

**Wales School Committee**  
Meeting of: November 20, 2013

**Present:** 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:** Parents, Staff Members, Community Members

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

None

**MINUTES:**

Amendment to the minutes of September 18, 2013: Karen Blasco recommended that the reorganization of the Wales School Committee be postponed until a full committee was present. The item was discussed and the committee decided to follow standard procedure.

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Susan Hubbell to discuss the amendment.

After discussion, Karen Blasco made a motion that the minutes reflect that she had recommended that the reorganization of the Wales School Committee be postponed until a full committee was present. There was no second to the motion.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the Regular Session minutes of September 18, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 16, 2013.

MOTION APPROVED

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$402,542. This is 27% of the budget, which compares to 23% expended at approximately this same time last year.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- \* Letter from Patricia Wheeler
- \* Letter to Patricia Wheeler
- \* Memo from D. Boyd re: FY'15 School Budget Liaisons
- \* SWEC Quarterly Report
- \* 2013 MCAS Data by Achievement Level
- \* Memo from D. Boyd re: Recommended Lunch Prices

Mrs. Deb Boyd recommended that the cost of a student's school lunch be increased to \$2.75 and a staff school lunch be increased to \$3.50 beginning January 1, 2014.

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Lynn Serrenho, to increase the cost of a student lunch to \$2.75 and the cost of an adult lunch to \$3.50

MOTION APPROVED

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of November and December was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 156 students.
- ❖ The Wales Fire Department presented a Fire Safety Program for the students at the school on October 31, 2013. Students in Preschool and Kindergarten participated in a classroom program while students in Grades 1-6 visited the Massachusetts State Smoke House and the Wales Rescue Truck.
- ❖ Wales Elementary School will be hosting Spirit Days throughout the school year to assist the PTF in raising funds for the new swing set and ground cover. October 31<sup>st</sup> was Orange and Black Day and the students donated \$370.18.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- December 2, 2013 – Negotiations for Educational Support Personnel
- Superintendent Evaluation (MASC)

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

None

**TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

There was a Tantasqua Regional School Committee meeting last night and there was a 30 minute discussion on the removal of books from the Tantasqua High School Library. There was a philosophical difference by those in attendance at the meeting. At the end, a vote was taken to remove some of the books from the library.

There was an update from the Regionalization Agreement Amendment Committee regarding the revision of the regional agreement.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:**

Michael Milanese, Board of Selectmen, informed the School Committee that they are considering moving the Cable Access Channel to the school. More information will be coming as the town investigates possible locations.

A parent asked a question regarding when the item of either a new school or regionalization would be brought forward. Mrs. Boyd stated that there is nothing on a regular basis that addresses the issue.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- \* NEASC – Communication regarding postponement of Accreditation Visit to the fall of 2016.

Mrs. Deb Boyd stated that we received a communication to delay the NEASC Accreditation until the fall of 2016. There will be a discussion in January 2014 regarding the financial impact on the FY'15 and FY'16 budgets related to the accreditation process.

Motion by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to include the initial NEASC Accreditation costs in the FY'15 budget.

MOTION APPROVED

There were various questions from the members of the audience regarding the costs of the process. Ed Boyce stated that the cost of membership in NEASC is not free. A question was raised regarding the benefits of membership in NEASC as Wales is a Level 1 school as rated by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy JIFCFB – Update

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce, to accept the Bullying Prevention and Intervention Policy JIFCFB Update on first reading.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

Susan Hubbell asked the information be provided regarding the RETELL Training.

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Susan Hubbell at 6:58pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal