

# ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: June 18, 2014

***Present:*** Dr. Erin Nosek, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

***Absent:*** None

***Audience Present:*** Staff and Community Member

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

## **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

Reorganization:

Ed Boyce nominated Christine Randall for Chairperson, seconded by Susan Hubbell.  
Motion Approved

Ed Boyce nominated Susan Hubbell for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Christine Randall.  
Motion Approved

Ed Boyce nominated Michael Cizik for Secretary, seconded by Susan Hubbell.  
Motion Approved

Susan Hubbell nominated Ed Boyce for Tantasqua Representative, seconded by Christine Randall.  
Motion Approved

Ed Boyce nominated Cindy Lena, Christine Randall, and Michael Cizik for Union 61 Representative, seconded by Susan Hubbell.  
Alternate #1 – Susan Hubbell  
Alternate #2 – Ed Boyce  
Motion Approved

## **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to approve the Regular Session minutes of May 21, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,464,940. This is 97% of the budget, which compares to 87% expended at approximately this same time last year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

\*Letter from NEASC – Review of the Pre-Self Study Report

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of June, August, and September was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation was held on Monday, May 19, 2014 at 8:30am.
- ❖ Wales Elementary School will be participating in the Scholastic Summer Challenge by helping set a new world record. This free reading program is dedicated to help students maintain reading skills and inspire children to read throughout the summer. Information will be sent home with the children.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Nosek stated that tomorrow is the 180<sup>th</sup> day of school and students will be dismissed at 11:45am in Wales.

The Ed. Eval. Team met to discuss the new adopted Teacher Evaluation system. Some items will be fine tuned across the district for the upcoming school year. Wales had a favorable opinion of the new system. The next step in the process is the DDM's (district-determined measures).

A fingerprinting policy will be implemented in the fall as required by statute.

Secretary of Education, Matthew Malone, visited the Wales School and he was impressed with the school and the quality of engagement that was occurring in each and every class.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

Christine Randall introduced Cindy Lena and Michael Cizik as the newest members of the Wales School Committee.

## **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Ed Boyce stated that the Tantasqua School Committee met last night and Michael Valanzola was nominated for his third term as Tantasqua Chairperson. A discussion was held regarding the choice of MCAS or PARCC as the standardized assessment tool. The Tantasqua School Committee chose MCAS as the assessment tool for Tantasqua for the upcoming school year.

## **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

A community representative questioned what would happen if the School Choice funds were not available to fund the budget? Superintendent Erin Nosek stated that the budget was built knowing that those funds were available. If they were not available, general funds would have to be used for the operating budget.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The SWCEC Regional Agreement was presented. Superintendent Nosek requested a vote of approval for the SWEC Regional Agreement.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to approve the SWEC Regional Agreement.

MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Nosek informed the School Committee that they have to select either MCAS or PARCC as the standardized assessment tool for the upcoming school year. Superintendent Nosek recommended that the committee select PARCC as the assessment tool.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Michael Cizik, to select PARCC as the assessment tool for the Wales Elementary School.

Ed Boyce stated that he was not in favor of PARCC as it is not a proven assessment. Christine Randall stated that she wanted to give the students the opportunity to experience this new form of assessment.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall, to select the PARCC online version as the assessment tool for next year.

MOTION APPROVED with Ed Boyce voting against the motion.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

Ed Boyce suggested that the Union 61 School Committees meet more often during the school year to discuss items concerning curriculum.

A motion was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal

