

**Wales School Committee**  
Meeting of: September 20, 2017

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

**Absent:** None

**Audience Present:** Community members, staff member, parents, member of the Board of Selectmen

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence in honor of David Worth who was a long time school committee member.

**IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

Reorganization:

Lindsay Valanzola nominated Christine Randall for Chairperson, seconded by Carolyn Boehne.

Motion Approved

Lindsay Valanzola nominated Cindy Lena for Vice-Chairperson, seconded by Carolyn Boehne.

Motion Approved

Christine Randall nominated Carolyn Boehne for Secretary, seconded by Cindy Lena.

Motion Approved

Lindsay Valanzola nominated Christine Randall for Tantasqua Representative, seconded by Cindy Lena

Motion Approved

Lindsay Valanzola nominated Carolyn Boehne, Christine Randall, and Amy Bishop for Union 61 Representative, seconded by Cindy Lena

Alternate #1 – Cindy Lena

Alternate #2 – Lindsay Valanzola

Motion Approved

Carolyn Boehne will be the representative on the Town Capital Planning Improvement Committee.

**MINUTES:**

Motion made by Lindsay Valanzola, seconded by Cindy Lena, to approve the Regular Session minutes of May 17, 2017.

MOTION APPROVED – Amy Bishop abstained.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial Report reflects the final expenditures of the FY17 school year.

- \$18,000 was needed from the general fund to cover food services now that there is no longer 100% free lunch. \$10,000 budgeted for the current year will likely be insufficient.

- Shortfalls in Electricity due to increasing rates as the Town moved to National Grid default rates. Even though \$1,000 more has been budgeted, this account will need to be monitored this year for shortages.

- Bus Routes Update: A bus was sent up to Ainsworth Hill Rd. and the turn-around situation has been resolved. Deb Boyd recommended that the bus will now travel on Ainsworth Hill Rd. beginning on October 2, 2017. Students will be assigned different busses as some students on Bus #3 will now be on Bus #2 and some students on Bus #2 will now be on Bus #3.

The recommendation for stops are at house #36 on the way up and house #12 on the way down. Deb Boyd stated that the winter months can be a serious concern if the roads are slippery and snow is not cleared from the turn-around.

Motion made by Cindy Lena, seconded by Christine Randall, to alter the routes as presented.  
MOTION APPROVED

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Tantasqua was selected to take part in the National Identity Services Audit. They were impressed at the process in place in the District.

TSHS Class of 2017 College Acceptances

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of August, September, and October was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ There are (7) school choice students enrolled in the Wales Elementary School:

Kindergarten	1 student
Grade 2	1 student
Grade 3	2 students
Grade 5	2 students
Grade 6	1 student
- ❖ Faith Esposito has joined the staff as the new Administrative Assistant as Katie Radebaugh has changed careers.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 12:45 p.m.
- ❖ The semi-annual bus evacuation drill was held on Thursday, September 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
- ❖ Open House was held on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Parents visited the classrooms and selected their conference times for December.
- ❖ The Grade 6 students went on their annual trip to The Ecology School from Monday, September 11, 2017 through Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Twenty-one students from the Wales Elementary School attended this year. Mrs. Santucci was the only chaperone needed from Wales as housing is now dormitory style.
- ❖ Mr. Zinkus, who is in his 17<sup>th</sup> year as Principal of the Wales Elementary School, has submitted his retirement letter to Supt. Erin Nosek and will be leaving at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- Supt. Nosek introduced Betsy Philpot as the new Social Emotional Support person in the District.
- Summer projects in Wales included carpet cleaning, asbestos removal, and the new water filtration system management plan. We are waiting to hear from DEP to schedule the final inspection.
- Narcan: The Supt. suggested that we have a dose of Narcan at the school through a standing order to be stored in the nurse's office. It will be administered by the nurse in case of an emergency during a parent function or similar situation.  
Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Lindsay Valanzola, to have a dose of Narcan at the school.  
MOTION APPROVED
- Google Transition - The District has transitioned to a Google platform and there have been minimal problems with the change.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

Christine Randall reported that all school committee members have to complete the Conflict of Interest training for the Town.

**TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Christine Randall is serving on the Tantasqua Regional School Committee's Curriculum Subcommittee and Negotiations Subcommittee. The turf field is beautiful and Christine recommends attending a game on the field.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supt. Nosek requested that a vote be taken to declare Every Day Math materials obsolete. Motion made by Cindy Lena, seconded by Christine Randall, to declare Every Day Math materials obsolete.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Carolyn Boehne, to appoint Dr. Nosek as the School Committee's representative to the SWEC Board.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Amy Bishop, seconded by Cindy Lena at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal