

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: April 16, 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: None

Audience Present: Parents and Community Members

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

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce, to approve the Regular Session minutes of March 19, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Karen Blasco, to approve the Public Hearing minutes of March 19, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce, to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 19, 2014.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$1,034,375. This is 68% of the budget, which compares to 70% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

SWEC Quarterly Report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of April and May was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ The quarterly fire drill was held on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 11:15am.
- ❖ Grades 4, 5, and 6 participated in the Tantasqua Relay For Life and raised \$3,008. This is the 9th year that the students at the school have participated.
- ❖ Kindergarten and Preschool Screening will be held on May 22, 2014.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mrs. Lynn Serrenho has moved out of town and she was contacted and asked to submit her letter of resignation. The policy states that you cannot be on the School Committee if you do not reside in the town.

The Outstanding Vocational Student was recognized last night at Tantasqua High School.

April 29th is the Day on the Hill.

Finger Printing is a new statute and all new employees hired this year will need to be completed by June 30th. The cost is \$35.00 for non-licensed staff and \$55.00 for licensed staff.

Team Chef Competition will be held on May 3rd from 12-3pm at the Sturbridge Host.

Documents regarding the Superintendent's Evaluation will be sent to School Committee members.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Christine Randall recommended that the school committee complete a self-evaluation sometime in May or June.

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Regional School Committee members had the opportunity to view some of the work that the high school has been doing regarding NEASC.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

A parent asked for a review of the process to follow to become a school committee member.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ed Boyce made a motion, seconded by Susan Hubbell, to have the Wales Elementary School suspend their membership with NEASC.

Karen Blasco made an amendment to the motion, seconded by Christine Randall, to change the word suspend to withdraw.

Susan Hubbell noted for the record that she had been previously told by a resident that if she votes on the NEASC topic, there would be a lawsuit filed against her and the School Committee due to a conflict of interest. However, she has been informed by the state ethics board there is no conflict and therefore will be voting.

Vote on the amended motion: Yes – 2
No – 2

MOTION DEFEATED

Vote on the original motion: Yes – 4

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

Superintendent Nosek requested that the Wales School Committee vote to continue School Choice at the school.

Karen Blasco made a motion, seconded by Ed Boyce, to continue accepting School Choice students at the Wales Elementary School. There is a cap of 20 students in Kindergarten and 22 students in Grades 1-6.

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Blasco, seconded by Ed Boyce at 6:30pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal