

## ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: April 15, 2015

***Present:*** Mr. Jeff Zanghi, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

***Absent:*** Mrs. Cindy Lena

***Audience Present:*** 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 Christine Randall, to approve the Regular Session minutes and Public Hearing Minutes of March 18, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,035,708. This is 65% of the budget, which compares to 68% expended at approximately this same time last year.

MOTION APPROVED

Ed Boyce raised the issue of stipends for the members of the Wales School Committee. The Finance Committee has recommended that the stipend be increased to \$100.00.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Strategic Plan Update

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of April and May was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 164 students.
- ❖ Preschool and Kindergarten Screening will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2015.

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

The Day on the Hill will be held Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the State House in Boston.

The Strategic Plan is full aligned with the common core curriculum and the standards based report cards.

A Data Institute is being run and all schools are involved. The goal is to get schools on the same page when they are looking at student data. There will be one representative from Wales who will lead the teaching staff while the data is being analyzed.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

Christine Randall reiterated that The Day on the Hill is a worthwhile experience.

**TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

The scheduled Tantasqua meeting will be held after the Wales meeting due to the spring vacation schedule.

The Regional Amendment Committee met earlier this week and none of the state options for regionalization fit the district very well. There will be no regional amendments during this year.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:**

A community representative asked how many times the PARCC test was administered and was informed that PARCC was administered twice per year.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Susan Hubbell stated that the social media chat was indicating that the water at the school was contaminated. Mr. Zinkus explained the manganese situation and clarified that a letter was sent to all parents last week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Policies GCCD, JH, JII, and JK were presented on First Reading.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to accept Policies GCCD, JH, JII, and JK on First Reading and may be discussed further after revisions by the Tantasqua Regional School Committee.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

A motion was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Michael Cizik to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal