

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

A Board of Education meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at Wakelee Elementary 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; Joseph Monroe, Principal of Wolcott High School; Walter Drewry, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Deborah Osvold, Assistant Principal of Wolcott High School; Arline Tansley, Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Shawn Simpson, Assistant Principal of Tyrrell Middle School; Holly Wrenn, Principal of Alcott School; Robert Nagashima, Principal of Wakelee School; Frank Purcaro, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development; Melissa Iles, Director of Student Services; Wendie Rodriguez, Supervisor of Special Education; David Stankus, Facilities Director; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board members, 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, and Superintendent of Schools, Joseph Macary, met at 6:30 p.m.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a certified employee.
So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mr. Lerz, to come out of Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. So voted.

The regular Board meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: by Ms. Leonard, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 23, 2015. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the minutes of the public budget hearing of February 26, 2015. So voted.

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to approve the public session minutes of the expulsion hearing held on March 2, 2015. So voted.

Communications:

None

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

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to approve expenditures as follows:

To approve the April 2015 payroll expenditure in the amount of **\$1,650,000.**

To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$484,134.50** paid on March 10, 2015 for fiscal year 2014-2015.

So voted.

Superintendent's Report:

Daniel Gentile, Area I Director for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE), presented the Board of Education with two Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications. The awards were for the following:

- the District's Budget Report, and
- *It's Elementary – USE-LESS!!*, an article on Frisbie School's energy conservation program.

Mr. Nagashima introduced four Wakelee students who participated in the Grade 4 Invention Convention held at Wakelee School. Each student gave a demonstration of his/her project. They were:

Sophia Deleo – Seatbelt Pals

Gabrielle Tirado – Perfect

Madison Maloney – Beauty Buds

Alex Ash – The Desk Pal

The School Principals gave two minute highlights of activities at their schools. Mrs. Wrenn reported for Frisbie School in addition to Alcott School. Mrs. Iles updated the Board on Student Services' events.

3. **Lucille Tina Palmer** Reading Specialist Frisbie Elementary School
 4. **Holly Wrenn** Principal Alcott Elementary School
- So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Bryan Camaratta** in the position of Sports Volunteer for the Tyrrell Middle School's Softball Team effective spring 2015.
- So voted.

Adopt the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget – Initial Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on initial vote the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools' Budget in the amount of \$33,139,867. So voted.

Time for the Public:

No one came forward.

Items for the Next Agenda:

Final vote on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: by Mr. Buzzelli, seconded by Ms. DelBuono, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. So voted.