

## **WALES SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Meeting of November 18, 2015

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

**Absent:** None

**Audience Present:** None

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

None

### **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall, to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 21, 2015.

MOTION APPROVED

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$329,598. This is 20% of the budget, which compares to 24% expended at approximately this same time last year.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- \* Memo from Mrs. Boyd re: FY17 School Budget Liaisons
- \* Letter to Wales Police Department and Wales Board of Selectmen
- \* Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Quarterly Report

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

- \* The calendar for the months of November and December was presented.
- \* Student population is 165 students.
- \* Students continue to work on their keyboarding skills during weekly computer classes, in anticipation of continued electronic state testing.
- \* The Wales Fire Dept. presented a "Fire Safety Program" on October 16, 2015 for the students in Grades Pre-K through 6. Students had the opportunity to view the Wales Fire Truck and students in Grade K-6 participated in a program in the Massachusetts Smoke House.

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

Mr. Jeff Zanghi presented an overview of the PARCC/MCAS test results from the spring of 2015. Wales students scored above the representative sample of the state average in the ELA test. Wales scored the same as the representative sample of the state average on the Mathematics test. In reading and writing, Wales scored above the representative sample of the state average.

DESE has voted that the formal assessment test in the state will be NEXT GENERATION MCAS; beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. The PARCC test will remain in effect for this current school year.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

The Ted Foundation will be hosting a Turkey Trot on the Sunday after Thanksgiving and the money raised is used to provide grants to district schools.

### **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

The Tantasqua School Committee met last night and information was shared regarding the possibility of the Old Sturbridge Village Charter School. The TRSD Regional

Agreement Amendment Committee (RAAC) recommended language changes to the current regional agreement. Mr. Boyce will be recommending adoption of these changes at the Wales Town Meeting.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Detective Erin Hastings of the Wales Police Department will be starting a RAD class for students in Grades 4-5-6 beginning in January. Further information will follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supt. Nosek requested that the Wales School Committee not meet in December unless there are pressing issues.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall, to cancel the Wales December School Committee Meeting unless there are pressing issues.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Michael Cizik, that Christine Randall and Cindy Lena be the school committee representatives for the upcoming teacher contract negotiations.

**MOTION APPROVED**

Carolyn Boehne asked if solar panels are feasible for the Wales Elementary School, to help reduce the electricity bills. Supt. Nosek will get some information for the next meeting.

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

A motion was made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal