

**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 **February 12, 2014** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Superintendent's Office, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

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

Visitors attending included Michael Richards, Maryanne Foley, and Ashley Breton.

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

Chair Saulnier called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the District Mission Statement.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Adjustments to Agenda**

Add Item 11. Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations between the Wells-Ogunquit CSD School Committee and the Wells-Ogunquit Teachers Association

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

Chair Saulnier mentioned Michael Curtis who recently had a Wrestling victory.

**5. Public Comment**

None

**6. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on:**

- a. January 8, 2014
- b. January 23, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014 and January 23, 2014 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Sarah Tavares

Vote: 5-0

## 7. Committee Reports

WHS Building Committee: Helena Ackerson shared the WHS Building Committee met on January 13 and January 27. She noted Ron Lamarre provided the Building Committee with a detailed overview of the building at these meetings. Helena also shared that all of the sub-committees met prior to these meetings.

Finance Committee: Diana Allen said the Finance Committee has not met.

Policy Committee: Cory Thyng said the Policy Committee has not met.

## 8. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Schneider

- Shared upcoming FY '15 budget meetings to include February 25, February 26, March 5 and March 19.
- Stated she has received and approved the retirement notifications from Carol Perry, Raylene Grant and Lucille Pisano. Carol will retire on February 21 after 13 years with the district. Raylene will retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year after 17 years with the district. Lucille will retire at the end of the 2013-2014 school year after 31 years with the district.
- Noted she approved the following individuals for volunteer Odyssey of the Mind positions: Keith Borkowski, Cynthia McDonnell, Liz Clough and Jennifer Sayward.
- Outlined articles in the current edition of *Board and Administrator*.
- Reviewed the February calendars submitted by each school.

District Reports:

- Jim Daly, Wells High School  
Jim shared the Winter Color Guard team won first place in Maine at a recent competition. He also noted Michael Curtis on his 100<sup>th</sup> wrestling match. Jim gave an update regarding the Tutoring Program, stating that when the program began in 2010, there were 108 failing students; in 2013, there are 13. This statistic shows the success of the program.
- Ryan Fairchild, Special Services  
Ryan highlighted that by 2018, schools will be required to have a standards based education. Because of this requirement, the Special Services department is now having to write IEP goals based on grade level standards. He mentioned that in 2014-2015, the Department of Education will be in district conducting an audit of the special education program.

**9. Old Business**

A. School Committee goal update

Superintendent Schneider provided an update regarding the School Committee goal “Promote a safe school climate for students and staff. This will include a reduction in bullying, an increase in school security and drug awareness.” She shared that we have updated the bullying policy, all staff have been trained on how to recognize bullying and what they should do, and assemblies have taken place at all three schools. In addition, we are currently working on a survey for students to provide feedback regarding bullying in the schools. She noted that administrators will be attending bullying workshops and we have conducted two drug searches at Wells High School.

**10. New Business**

A. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Policies

i. IGEA – ACE High School Equivalency Program and Testing Policy

There is no action required.

**11. Executive Session**

Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss labor negotiations between the Wells-Ogunquit CSD School Committee and the Wells-Ogunquit Teachers Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D)

Moved: Sarah Tavares

Seconded: Helena Ackerson

Vote: 5-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. by Chair Saulnier.

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

**12. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Sarah Tavares

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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