

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: May 20, 2015

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

Absent: None

Audience Present: Community member

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Mike Cizik, to approve the Regular Session minutes of April 15, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,261,516. This is 80% of the budget, which compares to 78% expended at approximately this same time last year. We will utilize School Choice funds to finish the fiscal year.

Mrs. Boyd stated that the water company recommends an addition of an injection pump to the water system to eliminate the high manganese levels. The cost is approximately \$3,000.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Mike Cizik, to approve the use of up to \$3,000 of School Choice Money to install an injection pump to the water system as recommended by the water company.

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter to MA DEP
- Letter to Wales Highway Department

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of May and June was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 164 students.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 10:35am.
- ❖ The semi-annual building evacuation was held on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 12:50pm.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation was held on Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 8:30am.
- ❖ Two TED Grants were awarded to the Wales Elementary School. Kerri Glanville and Traci Marek received a \$4,000 Grant for "Movement in the Classroom" and Marion Reilly received a \$3,566 Grant for "Engineering Explorers in A Robotics Revolution".
- ❖ The Memorial Day Program/Spring Concert/Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 2pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Boyd acknowledged Susan Hubbell for her service as a School Committee member. She was awarded a certificate for her service on the Wales School Committee.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Mike Cizik to continue to be a School Choice school with following caps:

Kindergarten – 20 students

Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 – 22 students

Grades 5, 6 – no new school choice students

MOTION APPROVED

Deb Boyd handed out the forms for the Superintendent's Evaluation. An electronic version will be sent to School Committee members shortly.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

The Tantasqua Trailblazer Team participated in the Special Olympics and a ceremony will be held on June 15, 2015 at Tantasqua High School to acknowledge the participants.

TED is a great organization and the TED Diamond Brunch will be held on May 30, 2015.

During the recent Flea Market in Brimfield, many cars were noticed speeding through the school zone and the school committee will send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Police Department to request police patrols during that time.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Junior High School Nurse Jacqueline Berube and math teacher Keith Ventimiglia were honored at the Tantasqua School Committee meeting on 5-19-15 for using the AED machine to save a student's life.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to adopt Policies GCCD, JH, JII, and JK on Second Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

Community Eligibility Provision – all students at the Wales Elementary School will receive free breakfast and lunch.

Susan Hubbell received a call from a constituent discussing salary of a long time classroom aide and would like that individual recognized with a salary bonus.

Ed Boyce stated that 4 out of 5 towns funded their after school enrichment program. Mrs. Boyd replied that only one town funds their after school enrichment program.

For consideration in June, Ed Boyce would like to discuss funding the enrichment program from either the budget or school choice funds.

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion was made by Mike Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal