

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 **March 5, 2014** 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, Helena Ackerson and Sarah Tavares. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Ellen Schneider, Rick Kusturin, Pat Hayden, Ryan Fairchild, Chris Chessie, Marianne Horne, Jack Molloy, Cheryl Mills and Michael Richards.

Visitors attending included Maryanne Foley, Ann Charlton, Judy Beverage, Campbell Badger, Clarissa Sweeney and Lynn Mercier.

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.

3. Adjustments to Agenda

Add Item 8.A.iii. Appointment of WHS Girls Lacrosse Coach – Jessica Gassman

4. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

Chair Saulnier recognized the Wells High School Girls Basketball team (Lady Warriors) for their accomplishment of making it to the Western Maine Class B Finals.

5. Public Comment

None

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

a. February 12, 2014

Motion to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Helena Ackerson

Vote: 5-0

7. Committee Reports

WHS Building Committee: Helena Ackerson shared the WHS Building Committee met on February 24 to receive an update from Ron Lamarre. She also mentioned that the various sub-committees have been meeting, as well.

Finance Committee: Diana Allen said the Finance Committee met tonight to discuss the audit with Berry Talbot Royer. She said the auditors are pleased with the steps the district has taken to improve on several items.

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

8. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Schneider

- Said the Public Hearing for the FY '15 budget will not take place on March 19 as originally planned. We need to wait for our subsidy numbers before scheduling the Public Hearing.
- Shared a letter from Pat Hayden that will go out to parents regarding the upcoming Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing that will take place beginning March 18 for grades 3, 4, 6 and 7. This pilot will replace the NECAP.
- Noted she approved Jessica Gassman for the stipend position of WHS Girls Lacrosse Coach.
- Outlined articles in the current edition of *Board and Administrator*.
- Reviewed the March calendars submitted by each school.

District Reports:

- Chris Chessie – Wells Junior High School
Chris highlighted the recent Geography Bee semi-finalists. He also said the theme at the school is Compassion of Community which prompts such events as the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, the making of 11 quilts to donate to the Travis Mills Veteran's Camp and the making of "cat condos" to house feral cats for the Animal Welfare Society.
- Cheryl Mills – Adult Community Education
Cheryl highlighted that her program is full with a waiting list. She went on to show a presentation that indicates the successes of individuals who have graduated from the adult education program.

9. Old Business

- A. Consideration and approval of 2nd reading policies
 - i. IGEA – ACE High School Equivalency Program and Testing Policy

Motion to approve policy IGEA – ACE High School Equivalency Program and Testing as presented

Moved: Cory Thyng

Seconded: Diana Allen

Vote: 5-0

10. New Business

- A. FY '15 Budget presentation

Superintendent Schneider discussed the FY '15 budget by sharing that originally budgets were submitted to her totaling \$23,775,808.49 which represents a 8.64% increase over FY '14. The budgets presented to the Finance Committee, and the budgets we will move forward with, total \$23,280,869.44 which represents a 6.38% increase. The reductions in the budget include eliminating the Family Consumer Science program at Wells High School, eliminating the Collaborative Content Coach positions at both the elementary school and junior high school, not replacing a retired secretary at Wells High School and eliminating the Library Ed Techs at both the elementary school and the junior high school. The next step is to calculate the tax impact, which we cannot do until we receive State subsidy numbers. Once those numbers are received, we will hold a workshop to update the School Committee and then schedule the public hearing.

- B. 1st Reading 2014-2015 School Calendar

Superintendent Schneider noted that the proposed calendar has been shared with staff for feedback and aligns us with the Sanford Regional Technical Center calendar due to sending schools only being able to have five dissimilar days. No action is required at this time.

11. Executive Session

- A. Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. to consult with legal counsel pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E)

Moved: Diana Allen

Seconded: Helena Ackerson

Vote: 5-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. by Chair Saulnier.

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

- B. Motion to enter Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. to discuss a grievance with the Wells-Ogunquit Teachers Association pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D). Campbell Badger, Judy Beverage, Clarissa Sweeney and Lynn Mercier were invited into Executive Session.

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

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. by Chair Saulnier.

Motion to deny the grievance and to have the Superintendent write a letter outlining the reasons for the denial

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

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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