

Wales School Committee

Meeting of: March 16, 2016

Present: Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

Absent: None

Audience Present: None

Meeting was called to order at 6:03pm and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IMMEDIATE ISSUES:

None

MINUTES:

Motion made by Michael Cizik, seconded by Cindy Lena, to approve the Regular Session minutes of February 10, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Michael Cizik, to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 10, 2016.

MOTION APPROVED

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$901,681. This is 55% of the budget, which compares to 61% expended at approximately this same time last year.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Letter from Wales Board of Selectmen re: Response to Water Quality Concerns
- Letter from Department of Environmental Protection - Conditional Approval
- Letter from McClure Engineering to DEP
- Day on the Hill/Tuesday, April 26, 2016
- DEP sent a notice on noncompliance on March 4, 2016 indicating that the actual results of lead/copper test needed to be sent to parents.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- ❖ The calendar for the months of March and April was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 162 students.
- ❖ Community Reading Day festivities were held on Monday, March 2, 2016. Readers this year included Mrs. Carol Boehne, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mrs. Heidi Dietz, Mrs. Dawn Godek, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, Dr. Erin Nosek, and Mr. Jeff Zanghi.

- ❖ Technology continues to be used on a regular basis at the school for everyday lessons. Students in Grade 3-6 are preparing for the upcoming PARCC assessment and are viewing sample questions along with practicing typing short answer responses.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Superintendent Nosek presented the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena, to accept the 2016-2017 school calendar.

MOTION APPROVED

Superintendent Nosek requested a vote to continue to accept School Choice students.

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Christine Randall, to accept School Choice students at the Wales Elementary School for the 2016-2017 school year. Class sizes would be limited to eighteen students in Kindergarten and twenty-two students in Grades 1-4.

MOTION APPROVED

REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

None

TANTASQUA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Ed Boyce stated that a discussion regarding School Choice was held at the Tantasqua Regional School Committee Meeting last night. In the next few years, it is anticipated that there will be 100 fewer students at the regional level from all of the towns.

Michael Lucas, principal of the high school, was selected as Administrator of the year by the Massachusetts Association of Student Councils.

PUBLIC ACCESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy JKAA Physical Restraint of Students was presented on second reading and a request was made to vote for adoption.

Motion by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena, to adopt Policy JKAA on second reading.

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no audience for the Public Hearing which commenced at 6:40pm.

Mrs. Boyd recommended that \$1,608,073 be submitted to Town Meeting as the FY'17 school budget.

Motion by Cindy Lena, seconded by Carolyn Boehne, to submit \$1,608,073 as the school budget for FY'17.

MOTION APPROVED

OPEN FORUM:

None

A motion to adjourn was made by Christine Randall, seconded by Cindy Lena at 6:46pm.

MOTION APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal

PUBLIC HEARING – FY'17 Budget
March 15, 2016 – 6:30pm

The Public Hearing on the FY'17 budget commenced at 6:40pm. In attendance were Dr. Erin Nosek, Mrs. Deb Boyd, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Ms. Carolyn Boehne, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mr. Michael Cizik, Mrs. Cindy Lena, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

There was nobody in attendance for the Public Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus
Principal