

Wales School Committee
Meeting of: January 18, 2017

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

Absent:

Audience Present: 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 Cindy Lena, seconded by Carolyn Boehne to approve the Regular Session minutes of November 16, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$606,063. This is 38% of the budget, which compares to 36% expended at approximately this same time last year. Out-of-District Tuitions has an overage. A student has been sent to an out-of-district setting. This situation will be monitored throughout the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Boyd will make a recommendation for the use of "School Choice" funds, if it is necessary at the end of the year.

Warrant Signatures – The law has changed and one school committee member is able to sign warrants/accounts payable.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Michael Cizik, to designate Christine Randall as signatory for warrants/accounts payable. Cindy Lena will be the back-up and Carolyn Boehne will be the second back-up.

MOTION APPROVED

COMMUNICATIONS:

- *MASC Legal Alert – Amendments to Public Records Law 1/1/2017
- *MASC School Committee Self-assessment

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of December, January, and February was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 163 students.
- ❖ On January 3, 2017, the Wales Elementary School resumed using the tap water for consumption as the latest water results indicated that lead, manganese, and copper were all within acceptable limits.
- ❖ The Scholastic Book Fair held in December had sales totaling \$2,678.09. Books were purchased for the classrooms and the library in the amount of \$609.25.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Water Update: With a great deal of work and support of School Committee and staff, Dr Nosek happily reported that we are using tap water for consumption. Increased testing is required for the near future.
- FY'18 Budget Review: The FY'18 Budget was discussed in detail and various questions were posed by the members of the school committee. Due to a SPED

Tuition Collaborative Placement, line 560 was increased by \$32,000. The proposed budget is increased by 3.2%.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

The Ted Foundation will host “Tastefully Ted” on February 3, 2017. Appetizers and desserts will be served.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

The Tantasqua meeting was held last night and the Superintendent Scholars were announced.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Negotiations Subcommittee: Cindy Lena and Michael Cizik will be the School Committee representatives for negotiations of the ESP contract.

OPEN FORUM:

Carolyn Boehne shared information that she received at the Holland Elementary School presentation that was provided by the Hampden District Attorney relating to internet safety.

A motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Michael Cizik, to adjourn the meeting at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal