

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: April 10, 2013

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

Absent: Mrs. Karen Blasco and Mrs. Lynne Serrenho

Audience Present: Staff Members and Community Members

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

NONE

MINUTES:

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the Regular Session minutes of March 20, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED

PUBLIC ACCESS:

Ed Boyce stated that the recent vote of the School Committee to eliminate NEASC did not take into account the feelings of the members of Town who were impacted by the town's refusal to fund the school in the 1990's.

Dr. Nosek explained the reasoning for eliminating participation in the NEASC. Various townspeople spoke in favor of the NEASC. School Committee members had the opportunity to share their ideas regarding the NEASC process. Susan Hubbell stated that there is no correlation between NEASC and the proposed regionalization of the Holland-Wales Schools. Christine Randall stated that the quality of education received by her children at the school is second to none.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to rescind the previous vote of 02-13-13 and continue membership in the NEASC for at least one more year by using school choice funds for the annual dues per the NEASC acceptance.

Christine Randall recommended that the motion be tabled until all members of the School Committee are present. There was no second to the motion.

Ed Boyce and Susan Hubbell voted yes
Christine Randall abstained
Lynn Serrenho and Karen Blasco were absent

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,062,891. This is 70% of the budget, which compares to 67% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Memo from D. Boyd – Special Rules of Order Recommendation

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of April and May was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 150 students.
- ❖ Kindergarten and Preschool Screening is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2013.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The collective bargaining language for the Teacher Evaluation Training is still in draft form and should be completed in the near future.

The Superintendent will reach out to the School Committee Chairs for the Superintendent Evaluation Process.

The Holland-Wales Selectmen will discuss the issue of a new school at the June meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEASC – see Public Access

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Hubbell stated that Nancy Baer at the library would like to be more involved in the school and would appreciate teacher's informing her of upcoming units.

Dr. Nosek requested that a Negotiations Subcommittee be formed to begin contract negotiations with the Teacher's Union.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell, that there will be a maximum of three members on the negotiating team and that Susan Hubbell and Ed Boyce will be members of the negotiating team.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce at 7:37pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal