

**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 **June 13, 2012** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

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

Visitors attending included Bruce Rudolph, Reg Bennett, Michael Richards, Victoria Aldridge, Tim Roche, Cindy Roche, Bob Winn, Maryanne Foley, Barbara Dailey, Josh Gould, Charlie Wilson, Robyn Burnham, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Lynn Mercier, David Barton, Lisa Crothers and Zak Harding.

**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 VIII.A.vi. WHS Science Teacher – Chrystoph Demos

Delete VIII.D.ii Administrative Secretary/Data Coordinator job description

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

A. Consideration and approval of Wells High School Football Camp field trip

Tim Roche provided information on the proposed trip.

Motion to approve the Wells High School Football trip to Camp Winaukee in Moultonboro, NH in August, 2012

Moved: David Johnson      Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 6-0

## V. Public Comments

Barbara Dailey – Ogunquit resident

- Appreciates the efforts of the School Committee
- Knows there are serious deficiencies at Wells High School; despite these issues students are excelling
- Would like to hear how we could renovate with minimal disruption
- Would endorse a new building if a concrete plan was in place for reuse of the current building

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

- a. May 16, 2012
- b. May 23, 2012
- c. May 29, 2012

Motion to approve minutes of May 16, 2012, May 23, 2012, and May 29, 2012 as presented

Moved: David Johnson

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 6-0

## VII. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Tomaszewski

- Noted she has accepted the retirement notification for Nancy Whitman (WES). Nancy has been with the district for 41 years and will retire at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. The School Committee asked to have a letter of appreciation written from the them to Nancy.
- Stated she has accepted the resignation of Caroline "Callie" Clapp effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year.
- Shared approved transfers for the 2012-2013 school year: Henry Ingwersen will transfer from Multiage 3-4 Teacher to Explorations teacher at Wells Elementary School and Nancy Colley will transfer from Grade 1 Teacher to Literacy Specialist, also at Wells Elementary School.
- Discussed recent and upcoming end of the year events including graduations, Colors Day, Starz 4 Broadway and the end of the year celebration.
- Reiterated we will have a second regular meeting on June 20.
- Shared the Technology Plan has been approved by the State.

- Stated the budget passed unanimously. Cory Thyng has been elected for the seat vacated by David Johnson; Sue Pollard has been elected for the seat vacated by Damon Russell; and we are waiting for results for the one year seat as there were numerous write-ins.
- Pointed out we have received a letter asking for nomination of officers for MSBA.
- Highlighted topics in the May edition of *Board and Administrator*.
- Pat Hayden reviewed the recent Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey (MIYHS) results. For the most part, Wells has seen an improvement on drug, alcohol and tobacco use and is below the state averages.
- Pat Hayden shared NECAP, NWEA and PSAT/SAT data for the district.

### VIII. New Business

- A. Consideration and approval of employment
- i. Consideration and approval of additional nominations for Extended School Year Services Personnel
  - ii. Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher – Trisha Winslow
  - iii. WES Literacy Specialist – Bonnie Esty
  - iv. WHS Special Education Teacher – Gretchen Solomon
  - v. WES Special Education Teacher – name TBD prior to meeting
  - vi. WHS Science Teacher – Chrystophe Demo

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Rachel Seawards and Judi Dion for additional Extended School Year Services Personnel.

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the additional individuals named as Extended School Year Services Personnel

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

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Trisha Winslow for the position of Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Trisha Winslow for the position of Grade 7 Language Arts Teacher

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

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Bonnie Esty for the position of Literacy Specialist

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Bonnie Esty for the position of Literacy Specialist

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

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Gretchen Solomon for the position of WHS Special Education Teacher

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Gretchen Solomon for the position of WHS Special Education Teacher

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

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Emily Crippen for the position of WES Special Education Teacher

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Emily Crippen for the position of WES Special Education Teacher

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

Superintendent Tomaszewski nominated Chrystophe Demos for the position of WHS Science Teacher

Motion to approve the Superintendent's nomination of Chrystophe Demos for the position of WHS Science Teacher

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

- B. Consideration and approval of stipend positions
  - i. 2012-2013 Extra/Co-Curricular Coaches/Advisors

Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of individuals named for the stipend positions as listed

Moved: Diana Allen    Seconded: David Johnson    Vote: 6-0  
(Russell Fox and David Johnson each abstained from one stipend position)

- C. Consideration and approval of Tanger Kids Grants

Motion to accept two grants, one for \$600 and one for \$300, from TangerKIDS as recommended by the Superintendent

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

- D. 1<sup>st</sup> reading of job description revisions  
 i. Special Services Director

Job description was tabled until the next meeting.

## IX. Old Business

- A. Consideration and approval regarding Wells High School building project

Chair Fox shared this is not an easy topic.

Marc Saulnier stated the most important thing is not disrupting students and went on to describe "Option E" which includes:

- Construct a new building for 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms
- Keep gym, cafeteria, auditorium and library – fix safety items in gym and then rest of work will be done after the new building is built (total renovation)
- No need for portable classrooms
- Cost is estimated at \$26.85 million versus \$29.2 million for a completely new building
- Leasing the remainder of the current building may be an option
- Fundraising for the funds could be an option
- This option accomplishes everything we want to do
- This option is prevent the need to overbuild
- Utilizes the current building

Chair Fox stated the building committee (not formed yet) will make the decisions. He expressed he is not in favor of leasing (the current building).

Motion to move forward with Option E

Moved: Les LaFond      Seconded: Damon Russell      Vote: 6-0

David Johnson stated we need to do what is best for the students while being considerate to taxpayers. He is interested in Option E; it's a fair proposal and says we need to keep "leasing door open".

Les LaFond said this is a difficult decision for everyone; not making a decision on what the new building will look like, the building committee will do that. He feels this option is the least disruptive and considers this a roadmap not a final decision.

Diana Allen expressed concerns over the lack of public feedback on this new option. She also has concerns regarding the buildings being separate.

David Johnson would prefer the buildings be connected. Superintendent Tomaszewski said the building committee would request that.

Damon Russell supports this option as it addresses all needs.

Marc Saulnier stated this option also includes fields and a new track.

Chair Fox said both towns are waiting to see what the School Committee does.

Damon Russell shared the current gym and auditorium are dedicated to individuals and with keeping them there will be no need to “re-dedicate” the locations.

**X. Committee Reports**

A. Finance Committee

Marc Saulnier shared the Finance Committee met prior to the School Committee meeting to review Food Service, YTD finances, accounts payable warrants, and yearly contracts.

B. Policy Committee

Damon Russell shared the Policy Committee met and has a job description as 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

C. SRTC Committee

Superintendent Tomaszewski shared the committee recently met and the major topics were the new construction for SRTC and Sanford and enrollment and retention.

**XI. Adjournment**

To adjourn meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Moved: Les LaFond

Seconded: Damon Russell

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

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