

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: May 21, 2014

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

Absent: Mrs. Susan Hubbell

Audience Present: Parents and Community Members

Meeting was called to order at 6:05pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Karen Blasco, to approve the Regular Session minutes of April 16, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,184,149. This is 78% of the budget, which compares to 80% expended at approximately this same time last year.

Mrs. Boyd stated that we received an initial quote of approximately \$45,000 for the water tank project. She requested that the school committee vote up to \$45,000 from School Choice money to get the project moving forward.

Karen Blasco made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to appropriate up to \$45,000 from School Choice for the water tank project.

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Letter from NEASC

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of May and June was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation drill was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 8:30am.
- ❖ The annual Memorial Day Program/Spring Concert/Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 2:00pm. Students will present songs and poems and the instrumental students will perform. Area veteran's will also be in attendance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- As part of the Educator Evaluator process, the district will be submitting DDM's (District Determined Measures) to DESE. This will help the principal in the evaluation process of the teaching staff and indicates impact on student learning.
- A decision needs to be submitted to DESE regarding whether the Wales Elementary School will opt for MCAS or PARCC assessments in the next school year.
- The Southern Worcester County Collaborative is in the process of looking at the possibility of purchasing the property that currently houses the Grow Program, which would save money in the long run.

- All School Committee members are invited to class day on May 29th at the high school and the graduation in the field house on June 1st.
- The School District is in the process of notifying staff regarding the fingerprint requirement as mandated by state law. All new employees must be fingerprinted by June 30, 2014.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall stated that this is the last meeting for Karen Blasco as a School Committee member. She was presented a plaque for her dedication to the Town of Wales.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Ed Boyce reported that the Technical Division Skills USA team did a wonderful job at the skills event and had many great projects.

The Peabody School Committee voted to ask the state ethics commission to investigate Commissioner Chester's involvement in the PARCC process as there appears to be a conflict of interest. The Tantasqua School Committee voted to support the Peabody School Committee.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Wales School Committee will be represented at the Tantasqua/Union 61 Joint School Committee meeting on June 17th as members on the current school committee are on the Joint Committee.

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Karen Blasco at 6:35pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal