

Wales Virtual School Committee Meeting

Meeting of: May 13, 2020

PRESENT: Mrs. Cindy Lena, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Christine Randall, Mrs. Amy Bishop

ABSENT: Ms. Carolyn Boehne

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mrs. Jodi Bourassa, Greg Rossow, Ms. Linda Christofori and Mrs. Karen Miarecki

AUDIENCE PRESENT: Staff members, Community member

Regular Session Open at 6:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall to approve the February 12th Regular Session and April 15th Virtual Regular Session and Virtual Public Hearing FY21 Budget.

Discussion: Changing Linda to Karen for Minutes Submitted

VOTE: Unanimous, as amended

Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

Financial Report:

- Regular transportation line will see a surplus of \$8,500 due to school closure
- Additional Food Service expenditure will need to be charged to general fund due to school closure

Motion was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Amy Bishop, to bring forward the reduced amount of \$1,840,370 to Town Meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

Motion was made by Amy Bishop, seconded by Ed Boyce, to accept the FY21 Budget Reconsiderations/Reductions of the following: Professional Development in the amount of \$3,000, Central Office Admin Position in the amount of \$2,500, Remedial Reading 50% in the amount of \$32,740 and utilizing additional School Choice Funds in the amount of \$5114, for a total of \$43,354 Reduction.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

Communications

- School Board Article from Tony Bent – FYI Provided in Packet
- Food Service Communication – FYI Provided in Packet

Principals Report – Ms. Linda Christofori reviewed her Report and highlighted the information below:

- MCAS – Has been canceled

Superintendent's Report

- Remote Learning – It has been a team effort with staff, students, and family. The Family letter was sent home to all regarding the phases from the Commissioner.
- OSV – No new Kindergarten Students
- June Meeting – Would like to meet prior to the Town Meeting for Budget
- Joint Meeting – Superintendent Evaluation Process and Central Office Budget will be part of the discussions.

Tantasqua Representative Report

- Rolling out Phase 3
- What Phase 4 will look like
- Commencement
 - Summer date (TDB) for Graduation will potentially be held on the Football Field.
 - Senior Yard Signs are being ordered/provided by Student Council. They raised \$3,600
- Joint Meeting – Will be held May 26th

Public Access

None

Old Business

Motion was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall to Approve Adopted Amended Policies BEDG, BEE, BG, BGC, BGD, BGE, BHC, BHE, BIA, BIBA, BJ, CB, CBD, CBI, CHCA, CM, DA, DB and EDC on Second Reading and to Rescind Adopted Policies BGB, CA, CHB and CHCA-E on Second Reading.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

New Business

- Teacher Evaluation Update (Vote provided below)
- 19-20 School Calendar Update (Vote provided below)
- Superintendent Evaluation Process – FYI

Motion was made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to Support the Teacher Evaluation Update as presented.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

Motion was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Amy Bishop, to Accept the changes to the 19-20 School Calendar. Last day of school for students will be June 12th and last day of school for staff will be June 15th.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes

At 7:00 p.m., Christine Randall moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with MGL Ch. 30A, Section 21A(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if 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 adjourn the meeting from Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Lena – Yes, Boyce – Yes, Randall – Yes, Bishop – Yes