

# ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: May 15, 2013

***Present:*** Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Karen Blasco, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Mrs. Christine Randall, and Mrs. Lynne Serrenho

***Absent:*** None

***Audience Present:*** Community Members, Staff Member, Board of Select Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

## **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

Christine Randall made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to take Public Access out of order.

MOTION APPROVED

## **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

George Ferraro asked for an update on the status of the Wales Elementary School as a member of the NEASC. Dr. Nosek referred to communication received from Kathleen Montagano that stated that Wales is a current member of the NEASC for this school year as their dues have been paid.

In answering a question from the previous School Committee Meeting, NEASC stated that there were 66 elementary schools accredited in 1991, 45 elementary schools accredited in 2005, and 16 elementary schools accredited in 2013 in the state of Massachusetts.

Joanne Ferraro asked that the Superintendent attend the Open House at the Wales Elementary School in September to have a meet and greet with the community.

## **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce, to approve the Regular Session minutes of April 10, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,207,461. This is 80% of the budget, which compares to 75% expended at approximately this same time last year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Letter to NEASC re: Membership
- Letter from NEASC re: New Contact
- Email re: Elementary School Accreditation Numbers

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of May and June was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 150 students.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 9:55am.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation drill was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 8:30pm.
- ❖ The semi-annual building lockdown was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 1:30pm.
- ❖ The annual Memorial Day Program/Spring Concert/Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 2:00pm.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Ed. Evaluation Draft was handed out to the members of the School Committee. Dr. Nosek explained some of the items in the document. Dr. Nosek suggested that the committee review the document and further discussion will happen next month.

Supt. Nosek explained that the Math Curriculum is being studied by a group of teacher's and new programs will be piloted next year in Grades 3 across the District. Grade 4 in Wales will also pilot a Math program as there is only one third grade in Wales.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Susan Hubbell presented a letter from Mr. Paul Bento, Deputy Director of NEASC that stated there is not a conflict of interest for Susan Hubbell to volunteer her services to the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and vote on accreditation issues as a member of a local school committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dr. Erin Nosek requested that the School Committee vote to accept School Choice students for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to accept School Choice students for the 2013-2014 school year with a limit of 22 students in Grades 1-6 and a limit of 20 students in Kindergarten.

### **MOTION APPROVED**

For this school year, there are presently six School Choice students attending the Wales Elementary School. The chart below indicates their grade and residential town:

Grade 1	1 student
Grade 2	1 student
Grade 4	1 student
Grade 5	2 students
Grade 6	1 student

Four school choice students from the Southbridge Public Schools have recently enrolled in the Wales Elementary School and are not reflected in the chart above. One student is in grade 5, one student is in grade 3, and two students are in grade 2.

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Hubell, seconded by Christine Randall at 6:37pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

**May 15, 2013 – 5:45pm**

***Present:*** Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Mrs. Christine Randall, Mrs. Lynne Serrenho, and Mr. Michael Valanzola (Select Board)

***Absent:*** Mrs. Karen Blasco

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Lynn Serrenho, to enter into Executive Session according to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, section 21A(3) for the purpose of collective bargaining at 5:45pm.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Dr. Nosek presented the changes that have been discussed to date in contract negotiations with the Wales Teacher's Association.

A motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce at 6:04pm.

**MOTION APPROVED**