

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 a regular meeting on **March 28, 2012** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent, 1460 Post 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, Jim Daly, Marianne Horne, Johanna Reinke, Karen Ropes, Cheryl Mills, Ken Spinney , Eileen Sheehy and Pat Hayden.

Visitors attending included Bruce Rudolph, Linda Angus-Delaney, Michael Richards, Maryanne Foley, Donna Sweeney, Bonnie Dill, Suzie Dugovic, Celeste Beaulieu, Linda Gaidimas, Zak Harding and Bob Foley.

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.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Diana Allen asked to have an Executive Session added to the end of the meeting.

Superintendent Tomaszewski shared Sara Snow-Brine will be surveying parents in regard to the 2012-2013 school calendar. Sara would prefer school to begin after Labor Day.

III. Public Comment

Marianne Horne – expressed support for the Director of Instructional Improvement position. In the past, principals and assistant principals were required to co-chair vertical team meetings for the purpose of coordinating curriculum. This has not fully happened until the Director of Instructional Improvement began 1 ½ years ago. Ms. Horne is fearful we as a district will slip from good to mediocre if this position were eliminated. She stated we have accomplished more in the last year than we have in the past eight years in terms of curriculum.

Suzie Dugovic – stated we have done great work in aligning the curriculum and it would be a shame to let that go by eliminating the Director of Instructional Improvement position.

Linda Gaidimas – shared the Director of Instructional Improvement position gives a K-12 prospective to the curriculum, not just building based. In addition to the curriculum, this position oversees gifted/talented, English Learners and a host of other areas. She stated we need this position to put pieces in place to meeting Common Core standards.

Bonnie Dill – wrote a letter of support with Bruce Fearon. She stated it is important for teachers to have a go to person for curriculum questions. The Director of Instructional Improvement is that go to person. In the past 28 years she has been with the district, she has seen the curriculum position change and be eliminated; it is really difficult when this position goes away. We get to the brink of great then slip back when it is eliminated.

IV. Old Business

- A. FY '13 Budget Deliberations
- Finance updates
 - Personnel updates
 - Recommendations

Finance updates: Bruce Rudolph discussed three items regarding finances: the Jobs Bill is a loss of \$160,000, he estimates revenue will be down \$33,000 from last year; the mil rate for a \$104,000 increase would be +\$.01 for Wells and +\$.04 for Ogunquit and with a zero percent increase it would be -\$.02 for Wells and +.02 for Ogunquit; shared the health insurance increase will be 4% instead of the budgeted amount 8%. This represents a savings of \$100,000.

Personnel updates: Superintendent Tomaszewski reviewed the reasons the Director of Instructional Improvement was created as presented in the approval process that took place on June 2, 2010. At that time, the School

Committee approved creating this position 4-0-1 (former member Chase abstained). She outlined the duties of the Director of Instructional Improvement. Prior to hiring this position, new teachers were writing their own curriculum which is neither supportive of our new staff nor appropriate. Pat Hayden then spoke regarding her position. Pat said when she began the district was strong laterally, but not vertically until now. It is important to build a curriculum using a scaffolding model so students have no gaps nor are they repeating work. Pat stated the Director of Instructional Improvement is exactly what this district needs to address Common Core. Several questions were asked regarding Pat's specific duties which Pat answered thoroughly.

Recommendations: Superintendent Tomaszewski stated on March 21 the School Committee instructed her to bring a recommended cut of \$104,000 from the budget for a zero percent increase. She outlined the items that would be cut based on work by the administrative team. None of the Administrators feel good about these proposed cuts. She said these cuts were established before the health insurance rates were received today, so there is \$100,000 within the budget not needed for health insurance.

The School Committee originally asked for a second meeting in April to approve the budget totals when health insurance rates would be known. They discussed this is no longer needed.

Motion to finish deliberating the budget and approve the budget totals on April 4

Moved: David Johnson

Second: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

B. WHS Study Update

Bruce Rudolph updated the School Committee regarding the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee for the high school study. The charge of the committee will be to develop a scope of work and cost estimate to address the immediate life safety, code requirements and systems replacement needs of Wells High School. The committee will be chaired by the Director of Finance & HR and will contain individuals from a mix of technical expertise, users of the facility and parents/community members.

V. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss board operations pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (A) (6).

Moved: Marc Saulnier

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. by Chairperson Russell.

No action as a result of Executive Session.

VI. **Adjournment**

To adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Moved: David Johnson

Seconded: Marc Saulnier

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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