

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: January 15, 2014

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

Absent: Mrs. Karen Blasco

Audience Present: Community Members and Staff Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

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

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$677,962. This is 45% of the budget, which compares to 47% expended at approximately this same time last year. Mrs. Deb Boyd informed the school committee that we have a potential costly water tank repair. There is a spot on the tank which has weakened and most likely will have to be addressed in the near future. At this time, we are seeking quotes and options to address the issue.

The FY'15 Budget was introduced and Deb Boyd reviewed the budget process with the members of the school committee. Various items throughout the budget were discussed on a case by case basis.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- * Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest
 - Dr. Nosek stated that there was no conflict of interest after checking with legal counsel.
- * SWCEC Annual Report 2012-2013
- * SWCEC Independent Auditor's Report Year Ended June 30, 2013

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of December, January, and February was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Professional Development is planned for the early release day on January 24, 2014.
- A packet of information will be given to school committees regarding the Superintendent's evaluation.
- RETELL Information: Included in the packet was information that highlighted requirements for Sheltered English Immersion. Wales has no students in this category.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

The Tantasqua Committee meeting was cancelled in December due to snow.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Scheduling of NEASC Public Forum

Ed Boyce stated that he had conversations over the past summer with NEASC and they might be changing the accreditation process. He suggested that Wales consider seeking a one year extension in order for NEASC to get the accreditation process in order. Susan Hubbell suggested that the forum be held to get input from the community.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Lynn Serrenho to hold a public forum on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7pm in the school cafeteria to discuss the Wales Elementary School's affiliation with NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) organization and school accreditation.

MOTION APPROVED

- Policy JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention – Second Reading and Request for Adoption

Motion made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce, to adopt Policy JICFB-1 Bullying Prevention and Intervention on second reading.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Serrenho, seconded by Ed Boyce at 7:27pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal