

## **Wales School Committee**

Meeting of: November 15, 2017

**Present:** Mrs. Christine Randall, Mrs. Cindy Lena, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mrs. Amy Bishop, Ms. Lindsay Valanzola, Mr. Jeffrey Zanghi, and Mr. Richard Zinkus

**Absent:** None

**Audience Present:** Staff Member

Meeting was called to order at 6:01pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IMMEDIATE ISSUES**

None

### **MINUTES**

Motion made by Ms. Valanzola, seconded by Mrs. Lena, to approve the Regular Session minutes of October 18, 2017.

MOTION APPROVED

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Financial Report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$386,972. This is 23% of the budget, which compares to 25% expended at approximately the same time last year.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*SWEC First Quarter Report – Sent electronically
- \*Memo from D. Boyd re: FY19 School Budget Liaisons
- \*Letter to Freedom Credit Union re: Donation
- \*Final Approval Letter from MA DEP
- \*MA DEP Sanitary Survey

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of November and December was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 159 students.
- ❖ The semi-annual Building Evacuation Drill was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 under the supervision of the Wales Fire and Police Departments.
- ❖ The annual Tornado Drill was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 under the supervision of the Wales Police Department.
- ❖ The semi-annual Alice Drill was held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 under the supervision of the Wales Police Department. Every child was out of sight within 47 seconds.

### **MCAS REPORT**

Wales Elementary School did not display the progress on the recent MCAS tests that have been shown in the past years.

Wales Elementary School has been a Level 1 school in past years. With this being the first year of the Next-Generation MCAS test, schools across the state were not assigned levels.

Grade 3 showed results that were below the state average in both ELA and Math.

Grade 4 showed results that were above the state average in both ELA and Math.

Grade 5 showed results that were above the state average in ELA, Math, and Science/Technology.

Grade 6 showed results that were above the state average in ELA and below the state average in Math.

Improvement opportunities include staff meetings on a regular basis to address the weaknesses of students and develop interventions to meet the needs of the students. STAR Reading, STAR Math data, common assessment data, Aimsweb data, and data in

individual classrooms will continue to be the focal point of developing plans to meet the needs of students.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

The joint meeting will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

- There is an adult talent/variety show on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Tantasqua High School.
- The PTF Tree Lighting event will be held at the school on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in conjunction with the Wales Police and Fire Departments.

### **TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT**

There was no Tantasqua Meeting since the last Wales School Committee meeting.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Boehne distributed various documents from the MASC/MASS conference.

### **OPEN FORUM**

None

A motion was made by Mrs. Randall, seconded by Mrs. Bishop to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal