

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: February 10, 2016

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

Absent: Ms. Carolyn Boehne

Audience Present: Parents

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 Cindy Lena, to approve the Regular Session minutes of January 20, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$703,282. This is 43% of the budget, which compares to 49% expended at approximately this same time last year.

Mrs. Boyd discussed the FY17 budget. Mrs. Boyd recommended an increase to the Speech line item in the amount of \$8,000.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall, to present a budget of \$1,608,073 at the Public Hearing in March.

MOTION APPROVED

The Public Hearing on the FY'17 budget will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30pm.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- * SWCEC 2nd Quarter Report
- * MASC Legislative Bulletin

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- * The calendar for the months of February and March was presented.
- * Student population is 164 students.
- * The Winter Concert was held on February 2nd to a standing room only crowd. Students in Grades K-6 along with the Wales Band and Wales Chorus entertained the audience.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Supt. Nosek presented three reports relating to the water situation at the school. The school has been using bottled water since late 2014 due to increased manganese levels in the water. Dr. Nosek addressed the letter that was received from the Board of Selectmen. She had a draft letter to the Selectmen that required information from the water operator. Test results received from the laboratory today indicated that the results for lead were in the normal acceptable range.

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Cindy Lena, to forward the letter to the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION APPROVED

Ed Boyce suggested that we analyze the cost of the filtration system and we might consider utilizing bottled water on a permanent basis.

Supt. Nosek explained the timeline of the communication and design work between McClure Engineering and DEP.

Interest Based Bargaining was suspended due to the difficulty of getting all bargaining units together for the 8-hour training.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Day on the Hill will be Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

There has been no Tantasqua meeting since the last Wales meeting.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Policy JKAA Physical Restraint of Students was presented on First Reading.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Cindy Lena to accept Policy JKAA on first reading.

MOTION APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion was made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Cindy Lena to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard R. Zinkus
Principal