

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: January 16, 2013

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Karen Blasco, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Mrs. Christine Randall and Mrs. Lynne Serrenho.

Absent: None

Audience Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to approve the Regular Session minutes of November 14, 2012.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$711,527. This is 47% of the budget, which compares to 43% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Memo to Boards of Selectmen/Finance Committee Members re: FY'14 School Budget Liaisons
- Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative First Quarter Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of December, January, and February was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 148 students.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at 9:45am.
- ❖ The semi-annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the first week of December. Sales were approximately \$1,400 and we were able to obtain hardcover/softcover books for individual classrooms. Heartfelt thanks go out to the PTF volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this book fair a success.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- Education Evaluation System

The Supt. briefly explained the new teacher evaluation system to the members of the School Committee. One of the biggest shifts is that there will be unannounced visits and the length of time is to be determined. The Supt. has asked the School Committee for permission to meet with union representatives to discuss the changes that will become effective next year.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce to authorize the Supt. to meet with union representatives to discuss the changes that will become effective next year.

MOTION APPROVED

The administrators and teachers are also being trained in the new evaluation system and all are feeling more confident about the changes.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policies AC, ACA, BEC, EBC, GBA, GCF, IJ, JBA, JB, and JFBB-1 were presented on Second Reading and a request to vote for adoption was made.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall to adopt Policies AC, ACA, BEC, EBC, GBA, GCF, IJ, JBA, JB, and JFBB-1 on Second Reading.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

Ed Boyce raised concerns regarding security issues due to the recent events in Connecticut. Mr. Boyce stated that the after school movies that are being organized by the parents should have more parental supervision. It was suggested that a connect-ed. be sent requesting more parental supervision and adding that request to the permission slip. Mr. Boyce suggested that funds be set aside to pay additional staff for these rare occasions.

The Superintendent requested that the meeting date for February be changed due to a conflict with the Winter Vacation schedule. The February School meeting has been rescheduled to February 13, 2013.

The FY'14 budget was discussed. Deb Boyd explained the process for the benefit of the new School Committee members. The budget was discussed page by page and various questions were asked by the members of the School Committee.

Deb Boyd stated that we are projecting \$40,000 of School Choice Money be used for the FY'14 budget.

More discussions relative to the budget will be held at the February meeting.

Discussion on participation in NAESC.

A motion was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall to adjourn the meeting at 7:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal