

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: October 21, 2015

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

Absent: Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mrs. Cindy Lena

Audience Present: Staff member

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm 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 September 16, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$245,502. This is 15% of the budget, which compares to 16% expended at approximately this same time last year.

The shortage in Teaching Salaries will be covered with the \$10,000 voted from School Choice toward operations and grant funds not yet applied.

COMMUNICATIONS:

* MASC Proposed Changes

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- * The calendar for the months of October and November was presented.
- * Student population is 164 students.
- * Technology improvements include Wi-Fi being installed at the school during the past summer. The back-up server which was struck by lightning has been replaced. The Type to Learn program was replaced through the use of picture money and PTF funds as it was not compatible with Windows 7.
- * The semi-annual building evacuation was held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 1pm.
- * The semi-annual Alice Drill was conducted on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 1:30pm.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

October 1 enrollment numbers were handed out to the members of the School Committee.

Interest-Based Bargaining was discussed and Mrs. Boyd suggested that the bargaining committee be made up of two members of the School Committee. Due to the absence of two school committee members this month, the discussion will continue at the November meeting.

Follow-up on RAD.....Police Officer Erin Hastings in Wales is still a certified RAD trainer and at the present time has a scheduling conflict. She anticipates that her schedule is going to be changing in the near future and will contact the school if she has availability. The Tri-Town Domestic Violence Task Force has a \$250 grant that can be

used for this program. Further information will hopefully be available at the November School Committee meeting.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

The MASC convention is occurring November 4th through November 7th.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

The Tantasqua School Committee met last night and the committee rejected a proposal to call for a moratorium on standardized testing.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy ADDA was presented on Second Reading and a vote for adoption was requested.

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to accept Policy ADDA on Second Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

The draft letter to the Wales Police Department and Board of Selectmen was presented and will be sent to the Police Department and Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Zinkus requested that the Risograph be declared obsolete as it is approximately 15 yrs old and in need of repair. The service technician cannot guarantee that parts are available and the cost of a service call is a \$200 minimum.

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Ed Boyce, to declare the Risograph obsolete.

A risk management team from the town insurance company visited the town facilities earlier this week and the bleachers are in total disrepair. The Highway Dept. will remove the damaged bleachers and the bleachers with wooden seats will have the seats replaced.

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion was made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal