

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: November 19, 2014

Present: Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

Absent: None

Audience Present: Community member

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm 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 October 15, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$383,289. This is 24% of the budget, which compares to 27% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Memo from D. Boyd re: FY'16 School Budget Liaisons
- PARCC Accommodations and Accessibility
- Request for Administration of Epinephrine in a Life Threatening Situation

Motion made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Cindy Lena, to approve the training for Administration of Epinephrine. MOTION APPROVED

- Drinking Water Notice

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of November and December was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 162 students.
- ❖ There are 8 school choice students enrolled in the Wales Elementary School. Two students who were previously listed as school choice have moved into the Town of Wales.
- ❖ The semi-annual building lockdown was held on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 10:15am.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 10:10am.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Tantasqua Regional School Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014.

The Supt. and the Business Manager attended the MASS/MASC meeting and shared different ideas on how to communicate with parents via Twitter, Facebook, etc....

The Thanksgiving Football Game will be held at Tantasqua this year.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall raised the issue of a busing situation on Barney Rd. where a bus is backing down a street. Mrs. Boyd stated that this is a situation that has to be fixed as it is an unsafe situation. The other street that is an issue is Sizer Drive where the bus is turning around on private property at the end of Sizer Drive. At the present time, the owner of the property has signed a waiver to allow the bus to turn on the private property. The members of the School Committee recommended that the bus does not back-up on Barney Rd. and Sizer Drive will be monitored throughout the winter months for safety.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Ed Boyce reported that the Tantasqua meeting was held last night and MCAS results were discussed. Other issues discussed were computerized grading programs at the Jr. and Sr. High Schools where parents have online access to student grades.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

A community member asked a question relating to assessment of individual students and how teachers keep track of those assessment scores.

The other question raised was regarding any issues around the GO Math! Program. This appears to be a positive change from the former Everyday Math Program.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Boyd suggested that the December meeting be postponed as it has been past practice. The School Committee agreed and the meeting will only be held in case of an emergency.

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Michael Cizik to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal