

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: October 19, 2016

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

Absent: Mrs. Cindy Lena

Audience Present: Parents, Board of Selectmen Member, Community Member, Staff Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm 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 September 21, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$264,059. This is 16% of the budget, which compares to 15% expended at approximately this same time last year.

Mrs. Boyd requested that the School Committee vote to make budget transfers as presented.

Christine Randall made a motion, seconded by Lindsay Valanzola to make budget transfers as presented.

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

*Letter to Wales Board of Selectmen re: Ainsworth Hill

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of October and November was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 161 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual Building Evacuation Drill was held on Monday, September 25, 2016 at 12:45pm under the supervision of the Wales Police Department.
- ❖ The semi-annual Building Lockdown was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 12:45pm under the supervision of the Wales Police and Fire Departments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Boyd stated that the water has passed all requirements set forth by DEP. The intent is to test the water once again to make sure that the water still tests out within limits.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

The Tantasqua Meeting was held last night and a presentation on UBD was shared with the committee. A team is in place at the Wales Elementary School and staff will be trained in using this model later in the fall and into the spring.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

Christine Randall explained that all audience members have the opportunity to speak twice on a subject for a period of two minutes.

Residents from Ainsworth Hill were in attendance to challenge the school committee's decision last month to not send a bus up Ainsworth Hill. Residents informed the committee that an appropriate turnaround was being built and asked the committee to reconsider. The committee reiterated that exiting Ainsworth Hill from Route 19 would continue to be an unsafe option. Residents suggested ending the route at Ainsworth Hill. The committee agreed to take suggestions under advisement and test drive a bus up Ainsworth Hill if/when an appropriate turnaround was complete.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

MASC Voting Delegate – Carolyn Boehne has been appointed as the voting delegate.

Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to accept Policy IHAMB on First Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

Policy JLCD – Administering Medicines to Students

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Lindsay Valanzola to accept Policy JLCD on First Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

A motion was made by Mike Cizik, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal