

# ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: October 17, 2012

***Present:*** Dr. Erin Nosek, Mr. Jeff Zanghi, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Karen Blasco, Mr. Ed Boyce, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

***Absent:*** Mrs. Lynne Serrenho and Mrs. Susan Hubbell

***Audience Present:*** None

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

## **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

None

## **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Karen Blasco, to approve the Regular Session minutes of September 19, 2012.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$259,354. This is 17% of the budget, which compares to 18% expended at approximately this same time last year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of October and November was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 148 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual building evacuation drill was held on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 1:30pm under the direction of the Wales Police Department.
- ❖ The Lion's Club Sight Mobile visited the school during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. All students in Grades K-6 were screened for hearing and vision. A special thanks goes out to the Monson Lion's Club for their assistance.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

The calendar for the 2013-2014 school year was approved by the Joint School Committees. School will start before Labor Day.

There is a new evaluation process but will not be in effect next year as we are not a "Race to the Top" school district.

The “Ted” Brunch will be held on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Sturbridge Village.

There is a professional development day tomorrow focused on the Math Common Assessments.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Jeff Zanghi presented the MCAS report to the members of the School Committee. Wales has met the target of progressing toward narrowing the proficiency gaps. Wales has a value added experience for students who move together through grades. The NCLB goal of 100% proficiency has been replaced by a new goal of reducing proficiency gaps by half by the end of the 2016-2017 school year. AYP has been replaced by PPI (Progress and Performance Indicator). Schools have now been rated on Accountability and Assistance Levels scale with Level 1 being the highest and Level 5 being the lowest. Wales has been rated as a Level 1 school. Wales is performing at the 73% percentile throughout the state.

Improvement opportunities include MCAS Success Plans for every student who scored in the Needs Improvement and Warning categories on the Spring 2012 MCAS tests. Continued analysis of STAR Reading and Math scores will assist in identifying weaknesses of students. There will be continued work in developing and implementing common assessments to ensure consistency in scoring amongst the classroom teachers.

The Superintendent requested that the School Committee vote to change the November meeting date to November 14, 2012.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall to change the Wales School Committee date from November 21, 2012 to November 14, 2012.

**MOTION APPROVED**

A motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Ed Boyce to adjourn the meeting at 6:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal