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

CABE Board of Directors' member, Ms. Elizabeth Brown presented the Wolcott Board of Education with a Communications Award for the Wolcott High School 2015-2016 Student Handbook.

The School Principals gave two minute reports on the activities at their schools. Mr. Hollis reported on his department of Student Services.

The Board of Education will be rotating their meeting schedule to visit all five schools. The next meeting is March 14th at Wolcott High School.

If you have a child who will be five year old on or before January 1, 2017, please contact the Superintendent's office at 203 879-8183 to pre-register your child for kindergarten.

The Department of Student Services is accepting applications for the Alcott Preschool Program for 2016-2017. The deadline to apply is March 7th. A lottery will determine the enrollment for the 3 and 4 year old programs. Contact Student Services at 203 879-8178.

Mr. Fontaine and the Wakelee Choral Ensemble performed for the Board of Education.

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

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m. and received an update from Mr. Stankus on projects and facilities in the District.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier. Mr. Bendtsen reported on pending invoices, budget reports, transfers, the Olga Krasnovsky scholarship, and the status of the 2016-2017 budget.

Mrs. Lumia said the Negotiations Committee is in ongoing negotiations with the Para and School Secretaries unions.

OLD BUSINESS:**Adopt the 2016-2017 School Calendar – Final Vote:**

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve on final vote the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Jessica Bonacassio** in the position of P.M. Latchkey Instructor at Wakelee Elementary School effective on February 19, 2016;
2. **Briana Daniele** in the position of Assistant Volleyball Coach at Wolcott High School effective immediately.

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trips:

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

1. Wolcott High School’s Golf Team (9) requests permission to go to Queenstown, Maryland for spring training at a professional golf course from May 30 to June 1, 2016.

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.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. Leonard, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8.06 p.m. So voted.

Note: A videotape of this meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the WLCT96 site on the Town of Wolcott’s website, www.wolcottct.org.