

Wales School Committee Meeting
Meeting of Wednesday January 20, 2021
Wales Elementary School
6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. Christine Randall, Ms. Ashley Gallant, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mr. John Croke, and Mr. Ed Boyce

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

AUDIENCE PRESENT: Staff Member

Regular Session Opened at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Gallant to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2020 Regular Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous with one abstention - John Croke

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Gallant to approve the Minutes of December 9, 2020 Executive Session.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous with one abstention - John Croke

Financial Report

No significant variances

Communications

- 1st Qtr FY21 SWCEC Report - Sent electronically (12/16/2020)
- 2nd Qtr FY21 SWCEC Report - Sent electronically (01/15/2021)
- Lead & Copper Sampling Letter - All data is good.

Principals Report Linda Christofori reviewed her report.

- Class size update
- Water Tests- The water was tested for lead, copper and manganese in December and filtration system continues to work efficiently. All results were in acceptable limits.
- Vacation Learning Grant - Wales was awarded a \$12,000 learning grant to assist with instruction for students who may have a deficit due to the circumstances around remote learning and the pandemic.

Superintendent's Report

- School Reopening Updates - COVID-19 data display that will be allocated on the website and will be updated weekly.
- COVID-19 Vaccines - Optimistic that nurses will be Phase 1; K-12 Educators will be provided Phase 2. Flu cases students - Flu shots were required and not seeing many flu cases at all.
- DESE - 2021 Assessment and Accountability Update
- MCAS Testing - Will be supported to assist in deficits for academic growth and to allocate any gaps.
- Family letter will be sent out soon - Almost at the halfway point of the year.
- Enrollment updates - Will be provided next month.

Tantasqua Representative Report

- Budget Shortfall - Oil and Electricity is up
- Project 351 discussion
- Graduation - Will be held on 6/12 (rain date 6/13) on the field.
- Student Council - Virtual Events are taking place (such as polar plunge and trivia nights)

Public Access

None

Unfinished Business

- CM-1 - Annual Report Cards - Rescind Second Reading and Adopt
- COVID-19 Vaccination Timeline from State of Massachusetts
- IKAC - Annual Report Cards - Rescind Second Reading and Adopt
- IKAC-1 - Parent/Guardian Notification - Right to Know - Rescind Second Reading and Adoption
- CE- Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees - Amend on Second Reading and Adoption
- CH - Policy Implementation - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- CHC - Procedures Dissemination - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- IC/ICA - School Year/School Calendar - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- IE - Organization of Instruction - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- IGA - Curriculum Development - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- IGB - Support Services Programs - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- IHB - Special Instructional Programs and Accommodations - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JB - Equal Education Opportunities - Amend Second Reading and Adoption
- JH - Student Absences and Excuses - Amend Second Reading and Adoption

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Randal to Rescind Adopted Policies CM-1, IKAC and IKAC-1 on Second Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Randal to Adopt Amended Policies CE, CH, CHC, IC/ICA, IE, IGA, IGB, IHB, JB, and JH on Second Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Open Forum

This is an opportunity to offer comments or observations about the School committee and its work. Motion may be made during this session to establish New Business for a subsequent meeting or to refer a topic to a subcommittee. Members are limited to two minutes each and the session shall be limited to 15 minutes.

None

New Business

- JFBB-1 – School Choice - Amend First Reading[1]
- DJG – Vendor Relations - Rescind First Reading
- ACA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex - Amend First Reading[2]
- ACAB – Sexual Harassment Policy - Amend First Reading[3]
- ACAC – Title IX Policy - Amend First Reading
- DBD – Budget Planning - Amend First Reading
- DJE – Bidding Requirements - Amend First Reading
- DKC – Expense Reimbursements - Amend First Reading [4]

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Randal to Approve all Policies as listed under New Business (Rescinded and Amended) on First Reading

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Virtual School - Enrollment Restrictions – Discussion of allowable restrictions to enrollment - State of Massachusetts.

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mr. Croke to approve the recommended 1% cap regarding the Virtual School Enrollment

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

At 6:51 p.m. Motion was made by Mrs. Randall, seconded by Mr. Croke to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous