

**MISSION STATEMENT  
ENSURING CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT FOR EACH LEARNER**

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. commits to ensuring that each student develops and applies the skills necessary for achievement by setting high academic and behavioral expectations, addressing individual needs and differences, and utilizing effective teaching strategies within a safe, respectful environment. The responsibility for education is shared by school, student, family and community.

**MINUTES**

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee held their regular meeting on **September 15, 2010** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent. In addition, the Finance Sub-Committee met at **5:45 p.m.**

School Committee members attending included Chair David Johnson, Vice Chair Damon Russell, Matthew Chase, Russell Fox, Sue Pollard and Diana Allen. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Elaine Tomaszewski, and Special Education Director Karen Ropes.

Visitors attending included Director of Finance Scott Smith, Victoria Aldridge, and Maryanne Foley.

**I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement**

Chairperson Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Chairperson Johnson mentioned the recent tragic loss of two Wells High School students in an automobile accident. Chairperson Johnson asked for a moment of silence.

**III. Adjustments to Agenda**

The tour of Wells High School will be postponed to a future meeting.

**IV. Recognition, education and/or school presentations**

None

**V. Public Comments**

None

**VI. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meeting held on September 1, 2010**

Motion to approve minutes of the School Committee meeting held on September 1, 2010 as presented

Moved: Matt Chase

Seconded: Damon Russell

Vote: 6-0

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

A. Items for Information

1. Arts in Education Week
2. Graduation Rate Calculation
3. NEAS&C Special Progress Report
4. Report on Roof Repair History

Superintendent Tomaszewski shared a note and handout from Sandy Brennan outlining Arts in Education Week.

Superintendent Tomaszewski explained the new method of calculating graduation rates. She also mentioned concerns about the "cohort method" which prompted much discussion.

Superintendent Tomaszewski reviewed the NEASC special progress report showing Wells High School received 13 commendations. She noted the high school is aware of the additional recommendations and is continuing the plan to address them.

Superintendent Tomaszewski reviewed the Roof Project history that outlines the dollar amount and location of each project in each school year as requested at a previous meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

A. Federal Education Jobs Bill Update

Superintendent Tomaszewski provided an update on the Federal Education Jobs Bill noting the district will receive \$219,706.90 from this bill. This amount can be carried over into the next fiscal year or used in the current fiscal year for salary related items. Superintendent Tomaszewski explained the grant has been submitted using a portion of the money to replace a math tutorial staff position that was cut at the elementary school (\$39,203) and an unforeseen need for an extra section of Foreign Language at the high school (\$4,224.90).

Discussion around increasing the Gifted and Talented staffing at the elementary school and replacing hours for other cut positions took place. The Superintendent was asked to do an analysis of the Gifted and Talented Program and provide an outline of other cut positions to determine if an amended grant application will be submitted.

**IX. New Business**

- A. Consideration and approval of stipend positions
  - 1. Cindy Roche – Class of 2012 Advisor
  - 2. Lee McGlashan – Class of 2014 Advisor
  - 3. Judi Dion – Fall Fitness Center Supervisor

Motion to approve the appointment of the stipend positions as listed

Moved: Damon Russell      Seconded: Sue Pollard      Vote: 6-0

- B. Consideration and approval of volunteer positions
  - 1. Kevin Banfield – Volunteer Golf Coach

Motion to approve the appointment of the volunteer position as listed

Moved: Matt Chase      Seconded: Sue Pollard      Vote: 6-0

**X. Committee Reports**

Russell Fox shared that the committee met this evening to discuss the Final Report for FY 09-10, the Initial Report for FY 10-11, Policy DJ – Bidding/Purchasing Requirements, Chairperson selection and a review of standard documents.

**XI. Adjournment**

To adjourn meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Moved: Damon Russell      Seconded: Diana Allen      Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine M. Tomaszewski, Secretary  
Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D.