

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: October 15, 2014

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

Absent: None

Audience Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm 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 September 17, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$243,481. This is 16% of the budget, which compares to 15% expended at approximately this same time last year.

Shortage showing in Teacher Salaries will be covered with the \$35,000 voted from School Choice toward operations and Title I grant funds.

Textbooks: Shortage as Go Math! materials are being funded over 3 yrs. instead of the originally planned 6 yrs. to get the best possible savings.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of October and November was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 162 students.
- ❖ There are 10 school choice students enrolled in the Wales Elementary School. Last month's report inadvertently omitted two students. These two students are in grades 4 & 5.
- ❖ A letter was sent home on Friday, October 3, 2014 to all families notifying them that a child in our school was diagnosed with scabies. Our school physician, Dr. Clay was contacted along with the Massachusetts Department of Public, and the Massachusetts State Lab. We followed protocols and guidelines that had been established. Parents with questions were encouraged to contact the Massachusetts

State Lab at 617-983-6800. Students in the infected area were removed immediately upon notification of the scabies and the infected area has been thoroughly cleaned.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Erin Nosek distributed information relating to the transition to the PARCC test that was published by DESE.

The full Professional Development Day was held on October 10th and all went quite well.

Parent Camp in Wales was successful and 11 parents attended.

Mr. Jeff Zanghi presented the annual MCAS report. Wales Elementary School has met the target of narrowing the proficiency gaps for all students. Wales Elementary School continues to be a Level 1 school, received an "On Target" rating in Math and Science, and the Wales School "Met Target" for all students.

Mr. Zanghi explained the effects of the NCLB waiver. He also explained the change regarding the progress and performance indicators (PPI).

Mr. Boyce suggested that Proficient & Advanced scores should be separated to show the percentage of children that are in the Advanced category.

Various questions were posed by the members of the School Committee relating to the different reports.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall reminded all school committee members of the upcoming conference in November.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Ed Boyce reported that there have been no regular Tantasqua meetings held since the last Wales School Committee meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

Ed Boyce announced that there will be a debate at the Wales Elementary School involving the two Senate candidates on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 7pm.

A motion was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal