

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

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. commits to ensuring that each scholar develops the social, academic, critical and creative thinking skills necessary to meet with success in college, career, citizenship and life. The responsibility for education is shared by student, family, school and community.

MINUTES

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee held their regular meeting on **May 4, 2011** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent.

School Committee members attending included Damon Russell, David Johnson, Russell Fox, Diana Allen, Michael McDonald and John Eliopoulos. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Elaine Tomaszewski, Karen Ropes, Johanna Reinke, Chris Chessie, Pat Hayden, Cheryl Mills, Marianne Horne and Ken Spinney.

Visitors attending included Victoria Aldridge, Robert Sirpenski, Linda Gaidimas, Diane Norton, John Bailey, Maryanne Foley, Reg Bennett, Linda Delaney-Angus and Marc Saulnier.

I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement

Chairperson Russell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Russell thanked David Johnson for his service as Chair.

III. Adjustments to Agenda

None

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 April 6, 2011

Motion to approve minutes of the School Committee meeting held on April 6, 2011 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Michael McDonald

Vote: 6-0

VII. Superintendent's Report

A. Notification of Retirement

1. Phillip Stirk

B. Items for Information

1. Meeting with RSU 21 and Select Boards
2. Local School Board Recognition Week
3. April 1 Enrollments
4. Commissioner's Visit
5. School Resource Officer
6. End of Year Events

C. *Board and Administrator*

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Tomaszewski

- Shared Phillip Stirk has submitted his letter of intent to retire effective at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.
- Pointed out the meeting with RSU 21 and the Select Boards has been postponed and we have not yet received a new date.
- Announced that last week was Local School Board Recognition Week. She read a resolution from Maine School Management Association. She then presented each School Committee with a photograph thanking them for their service.
- Shared the April 1 enrollment is 1,412 students, an increase of 18 students since the October 1 enrollment count.
- Shared the Commissioner of Education was in Sanford on April 11 to listen to concerns from York County residents regarding education. The Commissioner primarily listened to attendees, but said he wants to create a long range plan for education.

- Noted Josh Stewart, who has served as our School Resource Officer for the past four years, has left the Wells Police Department for a position in Kittery. Detective Ian Munger will be the interim SRO for the remainder of the school year.
- Reviewed a calendar of end of the year events within the District.
- Provided an update regarding a bullet found at Wells High School on April 7, stating all school safety procedures were followed and the school was put into a modified lockdown the next day. The administration at the high school handled this incident promptly and by procedure. The Superintendent thanked the Wells Police Department, Mr. Daly and Ms. Sheehy for their work.
- Shared that on April 28, Senator Susan Collins visited Wells Elementary School and spent approximately two hours with second grade students. This visit was initiated through an invitation by Community Resource Coordinator Maryanne Foley as part of “America Reads”.
- Reviewed the April issue of *Board and Administrator* highlighting specific topics regarding Board’s rating their performance, viewing the Superintendent as CEO, having a policy regarding board members visiting schools and having a detailed alcohol policy.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

A. Employment

- i. Consideration and approval of nominees for 2nd year probationary and continuing contracts for the 2011-2012 school year
- ii. Consideration and approval of nominations for Extended School Year Services Personnel

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated the following persons for 2nd year probationary contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Lindsey Blackburn, Justine Martin, Charlotte Wilson, Suzanne LaPlante-Killoran and Michael Richards

Motion to approve the nominees listed above for 2nd year probationary contracts as recommended by Superintendent Tomaszewski

Moved: Michael McDonald Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated the following persons for continuing contracts for the 2011-2012 school year: Erin Bartlett, Kerry Georgitis, Kristie Soucy, and Kristin Wells

Motion to approve the nominees listed above for continuing contracts as recommended by Superintendent Tomaszewski

Moved: Michael McDonald Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated the following persons to serve as Extended School Year Services personnel: Eric Hopkins, Erin Bartlett, Erin Boisrond, Beth Goodwin, Kristin Wells, Ken West, Gale Bernard, Martha Brown, Jane Garnsey, Judy Gimenez, Larisa Guerin, Bailey Johnson, Kim McDonough, Gail Moulton, Kayla Hinkley, Myra Michaud and Julie Moore.

Motion to approve the nominees listed above for the Extended School Year Services Personnel as recommended by Superintendent Tomaszewski

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: John Eliopoulos Vote: 5-0-1
(Johnson abstained)

- B. Consideration and approval of volunteer position
 - i. WHS Varsity Girls Lacrosse – Richard Godin

Motion to approve the volunteer position as presented

Moved: Michael McDonald Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

- C. Consideration and approval of Grade 8 Algebra Readiness Curriculum Proposal

Linda Gaidimas outlined the proposal. Timeframes were discussed and Linda noted this course would be for approximately 10 students who are struggling and those students who move in without readiness background for Algebra.

Motion to approve the Grade 8 Algebra Readiness Curriculum Proposal as presented

Moved: David Johnson Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

- D. Consideration and approval of Grade 8 Algebra Readiness Textbook Proposal

Linda Gaidimas outlined the proposal, noting the cost of the textbooks would be approximately \$2,000

Motion to approve the Grade 8 Algebra Readiness Textbook Proposal as presented

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 6-0

- E. Consideration and approval of signing warrant for the FY 2011-2012 proposed budget

Russell Fox noted the District will realize an \$85,000 savings in health insurance and believes the budget should be reduced by that amount. Superintendent Tomaszewski explained health insurance was budgeted with a 10% increase in the budget totals approved by the School Committee on April 6, but in fact increased 6.5%. The savings from health insurance would be helpful with oil prices still being so volatile. In response to a question, Bob Sirpenski said oil is in the budget at \$3.36 per gallon, but as of today the actual price is \$3.61 per gallon. After much discussion, it was determined to maintain the health insurance line as budgeted.

Motion to approve signing warrant for the FY 2011-2012 proposed budget

Moved: Michael McDonald Seconded: John Eliopoulos Vote: 5-1
(Fox)

- F. Consideration and approval of signing District Warrant and Budget Meeting Approval, Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum Approval and Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting Approval

Motion to approve signing District Warrant and Budget Meeting Approval, Notice of Election for the District Budget Validation Referendum Approval and Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting Approval

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 6-0

- G. Consideration and approval of signing Warrant and Notice of Election calling Wells-Ogunquit Community School District #18 Budget Validation Referendum for both Wells and Ogunquit

Motion to approve signing Warrant and Notice of Election calling Wells-Ogunquit Community School District #18 Budget Validation Referendum for both Wells and Ogunquit

Moved: David Johnson Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

- H. Consideration and approval authorizing Superintendent Tomaszewski to post the Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting

Motion to approve authorizing Superintendent Tomaszewski to post the Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting

Moved: David Johnson Seconded: John Eliopoulos Vote: 6-0

X. Committee Reports

None

XI. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations between the Wells-Ogunquit CSD School Committee and the Wells-Ogunquit Teachers Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D). Superintendent Tomaszewski and Robert Sirpenski were invited to attend.

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 6-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. by Chairperson Russell. There was no action as a result of the Executive Session.

XII. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: Michael McDonald Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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