

**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 **November 6, 2013** at **6:30 p.m.** at the Superintendent's Office, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included Marc Saulnier, Diana Allen, Cory Thyng, Sarah Tavares and Helena Ackerson. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Ellen Schneider, Rick Kusturin, Pat Hayden, Ryan Fairchild, Chris Chessie, Jim Daly, Jack Molloy, Eileen Sheehy, Marianne Horne and Cheryl Mills.

Visitors attending included Michael Richards, Kyle O'Brien, Donna O'Brien, Ashley Breton, and Maryanne Foley.

1. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement

Chair Saulnier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Saulnier read a thank you letter, thanking everyone for their help with the successful vote for the WHS Building Project.

3. Adjustments to Agenda

Add Item 10.D. – Consideration and approval of Resolution to authorize issuance of General Obligation Bonds in principal amount not to exceed \$26,850,000 to construct and equip renovations and addition(s) to Wells High School

4. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

Chair Saulnier recognized Kyle O'Brien for being named a National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on:
 a. October 2, 2013

Motion to approve the minutes of October 2 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Cory Thyng

Vote: 5-0

7. Committee Reports

WHS Building Committee: Helena Ackerson thanked the Building Committee for the successful vote yesterday. She shared the committee will hold a meeting on November 18.

Finance Committee: Diana Allen said the committee met this evening to discuss the 11 cost centers, received an update on the fields' project, stating the project is on schedule.

Policy Committee: Cory Thyng shared the committee met on October 22 to discuss policies regarding physical restraint & seclusion; bullying; and concussions.

8. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Schneider

- Reviewed and read the 2013-2014 School Committee goals.
- Stated, for the record, that the referendum vote for the Wells High School Building Project passed in both towns. The results were as follows: Wells – 1654 yes, 948 no; Ogunquit – 220 yes, 173 no; combined results – 1874 yes, 1121 no.
- Shared that she, Helena Ackerson, Sarah Tavares and Marc Saulnier attended the Annual MSMA Fall Conference on October 24. Ellen shared a list of workshops attended by each member, along with a takeaway from the conference.
- Noted she has accepted the resignation of Joan Lallas – Food Service Specialist at Wells Elementary School effective October 18.
- Noted she has approved the following individuals to stipend positions: Jason Hludik – WJHS 7th Grade Basketball Coach, Stephanie Lewinski – WJHS 7th Grade Basketball Coach, and Codey Rich – WHS Indoor & Outdoor Track Coach.
- Noted she has approved the following volunteer position: James MacNeil – WHS Boys Soccer Coach.
- Outlined articles in the current edition of *Board and Administrator* that included following proper chain of command and governance of boards.
- Reviewed the November calendars submitted by each school.

- Chris Chessie – Wells Junior High School
Chris said the students have completed the school wide writing prompt, NWEA testing and the NECAP. Chris discussed technology rollout which included iPads and Mac Books. Bob Griffin & Kristie Soucy took a team to the Civil Rights conference for the first time. The annual Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for November 17 from 11 - 1; 8th graders will host and serve the seniors.
- Cheryl Mills – Adult Community Education
Cheryl shared news that the GED will no longer be administered in the State of Maine; instead there will be a HiSET Equivalency Test. The last testing date under the GED will be December 6. The new test will work well with the old test as the students will not "lose" what they have worked on thus far. She said there are eight other states that have signed on to this new test. The other states have only signed on to the GED test for one more year. All testing sites will remain the same. She also discussed several new instructional technologies including Odysseyware.
- Pat Hayden – Director of Instructional Improvement
Pat provided a presentation regarding Proficiency Based Learning (also known as Standards Based Learning). In her presentation, Pat shared what Proficiency Based Learning is and which New England colleges have chosen to accept the new transcripts under this plan.

9. Old Business

None

10. New Business

A. Consideration and approval of employment of Facilities Director

Superintendent Schneider outlined her recommendation to appoint David Smith to the position of Facilities Director.

Move to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and appoint David Smith to the position of Facilities Director

Moved: Sarah Tavares

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

B. Consideration and approval of 1st reading policies

i. JICK – Bullying

ii. JKAA – Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

No action is required at this time.

C. Consideration and approval of signing the Wells High School Building Project Bond Computation and Declaration of Votes

Move that the Computation and Declaration of Votes dated November 6, 2013 and attached hereto be and it is hereby approved

Further move that the Computation and Declaration of Voted be entered upon the records of the Wells-Ogunquit Community School District

Further move that a certified copy of the Computation and Declaration of Votes be sent to each of the municipal clerks within the District.

Moved: Cory Thyng Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 5-0

D. Consideration and approval of Resolution to authorize issuance of General Obligation Bonds in principal amount not to exceed \$26,850,000 to construct and equip renovations and addition(s) to Wells High School

Move that the Resolution entitled, "Resolution to Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$26,850,000 to Construct and Equip Renovations and Addition(s) to Wells High School," be approved in form presented to this meeting, and that an attested copy of said Resolution be included with the minutes of this meeting.

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: Sarah Tavares Vote: 5-0

11. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: Sarah Tavares Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen H. Schneider, Secretary
Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D.