

**Wales School Committee**  
Meeting of September 16, 2015

**Present:** Dr. Erin Nosek, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

**Absent:** None

**Audience Present:** None

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 of June 17, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report reflects the final expenditures of FY15. All money was expended.

- Technology Hardware shortage was due to server and WIFI projects approved during the year (covered by out of district tuitions excess).
- Shortfall in Food Services continues to be a concern. We will watch these accounts closely with 100% free service in FY'16.
- Special Ed. Transportation has been significantly short for the past three years. Decreasing students in FY'16 should bring it back in line, but this will still need to be monitored.
- \$35,000 was voted from school choice to cover FY15 operations. Only \$4,800 was needed. However, various water-related projects charged \$56,000 from school choice.
- For FY16, \$10,000 has been voted toward operations and \$25,000 for roof repairs. The unappropriated balance is \$59,292.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*Letter from MA DESE re: Community Eligibility Approval Letter
- \*Letter to Wales Police Department/Wales Board of Selectmen  
re: Flea Market Traffic  
(Members of the School Committee expressed their surprise that there were no police patrols as requested during flea market traffic. The Superintendent has been asked to draft a letter requesting police patrols during the spring flea market).
- \*MA Dept. of EP Transmittal Form for Permit Application and Payment (McClure Engineering is working with different treatment system vendors to address the manganese issue).

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- \* The calendars for the months of August, September, and October were presented.
- \* Student population is 164 students.
- \* There are 7 School Choice students enrolled at the school this year:

Grade K	1 student
Grade 1	2 students
Grade 3	1 student
Grade 4	2 students
Grade 5	1 student
- \* New staff members this year include:

Eliza Kibbe	- Phys. Ed.
Amanda Polak	- School Psychologist/Team Chair
Katie Radebaugh	- Administrative Assistant

Correna Roberts - Long Term Substitute (Grade 3)

Kaitlyn Smith - Speech Pathologist (Tuesday/Thursday)

- \* The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 12:50pm
- \* The semi-annual bus evacuation drill was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 8:30am.
- \* Open House was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 from 6pm to 7pm. Parents visited the teachers and selected their conference times for December.
- \* An unconfirmed report of a white car approaching a child after school on Wednesday, September 7, 2015 was reported to the school on Friday, September 9, 2015 and the MA State Police and Wales Police Department were notified by the school. Parents were notified via ConnectEd, email message, and a notice that was sent home with students.
- \* Students in Grade 6 returned from their trip to The Ecology School in Saco, Maine. The students had a wonderful experience during their stay and the weather was marvelous.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Supt. Nosek shared a memo from the Commissioner of Education regarding MCAS and PARCC student assessments. A calendar of dates was listed on the memo regarding upcoming meetings to discuss state assessments.

AED's were updated at all of the schools during this past summer and are now the same throughout the districts.

Flyers from the Special Education Parent Advisory Council were distributed to school committee members.

The MASS/MASC Joint Conference will be held November 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

None

### **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

The Tantasqua School Committee has met twice since the last Wales School Committee meeting. Subcommittee assignments were distributed at last night's school committee meeting. Old Sturbridge Village is pursuing a charter school license and all of our towns will have access to this charter school should it become a reality.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Policy JIC – Second Reading and Request for Vote of Adoption.

Michael Cizik made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall to adopt Policy JIC on second reading.

MOTION APPROVED

Policy EEAF – Second Reading and Request for Vote of Adoption.

Michael Cizik made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall to adopt Policy EEAF on second reading.

MOTION APPROVED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Policy ADDA was presented on First Reading.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena to accept Policy ADDA on First Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

Supt. Nosek requested that the ½ Professional Development Day on March 24, 2016 be changed to April 1, 2016 due to a conflict with the state testing schedule.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena to change the ½ Professional Development Day from March 24, 2016 to April 1, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

A request was made to appoint Dr. Nosek as a Voting Member to the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to appoint Dr. Nosek as a Voting Member to the Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM**

None

A motion was made by Mike Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:16pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal