

Wales School Committee Virtual Meeting

Meeting of Monday October 26, 2020

PRESENT: Ed Boyce, Carolyn Boehne, Ashley Gallant

ABSENT: Christine Randall, Amy Bishop

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Erin Nosek, Deborah Boyd, Jodi Bourassa, Linda Christofori, and Karen Miarecki

AUDIENCE PRESENT: Staff Members, Community Members

Regular Session Opened at 6:00 p.m.

The Agenda has been adjusted to ensure BOH and BOS Members are present

Communications

HEPA Filtration System Update - Mike Valenzola and David Foote discussed the Air filtration system answering any inquiries that arose. The deliveries are moving forward with seven units on the way with an ETA of Thursday October 29th. These units are hospital grade; they pull in filtration and push out for air circulation and ventilation. "Cares" Money is assisting in this purchase.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Ashley Gallant, seconded by Carolyn Boehne to approve the September 16, 2020 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Discussion:

VOTE: Gallant – Yes, Boehne – Yes, Boyce - Yes

Financial Report

- Due to staff changes and moves, support staff lines are not the balances. However, shortfalls in Instructional Aides will be covered with surpluses in Teacher Aides and Technology Aides.
- One additional out of district placement occurred after the budget was approved leaving the tuition line short. This will create a shortfall in the overall budget unless other areas have surplus to cover.
- Reminder - \$37,351 was voted from School Choice and has been charged to cover operational salaries.

Principal's Report – Ms. Linda Christofori reviewed her Report and highlighted the below:

- In-Person Capacity – Need a full quorum to discuss in detail. Lynda will send out a survey on full remote and Hybrid to evaluate moving forward.
- Dr. Nosek thanked Jodi Bourassa and Greg Rossow for looking into the Grants provided for the Notebooks.

Superintendent's Report

- School Re-opening Information - Appreciation provided to Support Staff, Maintenance, Parents, and all that have helped with all for their hard work
- Free Breakfasts – Continue through the rest of the year
- Enrollment is holding steady
- Remote learning – Commissioner granted approval regarding remote learning to be provided during snow days
- Education Evaluation Updates – Working on timelines and observations

Tantasqua Representative Report

- Will report out at next committee meeting

Old Business

Building Use will be used for the November 3rd Election – Remote Learning Day

Public Access

- Snow Day – Would teachers be required to work remotely or live instruction and would that be with synchronous or asynchronous learning? This will all be reviewed and adapted to each situation.

Old Business

None

New Business

- MASC Delegate – Will vote upon next week
- Approval of MOA with Wales Teachers Assoc. will be on next meeting's agenda
- Approval of MOA with Wales Education Support Professionals will be on next meeting's agenda

At 6:13 p.m., Ashley Gallant 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: Boyce– Yes, Gallant– Yes, Boehne– Yes