

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: November 16, 2016

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

Absent: Ms. Lindsay Valanzola

Audience Present: Parent, Staff Member, and Community Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm 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 19, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$404,248. This is 25% of the budget, which compares to 20% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- *Memo re: FY'18 Budget Liaisons
- *Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative First Quarter Report
- *Wales ESP Negotiations Request

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendars for the months of November and December were presented.
- ❖ Student population is 162 students.
- ❖ The snowfall/rain on Thursday night, October 27th wreaked havoc with a patch on the roof. The patch failed causing water to leak into the 3rd grade classroom. Ceiling tiles collapsed, books were damaged, light fixtures were full of water, and the rug was sopping wet. After consultation with the Facilities Manager, ServiceMaster was contacted to conduct the cleanup. Grade 3 was displaced for about a week and spent time in the cafeteria, preschool room, and computer lab while the room was repaired. All pieces of furniture and walls needed to be sanitized and deodorized. The roof has a temporary replacement patch and will be fixed in the very near future.
- ❖ The Wales Fire Department presented a "Fire Safety Program" for all students on Monday, October 24th. Fire Safety procedures were discussed and students were given firefighter plastic hats and a dual purpose bag that could be used for trick-or-treating.
- ❖ The students and staff conducted a "Coins Because We Care" drive for the Haiti Community that was impacted by Hurricane Matthew. A check in the amount of \$480.48 was sent to the "Be Like Brit Foundation".
- ❖ PARCC/MCASS Report – Wales Elementary School has met the target of narrowing the proficiency gaps for all students, continues to be a Level 1 school, and has received an "On Target" rating in ELA, Math, and Science. Wales is in the 79th percentile of like schools in the state.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Water and Roof Update:

There will be a 4th quarter water test in early December and we are confident that the water test results will be within the limits based on the daily testing of the PH. With positive test results, we will be able to return to tap water after the beginning of the new year.

The cost of the damage due to the roof leak is approximately \$5,300. The insurance will not cover the roof patch of about \$1,100.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena, to appropriate up to \$7,000 to address the loss due to the roof leak. The insurance claim will be cancelled.

MOTION APPROVED

MASC/MASS Joint Conference Update:

Carolyn Boehne shared some information that she received at the recent conference. Emphasis was placed upon anxiety impacting students on a regular basis. Carolyn stated that wonderful vendors were present at the conference and she returned with lots of information to share with the school committee.

The Ted Turkey Trot:

The Ted Turkey Trot will be held on Sunday, November 27th at Tantasqua Regional High School.

December Meeting:

If there are no pressing issues for the month of December, the regularly scheduled December meeting will be cancelled.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

The Tantasqua Joint Meeting was held last night and a majority of the elementary portion focused on Social/Emotional Learning. On the secondary level, PARCC and MCAS scores were impressive.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

A parent gave an update on the Ainsworth Hill Rd. bus stop and stated that fill was being delivered to the area. Trees are being cut down and the site is being prepared. The parent presented Part I, Title XII, Chapter 71, Section 68 which states that bus stops will not be more than 1 mile from the child's home.

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Carolyn Boehne, to adopt Policy IHAMB on Second Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

Policy JLCD – Administering Medicines to Students

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Carolyn Boehne, to adopt Policy JLCD on Second Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was made to appoint Dr. Nosek to be the voting member to Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena to appoint Dr. Nosek as the voting member to Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative.

MOTION APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

A motion was made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Cindy Lena to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal