

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: October 18, 2017

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

Absent: Ms. Carolyn Boehne

Audience Present: Staff Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. 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 September 20, 2017.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$297,874. This is 18% of the budget, which compares to 16% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

*Letter to Green Valley School re: Donations

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of October and November was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ Correction: The Wales Elementary School has 10 "School Choice" students. Last month's report was incorrect in stating that there were only 8 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual Building Lockdown Drill was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 12:45 p.m. under the supervision of the Wales Police Department.
- ❖ Spirit Days are being held throughout the school year to assist those impacted by the recent hurricanes. As stated previously, students donated \$220.08 that went to the Green Valley School in Houston, Texas. Future Spirit Day funds will be sent to the Freedom Credit Union in Springfield, MA to assist those in Puerto Rico.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- TRSD/Union 61 Joint Meeting – November 21, 2017 at 6 p.m.
- Dr. Nosek handed out Evaluation Documents that were developed to evaluate the Superintendent and explained the newly adopted format to the School Committee.
- Principal Search Update
 - *The search team will be made up of 1 School Committee Member, 2-3 Staff Members, 1 Specialist, 1 Parent Representative, and 1 Member of the Leadership Team.
 - *Advertising will be in early March; interviews will be in late March; a selection of a new Principal will be in April which will allow for a smooth transition.
- Professional Development Day Program – focus was on Social Emotional Learning
- October 1st Report
- All Bands' Night was a huge success and a large number of Wales students participated.
- Deb Grimaldi, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent is retiring December 31, 2017.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall attended the Wales PTF meeting and collaboration is being held for a Trunk or Treat between the school, police department, and fire departments. It will be held at the Fire Department.

The school library needs help as the volunteers will be leaving next year as their children will transition from the elementary school.

The first PTF fundraiser will be starting soon. There will be a raffle for \$500 of MA Lottery Scratch Tickets.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

There were sub-committee reports revolving around Curriculum, Budget, and the Superintendent Evaluation process.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

DEP viewed the water system and gave a verbal approval of the water system. We are awaiting the written report.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OPEN FORUM:

A motion was made by Lindsay Valanzola, seconded by Cindy Lena to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal