

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: September 21, 2016

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mr. Michael Cizik, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mrs. Cindy Lena, Mrs. Christine Randall and Ms. Lindsay Valanzola.

Absent: None

Audience Present: Parent, Community Member, Staff Member

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

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Lindsay Valanzola, seconded by Cindy Lena, to approve the Regular Session minutes of June 15, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects the final expenditures of the FY'16.

- Technology Hardware shortage was due to approved purchase of wireless devices at the year-end (covered by out of district tuitions excess).
- Shortfall in Guidance Salary due to staff restructuring and covered by Integration Salary.
- Special Ed. Transportation shortfall is due to the need for replacement vehicles to the collaborative fleet.
- Shortfalls in Utility Water, Building Supplies and Contracted Services were all due to the on-going water issues.
- \$1,491 was returned to the Town.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- *TSHS Class of 2016 Post Graduate Plans
- *TSHS Class of 2016 Four Year College Acceptances
- *MA DESE Press Release re: OSV Charter School

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of August, September, and October was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 160 students.
- ❖ There are (6) School Choice students enrolled in the Wales Elementary School:
 - Grade 1 one student
 - Grade 2 two students
 - Grade 4 one student
 - Grade 5 two students
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 at 12:45pm.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation drill was held on Friday, September 12, 2016 at 8:35am.
- ❖ The semi-annual A.L.I.C.E. drill was held on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 12:45pm.
- ❖ Open House was held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016 from 6-7pm. Parents visited the classrooms and selected their conference times for December.
- ❖ Students in Grade 6 went on their annual trip to The Ecology School in Saco, Maine from Wednesday, September 14, 2016 through Friday, September 16, 2016. Nineteen students attended from the Wales Elementary School along with their classroom teacher.

- ❖ Wales Elementary School is fortunate to have a laptop cart and iPad cart. The laptops are already being used in the classrooms and the iPads will be put into service soon as they still require some programming work.
- ❖ PBIS was instituted this year and a brief slide show was presented to explain the positive happenings at the school.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Water Update

- McClure Engineering Letter to Department of Environmental Protection
- PH Testing Data
- August 10, 2016 Results DEP Letter: Water Treatment System Inspection
- August 22, 2016 Phoenix Labs Iron/Manganese Testing
- The Massachusetts School Building Authority will be ranking all school buildings in the State.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Ainsworth Hill Transportation – Christine Randall reported that a bus was taken onto the road and tried to maneuver at a turn around. It was impossible to turn the bus around and had to be backed down into a private driveway.

A motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen indicating that the School Committee is not in support of sending a bus on Ainsworth Hill Rd. due to a number of safety concerns.

MOTION APPROVED

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Last night was the monthly meeting for the Tantasqua Regional School Committee. New student representatives were introduced.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

Mr. Boyce spoke on behalf of a family who could not attend the meeting. He was concerned with a student who has a severe peanut allergy. The school serves peanut butter on field trips and the student did not attend. There are other things that can be served and Mr. Boyce requested that the school look at other options.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Reduction in Force Contract Language - there was a change in the State Law regarding contractual language for a reduction in force.

Motion made by Cindy Lena, seconded by Christine Randall to accept the new Reduction in Force Contract Language.

MOTION APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

The Board of Selectmen meet every other Tuesday in the Town of Wales. Some issues that were brought up at Selectmen’s Meetings are School Committee items. Christine Randall asked that a School Committee member attend a Selectmen’s Meeting.

A motion was made by Mike Cizik, seconded by Cindy Lena to adjourn the meeting at 7:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal