

**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 1, 2013** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included Russell Fox, Marc Saulnier, Diana Allen, Sarah Tavares and Cory Thyng. Administrators in attendance included Interim Superintendent Bill Richards, Pat Hayden, Ryan Fairchild, Marianne Horne, Chris Chessie, Jim Daly, Eileen Sheehy, Ken Spinney, Cheryl Mills, and Jack Molloy.

Visitors attending included Rick Kusturin, Michael Richards, Victoria Aldridge, Maryanne Foley, Linda Delaney, Ashley Breton, Diane Norton, Helena Ackerson, Cindy Roche, Erin Hays and Josh Gould.

In addition to the above visitors, the following visitors were present for the Public Comment portion of the meeting: Jacob Moody, Ann Bechan, Cheryl Oakes, Cathy Cornish, Mr. Cornish, Judi Dion, Terre Webster, Tari Matthews, Sue Pollard, Lil Lagasse, Alex Chadbourne, Emily Lewia, Sean Roche, Mark Lewia, Annette Lewia, Katelyn Lewia, Don Abbott, Larry Downing, Jan Wydra, Nancy Colley, Tim Roche, Dennis Hardy, Paula Brayson, Karen Quint, Pierce Cole, Phil Stirk, Becky Murphy, Mrs. Devin, Howard Hall, Steve Sevegney, Colleen Boyle, Sarah Smith, Amy Moody, Sara Snow-Brine, Roland Cole, Troy Brown, Andy Dufort, Heidi Knight, Kevin O'Shaughnessy, Kurt Knight, Elias McKaig and Jay Moore.

**I. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement**

Chair Fox called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement. The meeting was temporarily moved to the Wells Junior High gym due to the number of people in attendance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Adjustments to Agenda**

Add IV. a. PTSA Presentation

Add VIII.H. Consideration and approval of line item transfers

#### **IV. Public Comment**

Sean Roche stated he is representing the Wells High School students to ask the School Committee to reconsider Mr. Daly for the superintendent position. Sean provided the School Committee with a petition with 288 student signatures.

Ann Bechan asked the School Committee to reconsider not naming Jim Daly as a finalist for Superintendent.

Sue Pollard said everyone has to start somewhere and stated Jim Daly would be a great superintendent and hopes the School Committee will reconsider.

Josh Gould urged the School Committee to “take a chance on someone great” and reconsider Mr. Daly for superintendent.

Howard Hall said we should take a good, hard look at the in house talent.

Amy Moody said it would be a big mistake for Jim Daly to leave. She hopes the School Committee gives him a chance.

Paula Brayson said we are doing a disservice if we don't give Jim Daly a chance.

Alex Chadbourne said the School Committee should look at Mr. Daly's principalship as an internship and consider him for superintendent.

Larry Downing says Jim Daly is a model of what he asks of others and asks the School Committee to please give Jim a shot.

Erin Haye stated she served on the Ad Hoc Committee and helped back a decision that the School Committee then disregarded by choosing Option E. She went on to say that she served on the Search Committee and feels that once again the opinion of the Committee was disregarded.

Chair Fox closed Public Comment and stated he and the School Committee appreciate the comments.

The meeting then moved back to regular meeting space.

#### **V. Recognition, education and/or school presentations**

PTSA Presentation – Ashley Breton stated she feels communication within the District has gotten better and outlined in a PowerPoint the things the Parent Teacher Student Association assists with including specific programs, field trip cost, staff appreciation events, to name a few.

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

a. April 3, 2013

Motion to approve minutes of April 3, 2013 as presented

Moved: Cory Thyng

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

In his Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Richards

- Reviewed the approved list of 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester Intramural coaches/advisors for Wells Junior High School. The list included: Linda Gaidimas (Sewing Club), Rachel Kilbride (Sewing Club), Alison Graichen (Jazz Band), Eric Hopkins (Games Club), Saul Lindauer (Green Team), Ellen Rodman (Walking Club and Golf Club), Matt Coleman (Strategy Gaming Club), Margaret Burman (Very Talented Artists), Lynn Mercier (Library Council and Floor Hockey), Dawn Valente (Math Team), Kim McDonough (Get Out and Play), Susan Condon (Golf Club) and Jane Garnsey (Design to Scale).
- Noted, for the public, that the School Committee has interviewed candidates for superintendent and will be conducting site visits.
- Stated the last day of school for students falls on a Monday. It is typical to move the last day of school to Friday, June 21. The School Committee agreed.
- Shared an RFP has been developed for the Wells High School Gym Floor and the process is moving forward.
- Noted the US World Report ranked Wells High School as #5 in the State of Maine.
- Briefly shared results of the State's recent Report Card results.
- Reminded the School Committee of several upcoming meetings.

Chair Fox shared correspondence from Matt & Sophie Chase stating how pleased they were with their son's teacher who went above and beyond by traveling to Farmington on her day off to cheer on their son in the York County Spelling Bee.

**VIII. New Business**

A. Consideration and approval of signing warrant for the FY '14 proposed budget

Motion to approve signing warrant for the FY '14 proposed budget

Moved: Marc Saulnier

Seconded: Sarah Tavares

Vote: 5-0

- B. 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: Marc Saulnier                      Seconded: Diana Allen                      Vote: 5-0

- C. 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: Diana Allen                      Seconded: Marc Saulnier                      Vote: 5-0

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

Motion to authorize Superintendent Richards to post the Notice of Amounts Adopted at Budget Meeting

Moved: Sarah Tavares                      Seconded: Cory Thyng                      Vote: 5-0

- E. Appointment of School Committee Member to the Teacher Evaluation Steering Committee

Chair Fox appointed Diana Allen to the Teacher Evaluation Steering Committee.

- F. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of 2013-2014 School Calendar

Superintendent Richards outlined the draft calendar for the 2013-2014 school year, stating the two major changes are the early release days have been removed and we are allowed only five dissimilar days from the Sanford Regional Technical Center. The calendar is presented for first reading.

- G. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies

- i. GDG – Support Staff Probation and Tenure
- ii. JJIF – Management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries
- iii. JJIF-E – concussion Information Sheet
- iv. GBEBD – Employee Use of Social and Educational Networking Sites

H. Consideration and approval of line item transfers

Motion to authorize the Superintendent/designee to initiate line item transfers between cost centers in an amount not to exceed 5% of the total appropriation for any cost center to another cost center or among other cost centers as necessary for FY '13 and report same to School Committee when completed

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Marc Saulnier

Vote: 5-0

**IX. Old Business**

A. How Each School Deals with Bullying

The three building principals discussed how their individual school deals with bullying. At Wells Elementary School and Wells Junior High School, role playing helps "bullies" understand the feelings of the individual they have bullied. The high school tries to promote leadership. Superintendent Richards stated that it is clear our administration takes bullying very seriously and is "top notch".

**X. Committee Reports**

Policy Committee: Cory Thyng noted the committee met on April 5 and discussed the policies that were brought forward for 1<sup>st</sup> reading this evening.

Finance Committee: Marc Saulnier stated the committee met this evening to discuss the transportation contract, capital improvement projects and food service.

**XI. Adjournment**

To adjourn meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Cory Thyng

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Richards, Secretary  
Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D.