

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 16, 2012** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Wells High School Library, 200 Sanford Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included Damon Russell, Russell Fox, Marc Saulnier, Diana Allen, David Johnson and Les LaFond. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Elaine Tomaszewski, Jim Daly, Eileen Sheehy, Cheryl Mills and Karen Ropes.

Visitors attending included Michael Richards, Jay Audet, Cheryl Oakes, Pat Hayden, Linda Delany-Angus, Cory Thyng, Mary Beth Patnaude and Maryanne Foley.

I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement

Chairperson Fox 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

Add item VI.B.ii resignation of Karen Ropes – Director of Special Services
Add item VI.C notice of retirement of Donna Sweeney – Administrative Secretary

IV. Public Comments

Les LaFond shared the Odyssey of the Mind kids presented to the Ogunquit Select Board last night. The Ogunquit town budget does not allow for them to make a donation, but each Select Board member personally donated money to the students for their trip to Iowa.

V. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on May 2, 2012:

Motion to approve minutes of May 2, 2012 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Damon Russell

Vote: 6-0

VI. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Tomaszewski

- Shared Wells High School has been ranked 684th nationally among 22,000 high schools. Locally, the high school ranked 6th Best High School in the State. Both rankings were done by *US News and World Report*.
- Notified she has accepted the resignations of Justine Martin and Karen Ropes. Justine is a Grade 2 teacher at Wells Elementary School and Karen is the Director of Special Services at the Central Office.
- Shared Donna Sweeney will retire on June 30 after 27 years of service to the district.

VII. New Business

A. Consideration and approval of extension of administrative contracts

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Christopher Chessie to the position of Wells Junior High School Principal, James Daly to the position of Wells High School Principal, Marianne Horne to the position of Wells Elementary School Principal, Cheryl Mills to the position of Adult Community Education Director, Jack Molloy to the position of Director of Student Services, Eileen Sheehy to the position of Wells High School Assistant Principal, and Kenneth Spinney II to the position of Wells Elementary School Assistant Principal and recommended extensions of their contracts one year beyond that which exists.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of individuals named and approve extension of their contracts as recommended

Moved: Damon Russell

Seconded: Les LaFond

Vote: 6-0

B. Consideration and approval of WOCSD Technology Plan

Michael explained the proposed technology plan and the committee that worked to revise it. After obtaining School Committee approval, the plan will go on to the State for approval.

Motion to approve the Wells-Ogunquit CSD Technology Plan as presented

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

Motion to adjourn this portion of the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and move to the auditorium for the workshop portion of the meeting

Moved: Les LaFond Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

VIII. School Committee Workshop – Wells High School Building Project/Options

School Committee members attending included Damon Russell, Russell Fox, Marc Saulnier, Diana Allen, David Johnson and Les LaFond. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent of Schools Elaine Tomaszewski, Jim Daly, Eileen Sheehy, Cheryl Mills, Jack Molloy and Karen Ropes.

Visitors attending workshop included Bruce Rudolph, Reg Bennett, Linda Angus-Delaney, Michael Richards, Jay Audet, Cheryl Oakes, Pat Hayden, Cory Thyng, Mary Beth Patnaude, Maryanne Foley, Ann Bechan, Charles Wilson, Brad Beisswanger, Julian Davila, Martin Ryan, Kristen Thompson, Ashley Breton, Rebecca Follansbee, James Olin, George Holdsworth, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Barbara Dailey, Erin-Kelly Haye, Zak Harding, Josh Gould, Ingrid Strange, Susan Onion, Meghan Elwood, Tim Roche, Cindy Roche, John Wright, Brad Chandler, Dan Ellingson, Bob Gilpatric, Kevin Fox, Pierce Cole, Lee McGlashan, Sarah Tavares, John Kreie, Dave Barton, Ralph Gamache, Larry Downing, Bob Winn, Bailey Johnson and Lisa Crothers.

1. Public Comment

None

2. Report of Ad Hoc Committee

Bruce Rudolph provided an explanation of the various options regarding the Wells High School building. The Ad Hoc Committee determined only a complete renovation (option C) or new building (option D) will address both facilities needs and program needs.

3. Public Comment

Josh Gould – Wells resident, Ad Hoc Committee – said he has taught at the old Noble High School and at the new Noble High School. The recent tour of Wells High School caught him off guard. He has toured ten New York City schools and each one is in better shape than Wells High School. Josh said it's time to build a facility our community can be proud of. Option C or D are the best options.

Zak Harding – Wells resident, Ad Hoc Committee – stated the educational space doesn't meet our learning needs. Option A and B don't make sense. The cost is important and affects everyone, but the next step is to make Wells High School as good as Wells Elementary School and Wells Junior High School.

George Holdsworth – Wells resident – stated he and his family chose Wells specifically because of the schools. He said the technology issues can not be ignored, but option A and B should be. George said his cell phone has more power than an entire classroom at Wells High School; this country relies on technology and we need to prepare our students for 21st century learning. He said the cost between renovating and building new is approximately the cost of a cup of coffee per month. He likes the one campus and feels we should build brand new on site.

Jim Olin – Wells resident – said he chose to move here for three reasons: basic health, quality of family life and quality of education. Our district is blessed with great teachers. For him, this is an easy decision; options A and B are not an option. He believes we need to invest in the future.

Erin Haye – Wells resident, former Ogunquit resident, Ad Hoc Committee – said she has a 7th grader and a freshman. Erin read a statement regarding what her freshman daughter's typical day looks like. This statement includes things such as the lockers being too small, teachers pushing carts with supplies because there is no storage available, café doesn't have enough seats, bathrooms are too small and some classrooms lack proper ventilation. Erin urged the School Committee to look at option C or D.

Jim Daly – Wells resident, Wells High School Principal – stated we have a tremendous community. He said the committee had to figure out which option is best for our kids. He looked back and NEASC accreditation report had the same facility concerns ten years ago.

Julian Davila – Wells High School student – said the students manage and “get by” with the school in its current condition. The arts are very important to him; he considers band like a family. He wonders if the dwindling number of band members is due to the lack of facilities. He said he came here tonight to support a new facility, a larger facility, a more up-to-date facility.

Cheryl Mills – Wells resident, Adult Community Education Director – said we need to make this commitment to our community to provide a great education. She believes option C or D will be more efficient.

Kevin O’Shaughnessy – Wells High School Teacher – endorses the idea of a new school. He said we have a great opportunity because we have a leader (Jim Daly) who cares about every single student. It’s time to invest in this high school.

4. School Committee consideration

Chair Fox asked School Committee members to comment if they wish.

Les LaFond stated whatever decision gets made has to put students first and what is best for them. The community has a sense of pride. It’s our duty to be sure that pride continues.

Chair Fox encouraged the community to tour the high school.

Superintendent Tomaszewski thanked the Ad Hoc Committee, stating they did good, quality work. She also said a workshop will be scheduled in order for the School Committee to deliberate on the options.

IX. Executive Session

- A. To receive an update regarding an employee assignment pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. to discuss an employee assignment pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Moved: David Johnson Seconded: Les LaFond Vote: 6-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. by Chairperson Fox.

Action as a result of Executive Session:

Motion to designate and recognize the position of Director of Instructional Improvement as an administrative position

Moved: Les LaFond Seconded: Damon Russell Vote: 5-1
(Johnson)

- B. To conduct the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Motion to enter Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

Moved: Les LaFond Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 10:05 p.m. by Chairperson Fox.

Action as a result of Executive Session:

Motion to renew and extend the Superintendent's contract as discussed

Moved: Les LaFond Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 6-0

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Moved: Damon Russell Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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