

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: March 21, 2018

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

Absent: Ms. Lindsay Valanzola

Audience Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES

None

MINUTES

Motion made by Cindy Lena, seconded by Carolyn Boehne, to approve the February 14, 2018 Regular Session minutes.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$991,841. This is 60% of the budget, which compares to 58% expended at approximately this same time last year. The shortfalls that appear in Teacher Salaries, Teacher Aide Salaries and Speech Therapist are due to maternity leave coverages and additional student needs, and will be covered with excess in out-of-district tuitions, as one budgeted out-placement remained in-district.

COMMUNICATIONS

None

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- ❖ The calendar for the months of March and April was presented
- ❖ Student population is 158 students
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 10:50 a.m.
- ❖ The last two "Spirit Days" raised \$126.55. The money was sent to UNICEF in New York with a request that the funds be used to assist those impacted by the summer hurricanes in Puerto Rico.
- ❖ Technology continues to be used daily at the school for lessons. Students in Grade 3-6 are preparing for the upcoming MCAS assessment and are viewing sample questions.
- ❖ Community Reading Day was held on Friday, March 2nd at the school. Various readers came to the school to share their reading talents with the classrooms. A special thanks goes out to Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deborah Boyd, Mrs. Brenda Looney, Mrs. Heidi Dietz, Mrs. Nancy Gilley, Mrs. Jillian Giannandrea-Mustion, and Mrs. Shirley Denning for spending time with the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- ❖ Dr. Nosek distributed information from DESE on Alternative Structured Learning Day Programs (blizzard bags).
- ❖ The Wales Principal Search is closing on Friday, March 23rd. There are 23 candidates at this time.
- ❖ A grievance was filed by the union that money being withdrawn from paychecks was not placed in the 403B deferred compensation fund in a timely manner. Information was requested from the Treasurer's Office at Town Hall.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Day on the Hill will be held on Wednesday, April 25th.

Team Chef will be held on May 8th.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Last night, the Regional School Committee met and discussed the FY'19 budget and it was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC ACCESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena, to recess the meeting at 6:29pm for the scheduled public hearing at 6:30pm.

Public Hearing commenced at 6:30pm. There was no one from the public in attendance.

A motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena, to end the Public Hearing and reconvene the meeting at 6:34pm.

Mrs. Boyd recommended that \$1,704,570 be submitted to Town Meeting as the FY'19 school budget.

Motion by Christine Randall, seconded by Amy Bishop, to submit \$1,704,570 as the school budget for FY'19.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by Carolyn Boehne, seconded by Christine Randall, to accept School Choice students at the Wales Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year. Class sizes would be limited to sixteen students in Kindergarten and twenty students in Grades 1-4.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Cindy Lean, seconded by Amy Bishop, to move the School Committee Meeting to April 11th for next month.

OPEN FORUM

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Amy Bishop at 6:55pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal

PUBLIC HEARING – FY'19 Budget
March 21, 2018 – 6:30pm

The Public Hearing on the FY'19 budget commenced at 6:30pm. In attendance were Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deborah Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Amy Bishop, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

There was no one from the public in attendance.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal