

# ***Wales School Committee***

Meeting of: March 19, 2014

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

***Absent:*** Mrs. Lynne Serrenho

***Audience Present:*** Staff Members, Parents, Community Members, and a Finance Committee Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

None

## **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to approve the Regular Session minutes of February 12, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce, to approve the Public Forum minutes of February 27, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$923,217. This is 61% of the budget, which compares to 64% expended at approximately this same time last year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

None

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of March and April was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 161 students.
- ❖ Community Reading Day festivities were held on Monday, March 3, 2014. Local author Mariana R. Silva-Buck read her book and held discussions with the children. Zandor, the in the story accompanied Ms. Silva-Buck.
- ❖ A lockdown was conducted at the school on Friday, March 14, 2014 under the supervision of the Wales Police Department and the Massachusetts State Police. I am happy to report that the building was in total lockdown in under 15 seconds.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- MASC will be hosting two events and if School Committee members are interested in attending, they should contact Deb Grimaldi. The second event is a Day on the Hill and offers members a chance to speak with representatives.
- Supt. Nosek and the Principal's participated in a day-long Professional Development session relating the Educator Evaluation process.
- Dr. Nosek gave an update regarding of what is being done to prepare for the Coordinated Program Review audit that will be conducted by DESE during the next school year.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR:**

None

## **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

The Tantasqua Budget Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. The assessment for the Town of Wales will be reduced for next year due to lower enrollment figures at the regional level.

The PARCC Testing was discussed and the Tantasqua School Committee voted to give parents the ability to opt-out of the test.

## **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ed Boyce spoke with Kathleen Montagano from NEASC regarding the recent public forum. Kathleen Montagano forwarded a letter from Cameron Staples, President and CEO of NEASC which indicated that NEASC will be changing the accreditation process.

Karen Blasco made a motion, seconded by Christine Randall, to withdraw from NEASC.

Karen Blasco stated that we have spent a tremendous amount of time discussing NEASC and the majority of those in attendance at the public forum indicated that they would like to see Wales withdraw their membership from NEASC.

Karen Blasco – Yes

Ed Boyce - No

Susan Hubbell – No

Christine Randall – Abstain

## **MOTION DEFEATED**

Susan Hubbell stated that she is prepared to vote to eliminate NEASC, but believes it would be better to have all committee members present for this vote.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to place the NEASC item on the agenda for a vote at April's School Committee meeting.

Karen Blasco – Abstain  
Ed Boyce – Yes  
Susan Hubbell – Yes  
Christine Randall – Yes

MOTION APPROVED

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Christine Randall recessed the meeting at 6:29pm for the scheduled public hearing at 6:30pm.

The Public Hearing commenced at 6:32pm. A member of the Finance Committee was in attendance. Mrs. Boyd explained the process for the benefit of those in attendance. The budget was discussed in detail and members in the audience had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Public Hearing concluded at 7:18pm and the regularly scheduled meeting reconvened.

Mrs. Boyd recommended that \$1,584,719 be submitted to Town Meeting as the FY'15 school budget.

Motion by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce to submit \$1,584,719 as the school budget for FY'15.

MOTION APPROVED

**OPEN FORUM:**

None

Dr. Nosek requested that the committee enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Committee will reconvene the meeting in open session.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Committee will reconvene the meeting in open session.

Karen Blasco - Yes  
Ed Boyce – Yes  
Susan Hubbell – Yes  
Christine Randall - Yes

MOTION APPROVED

The regular scheduled meeting reconvened at 7:50pm.

Christine Randall requested a motion to ratify the Educational Support Personnel contract.

Susan Hubbell made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to ratify the Educational Support Personnel contract.

MOTION APPROVED with Karen Blasco voting against the contract. Ed Boyce voted yes as the representative for the Select Board.

MOTION APPROVED

A motion to adjourn was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce at 7:53pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal

**PUBLIC HEARING – FY'15 Budget**  
**March 19, 2014 – 6:30pm**

The Public Hearing on the FY'15 budget commenced at 6:32pm. In attendance were Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Karen Blasco, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

**Absent:** Mrs. Lynn Serrenho

There was a member of the Wales Finance Committee in attendance.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal

# EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

## March 19, 2014

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

**Absent:** Mrs. Lynn Serrenho

The Executive Session convened at 7:28pm.

Dr. Erin Nosek and Mrs. Deb Boyd discussed contract negotiations with union personnel.

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Karen Blasco, to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:50pm and reconvene in open session.

Karen Blasco – Yes

Ed Boyce – Yes

Susan Hubbell – Yes

Christine Randall - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal