

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: February 12, 2014

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, 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

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the MASC Working Session minutes of January 15, 2014.

Karen Blasco and Lynn Serrenho abstained.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the regular session minutes of January 15, 2014.

Karen Blasco abstained.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$832,844. This is 55% of the budget, which compares to 57% expended at approximately this same time last year. A discussion was held relative to the FY'15 budget. Historical increases/decreases are as follows:

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| FY'14 | 0.6% |
| FY'13 | 3.0% |
| FY'12 | -1.1% |
| FY'11 | -3.2% |
| FY'10 | -4.6% |

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell that a \$30,000 line item be added to the FY'15 budget to plan for the necessary water tank replacement.

Motion Approved

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce, to present the budget amount of \$1,609,718 at the Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2015 Budget on March 19, 2014 at 6:30pm.

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- * NEASC Informational Flyer
- * NEASC Letter
- * Letter to Parents – Ferry Beach Ecology School

Ed Boyce suggested that a request be sent to NEASC to extend the accreditation timeline for one year. Susan Hubbell stated that we should wait until the public forum to make a decision. Rick Zinkus will make the Pre-Self Study Report on March 1, 2014.

Supt. Nosek stated that Bill Haggerty is willing to moderate the NEASC Public Forum on February 27, 2014.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell to allow Chairperson Christine Randall to discuss/prepare the material with the Superintendent that will be presented at the public forum.

MOTION APPROVED

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of February and March was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 161 students.
- ❖ The Winter Concert was held on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. Instrumental and choral students performed to an overflow crowd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- End of Cycle Summative Evaluation Report
- Superintendent Evaluation Update

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall reminded everyone that Mike Gilbert from MASC reviewed the roles and responsibilities of school committee members. Christine suggested that Mike Gilbert be invited back to Wales after a new school committee is elected in May to review procedures.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Ed Boyce reported that the December meeting was cancelled and the January meeting was postponed due to snow. Routine business was accomplished at the meeting. Ed Boyce stated that he met with Greg Rossow in order to discuss the IT department in Wales.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

A citizen asked what the timeline was for using the funds from the technology grant. Supt. Nosek stated that the deadline to use the funds is December 31, 2014. More information to follow.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Serrenho, seconded by Susan Hubbell at 6:55pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal