

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 **March 7, 2012** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Olenn Auditorium, Wells High School, 200 Sanford Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included Damon Russell, Russell Fox, Marc Saulnier, Diana Allen and David Johnson. Les LaFond was excused. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Elaine Tomaszewski, Chris Chessie, Jim Daly, Marianne Horne, Johanna Reinke, Eileen Sheehy and Karen Ropes.

Visitors attending included Bruce Rudolph, Reg Bennett, Linda Angus-Delaney, Michael Richards, Dan Ellingson, Jack Molloy, Cindy Roche, Tim Roche, Donna Longley, Lynn Mercier, Tracy Durfee, Barbar Dailey, Wayne Haas, Whitney Lalles, Konnor Swett, Zak Harding and Marc Harding.

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.

III. Adjustments to Agenda

- VII.A.3.i. WJHS Track Coach – remove from agenda
 - VII.A.3.ii. WHS JV Baseball – move to IX.B. for consideration and approval
 - IX.B.i. WHS JV Softball – remove from agenda
- Add Evolving Education presentation under Superintendent's Report

IV. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

- A. Grade 12 Class Trip

Whitney Lalles and Konnor Swett, Class President and Vice President, reviewed the proposed Grade 12 Class Trip. The request is for the class to go white water rafting with an overnight to build teamwork skills. The dates of the trip will be May 25 – May 26.

Motion to approve the Grade 12 Class Trip as presented

Moved: David Johnson

Second: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

B. WHS Architect/Engineering Study Update

Dan Ellingson from Harriman Associates reviewed the WHS study. Dan explained after conducting a thorough study of the building, everything in the school seems a bit too small. Dan used the auditorium as an example of “out of compliance” items stating under ADA guidelines the slopes are too steep, there are no sprinklers and no handicap access to the stage. He went on to say the technology and building systems are not efficient. The structure of the building itself is solid. Dan outlined the process, stating questionnaires were completed by staff and students. The firm also spoke with town officials. Most classroom sizes are below state standards. We have a shortage of locker space and need to increase the size of the building by 30%.

The firm was asked to provide several options for discussion:

Baseline – look at what needs to be done to maintain the current building for 10 years. This would be mostly mechanical fixes with a cost of over \$5 million.

Renovate & Expand – approximate cost would be \$22.5 million and could lead to unforeseen issues and disruption to students.

New Construction – this has two options

Build On-Site with a cost of \$29.5 million

Build Off-Site with a cost of \$32.2 million

Several members of the community asked questions regarding average life span of school buildings, timeframes, financial aid and next steps.

Bruce Rudolph stated once the School Committee makes a decision on which option they would prefer, Harriman Associates would complete a concept design, and then the drawings would go to bid. A vote could be taken at the June 2013 referendum. Depending on the option, the process could take up to four years.

C. FY '13 Budget Presentation

Superintendent Tomaszewski provided a presentation regarding the preliminary FY '13 budget. The estimated increase at this point is .49%, which represents an increase of \$104,000. The next step is to hold the public hearing scheduled for March 21.

V. **Public Comments**

Wayne Haas asked about tuition for a student going to science camp at George Mason University. WHS Principal Jim Daly answered the tuition is paid for by a federal grant.

VI. **Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on:**

- a. February 1, 2012

Motion to approve minutes of February 1, 2012 as presented

Moved: Russell Fox

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

VII. **Superintendent's Report**

A. Items of Information

1. Wells Public Library Meeting
2. Report of Activities

B. *Board and Administrator*

C. District Reports

1. Wells High School
2. Wells Junior High School
3. Collaborative Content Coach – Technology
4. Education Evolving: Maine's Plan for Putting Learners First

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Tomaszewski

- Shared she and Bruce Rudolph had another meeting with the President and Vice President from the Wells Public Library to further discuss the library expansion piece of land directly behind the library building.
- Noted she read to 4th graders this week to celebrate Read Across America.

- Highlighted topics in the February edition of *Board and Administrator*. These topics included handling conflict, ethic issues as they arise; process for handling conflicts of interest; should board members be advocates; rule of board service; and evaluating your board's policy focus.

District Reports (all reports are posted on the District website):

Jim Daly, Wells High School

Mr. Daly shared the 1st and 2nd trimesters were tremendous; Denzel Tomaszewski broke a record in track, both the girls and boys basketball team went to the championship round and wrestling and track had great seasons. He said all six "at-risk" students last year graduated.

Chris Chessie, Wells Junior High School

Mr. Chessie outlined the Thanksgiving Dinner that saw the help of the entire school and community members. He said the ENCORE singing group performed the National Anthem at the House of Representatives in Augusta. Drama will present "Beauty and the Beast Jr." on March 15-17. After being asked, Mr. Chessie said 79% of the students at Wells Junior High School are performing at or above proficient on the NECAP.

Michael Richards – Collaborative Content Coach – Technology

Mr. Richards stated he had a meeting with 10 community members to look at what should be incorporated for technology and the big focus was on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

Education Evolving: Maine's Plan for Putting Learners First

Superintendent Tomaszewski shared a report on Commissioner Bowen's plan regarding Education Evolving. It will require a change in instruction, assessment and student enjoyment. A tremendous amount of professional development is necessary. Commissioner Bowen has been visiting various schools and conducting meetings to compile this information. The full plan can be seen on the Department of Education's website.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

- A. 1st Reading of Policies
 - i. Policy KG – Community Use of School Buildings and Facilities
 - ii. Policy JLA – Student Wellness
 - iii. Policy IJNDB – Student Computer and Internet Use
 - iv. Policy JICJ – Student Use of Cellular Telephones and Other Electronic Devices
 - v. Policy BDE – School Committee Committees

Motion to table policies until April meeting

Moved: Russell Fox Seconded: Marc Saulnier Vote: 5-0

- B. Consideration and approval of stipend position
 - i. WHS JV Baseball – Russ Kramer

Motion to approve the stipend position as presented

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 5-0

- C. Consideration and approval of volunteer position
 - i. WHS Volunteer Varsity Baseball – Dean Hudon

Motion to approve the volunteer position as presented

Moved: David Johnson Seconded: Marc Saulnier Vote: 5-0

- D. 1st Reading of 2012-2013 school calendar

Motion to table the 2012-2013 school calendar until April meeting

Moved: Russell Fox Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 5-0

X. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Sub-Committee

Russell Fox shared the Finance Committee met several times to review the preliminary budget and tonight to discuss a review of Food Service, YTD finances, accounts payable warrants, and follow-up on questions from prior to the meeting.

B. Policy Sub-Committee

Damon Russell noted the Policy Committee met on February 8 to discuss several policies, most of which were brought for 1st reading this evening. The next policy meeting will be held on March 14.

XI. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Moved: Russell Fox

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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