

# ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: September 17, 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 Member/Community Member

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 Regular Session minutes of June 18, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects the final expenditures of the FY2014. All money was expended.

- Education Transportation has been significantly short for the past two years. The line item has been increased by \$20,000 for FY15, but will still need to be monitored.

- \$40,000 was voted from School Choice to cover FY14 operations. Only \$27,428 was needed.

- For FY15, \$35,000 has been voted from School Choice toward operations and \$45,000 has been voted toward the water tank replacement project. Therefore, the unappropriated balance is \$25,631.

- At this time, the total cost of the water project is approximately \$65,800.

- Ed Boyce questioned if the unused NEASC money could possibly be appropriated for a new server.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

\*Letter from Secretary Malone

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of August, September, and October was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 163 students.
- ❖ There are 8 school choice students enrolled in the Wales Elementary School.
- ❖ New staff members include:

Barbara Brogan  
Nicole Brogan

Nurse (Monday & Tuesday)  
Grade 2 Teacher

Angelina Racco  
Megan Speidel

School Psychologist/Team Chair  
Instrumental Music (Wednesday)

- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 8:30am.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 12:50pm.
- ❖ Open House was held on Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 6-7pm. Parents visited with teachers and scheduled their conferences for December.
- ❖ The students of grade 6 went on their annual trip to Ferry Beach Ecology School from Monday, September 8, 2014 through Wednesday, September 10, 2014. Twenty-one students from Wales attended. Mrs. Santucci was the only chaperone needed as housing is now dormitory style.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Nosek stated that it was a good opening and great start to the school year. Professional Development is ongoing and will continue throughout the year. Dr. Nosek discussed the evidence piece of the teacher evaluation process.

Dr. Nosek also discussed the DDM's that were submitted to the Department of Education.

Another Professional Development centered upon ALICE Training which is an updated lockdown procedure which empowers teachers to keep students safe.

The Wales School Committee will have to decide policy regarding the mandated finger printing law concerning volunteers in the near future.

The full day Professional Development Day will be held on October 10, 2014 and will be district based with staff members presenting.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

None

### **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Ed Boyce reported that there have been two Tantasqua meetings since the last Wales School Committee meeting. The main topic has been the proposed revision of the Tantasqua Regional School Agreement. Most of the changes will be modernizing the language of the agreement. The formula for representation will be a contentious issue.

The second Tantasqua meeting had discussions regarding a school resource officer in the Tantasqua Jr. and Sr. High Schools.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

A community member questioned if Wales was participating in the MCAS assessment or the PARCC assessment. Dr. Nosek explained that the Wales School Committee voted to adopt the PARCC assessment for this school year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Cindy Lena, to appoint Dr. Erin Nosek as the voting member of the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal