

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 28, 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, Arthur Lerz Sr., 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; Deborah Osvald, 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; David Stankus, Facilities Director; Kristin Stec, Wakelee Teacher; Jacquelyn Tedeschi, Tyrrell Teacher; and Joan Gray, Board Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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. Clair, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2016. So voted.

Communications:

Thank you note – Miss Solocius & WHS Choir

Business Manager's Report:

Mr. Bendtsen reported on budget transfers and expenditures.

Superintendent's Report:

March is Board of Education appreciation month. Dr. Gasper thanked the Board members for their service to the community.

Dr. Gasper thanked the Schools' PTOs and PAC for the welcome they gave him at their meetings this month. He will be visiting Frisbie next month.

Dr. Gasper thanked the District professionals who worked with the students and staff to help them deal with their feelings of grief at the passing of Mr. Pape.

The Mayor, Board Members, and the Community were thanked for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at Wolcott High School on March 22nd for the newly renovated Music Suite and Lecture Hall.

Preschool screenings will be on April 29th at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the screening is to identify any preschool age children, ages 3 and 4, who may have a disability. If you are interested in having your child screened, please contact the Student Service Department at 203 879-8178.

The last day of school is now scheduled for Monday, June 13th. Of course, this is subject to change should any other school cancellations occur.

The School Principals gave the Board their two minute school highlights.

Mr. Purcaro reported on the Math pilot programs that they are testing. He also did a report on the newly formed District Data Team and the State of Connecticut Next Generation Accountability Report.

Ms. Tedeschi and Ms. Stec with their students, Ivy Marroquin, Lucas Cornelio, Megan Prescott, and Kaitlyn Ouellette, gave a report on the Cross-Grade Teaching program, which paired Tyrrell Grade 6 students with Wakelee Kindergarten students to encourage a love of reading.

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

Business Manager's Report – Continued:

Budget Transfers:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Clair, to authorize the transfer of **\$148,369.53** presented in the Business Manager's report. So voted.

Expenditures:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve expenditures as follows:
To approve expenditures in the amount of **\$366,925.87** paid on March 29, 2016 for fiscal year 2015-2016. So voted.

Public Comment:

No one came forward.

OLD BUSINESS:

Adopt the 2016-2017 WPS Budget – Final Vote:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to adopt on final vote the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Wolcott Public Schools’ Budget in the amount of \$33,781,095 or a 1.93% increase. So voted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approve – Resignation(s):

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi to accept the resignation(s) of:

1. **Thomas Blake** in the position of Grade 1 Teacher at Frisbie Elementary School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
2. **Kaitlin Helaire** in the position of Transition Coordinator at Wolcott High School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year;
3. **Beverly Polgroszek** in the position of Speech-Language Pathologist for the Wolcott Public Schools for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2016;
4. **Kristin Steeves** in the position of Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at Tyrrell Middle School effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

So voted.

Approve – Nominations:

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

1. **Michelle LaRochelle** to the position of Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the Spring 2016 season.
2. **Robert Moffo** to the position of Assistant Track Coach at Tyrrell Middle School effective for the Spring 2016 season.
3. **Bryan Cammaratta** to the position of volunteer for the Tyrrell Middle School’s softball team effective for the Spring 2016 season.
4. **2016-2017 Stipend Positions:**

Drama Advisor (WHS)	Laura Solocius
Robotics Team Advisor (WHS)	Rob Cormier
Choral-Show Choir Advisor (WHS)	Laura Solocius
Yearbook Co-Advisors(WHS)	Kristin Ferguson/Kristin Klemeshefsky(co-advisors)
Parliamentarian Advisor (WHS)	Will Balanda
Senior Class Advisor (WHS)	Michelle Thies
National Honor Society Co-Advisors (WHS)	Sarah Stabile/Alyssa Giedra

Pep Band Advisor (WHS)	Justin Clement
Jazz Band Advisor (WHS)	Justin Clement
Drama Advisor (TMS)	Katie Jones
FCCLA Advisor (WHS)	Kathryn Pierpaoli
DECA Advisor (WHS)	Jason Pace
Skills USA Advisor (WHS)	Chris Lofgren
Math Club Co-Advisors (WHS)	Sarah Stabile/Cynthia Mascolo
Community Service (WHS)	Sarah Stabile
Construction Engineering Club Advisor (TMS)	Steve Mirto
Activities Advisor (WHS)	Kristin Dolan
Financial Advisor (WHS)	Kristin Dolan
National Junior Honor Society Advisor (TMS)	Kerri Baker
Student Council Advisor (TMS)	Sarah Garbus
Chess Club Advisor (TMS)	Wendy Salustro
Yearbook Advisor (TMS)	Andrea Krug
Rubik's Cube Advisor (TMS)	Dan Goldstone
Writing Club Advisor (TMS)	Joanne Mumley
Video Production Club Advisor (TMS)	Katie Jones
Homework Club Advisors(TMS)(4)	Scott Blacker; Rich Ligi; Karen LeBlanc; Nina Mascetti-Johnson

District

Adult Education Director	Kimberly Murtaugh
Summer Studies Director	Lisa Riggi
Lead Speech Clinician	Danielle Morek
District Technology Coordinator	Patti Welton

Wolcott High School

Athletic Director -	Lisa Riggi
Technology Coordinator -	Sheila Distasio
Discovery Program Advisors (2)	Sarah McOmber/Stacey Hart

Department Heads/Team Leaders

PE/Wellness –	Lisa Riggi
Career & Tech Ed –	John Matthews
Social Studies –	Joe Morgan
English –	Bruce McIntire
Science –	Bryan MacKay
Special Education –	Sarah McOmber
Math –	John Waitkus
World Language -	Natalie Morgan

Tyrrell Middle School

Athletic Coordinator - Sara Tedesco
 Technology Coordinator – Sara Tedesco

Team Leaders –

Diamond – Nina Mascetti-Johnson/Sarah Garbus (co-advisors)
 Platinum – Jill Wright
 Granite – Eileen Simon
 Marble – Karen Trovato
 Pearl – Jessica Stevenson/Rich Ligi (co-advisors)
 Onyx – Lisa Roman/Scott Blacker (co-advisors)
 Unified Arts – Kristen Weber

Alcott Elementary School

Technology Coordinator - Nanci Fleming
 Head Teacher - Bethann Sickles

Frisbie Elementary School

Technology Coordinator – Nancy Warzecha
 Head Teacher - Kim Moriarty

Wakelee Elementary School

Technology Coordinator – Joe Cornelio
 Head Teacher - Kimberly Murtaugh

So voted.

Approve – Out of State Field Trips:

Motion: by Mrs. Mancini, seconded by Mrs. Lumia, to approve the following out-of- state field trip:
 1. Alcott Elementary School’s Grade 4 Classes (59) request permission to go to Old Sturbridge Village on May 19, 2016 to enhance their study of Colonial Early American Life Curriculum.

So voted.

Accept Grant Awards:

Motion: by Mrs. Lumia, seconded by Mrs. Gubitosi, to approve and accept the Wolcott Education Foundations Grants as follows:
 1. Sara Gutis \$500.00
 Location: WHS Phoenix Program
 Project Title: Geometry Lets You Golf
 2. Ellen Cox & Todd Jones \$250.00
 Location: Tyrrell Middle School

Project Title: Sixth Grade Family Math & Science Night
So voted.

Permission to Dispose of Equipment:

Motion: by Mrs. Gubitosi, seconded by Mrs. Mancini, to approve the Food Service Department at Wakelee Elementary School's request for permission to dispose of an Electrolux commercial freezer, model #CF155, serial #WB51117039. So voted.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Gubitosi reported that the Facilities Committee met at 6:30 p.m., and received an update from Mr. Stankus on ongoing projects at each school.

Mrs. Mancini said that the Finance Committee met earlier. The Committee discussed pending invoices, budget reports, adding a Lacrosse Program at WHS, and revising the Superintendent's 2016-2017 budget.

Mrs. Lumia reported that the Negotiations Committee and the Paraprofessionals Union will be going to arbitration on June 28th. She also said that the School Secretaries Union's contract has been agreed to and will go in effect when it is ratified.

Time for the Public:

Vincent Thibeau, 14 Wilson Road, thanked the Board for approving a Lacrosse Team at Wolcott High School.

Lori Capozzi, 5 Evas Terrace, thanked the Board for approving a Lacrosse Team at Wolcott High School.

Tracey Thibeau, 14 Wilson Road, thanked the Board for approving a Lacrosse Team at Wolcott High School.

Justin Darley, 273 Beach Road, thanked the Board for approving a Lacrosse Team at Wolcott High School.

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 Mrs. Gubitosi, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40 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.