

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 a **pre-meeting at 6:15 p.m.**

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee held their regular meeting on **November 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included Helena Ackerson, Jason Vennard, David Johnson, and Sarah Tavares. Excused members included David Fazzino and Diana Allen. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Ellen Schneider, Rick Kusturin, Pat Hayden, Chris Chessie, Jim Daly, Marianne Horne, Jack Molloy, Eileen Sheehy and Cheryl Mills.

Visitors attending included Michael Richards, Maryanne Foley, Marc Saulnier, Lynn Mercier, Bailey Smith, Kathy Sargent, Gigi Roberts-Maher, Cindy Mitchell, Dick Libby, Peter Moody, John Darling, Clifton Day, Bruce Pike and Jim MacNeill.

1. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement

Chair Ackerson 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

Move Item 10.A. to Item 4.e. (Consideration and approval of WOYFCA Lighting Proposal)

4. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

Members from the Wells Beach Hose Company were recognized for their generous donation of carbon monoxide detectors to every student at Wells Elementary School.

Bailey Smith provided information to the School Committee regarding her field trip request to allow the WHS Color Guard to travel to New Jersey for a competition.

Move to approve the WHS Winter Color Guard field trip request to compete in New Jersey as requested

Motion: Sarah Tavares Seconded: Jason Vennard Vote: 3-0-1
(Johnson abstained)

Lynn Mercier and Cindy Mitchell provided information regarding their field trip request to travel to Washington, DC to participate in Wreaths Across America. Lynn noted there is not much time left to fundraise this year, so they are requesting the trip be approved for next year.

Move to approve the WJHS Student Council field trip request to Washington, DC as presented

Motion: Jason Vennard Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 4-0

Kathy Sargent, Director of the Sanford Regional Technical Center, provided an overview of their building project which includes a new location and many new and enhanced programs.

Jim MacNeill provided an overview of the plan for the Wells-Ogunquit Youth Football & Cheering Association (WOYFCA) to install lighting on the field in order for the players to not practice in the dark. Jim noted the lights were donated and the highway department will provide the proper poles.

Move to accept the plan from the Wells-Ogunquit Youth Football and Cheering Association to install lights in their field area

Motion: Sarah Tavares Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 4-0

5. Public Comment

None

6. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on:
a. October 1, 2014

Motion to approve minutes of October 1 as presented

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 4-0

7. Committee Reports

WHS Building Committee: Jason Vennard reported in David Fazzina's absence. Jason shared the committee met on November 3 and the project is on schedule and steel work should begin by the end of November, beginning of December.

Finance Committee: Jason Vennard reported in Diana Allen's absence. Jason shared the committee met on November 3 to discuss cost centers, substitute pay and a retirement incentive plan.

Policy Committee: The committee met on November 5 to discuss several policies, including two sections being revised by Maine School Management. All of the discussed policies will be ready for first reading at the December School Committee meeting.

8. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Schneider

- Updated the committee regarding the recent MSMA Fall Conference. She attended several exciting workshops, as did Helena Ackerson who also attended.
- Shared her 2014-2015 goals, which include the broad themes of student learning, professional evaluation and performance growth, communication and strategic planning.
- Noted she has approved the transfer of David Norton from Groundskeeper to Custodian and hired Shane Daly as a Special Education Educational Technician III.
- Noted she has approved the following individuals to stipend positions:
 - Cindy Roche – WHS Assistant Winter Track Coach
 - Richard “Jay” Moore – WHS JV Boys Basketball Coach
 - Nicolas Charles – WHS Boys Basketball Volunteer
 - Brendle Johnson – WHS Winter Color Guard Volunteer
 - Chuck Tufts – WJHS Assistant Basketball Volunteer
- Highlighted topics in the October edition of *Board and Administrator*.
- Reviewed the November calendars submitted by each school.
- District Reports

Chris Chessie – Wells Junior High School

Chris shared they had a wonderful start to school. He praised the play “Charlotte’s Web” as a huge hit and mentioned the recent trip to the Common Ground Fair, in which he received a note from the coordinators of the fair sharing how great and well-behaved the students from WOCSD were. Chris also mentioned the upcoming Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors.

Pat Hayden – Director of Instructional Improvement

Pat outlined the professional development activities that took place during the October workshop days. She noted the rising trend is a need in extensive EL services and shared she conducts several meetings for new teachers and the elementary school will be hosting a Title I Literacy and Math night.

9. New Business

A. October 1 Enrollments

Superintendent Schneider shared the current October 1 enrollment number, as submitted to the Department of Education, is 1,308. She noted this is a decline from last year, primarily at Wells Elementary School due to a smaller kindergarten group and less students in grades 1 and 4.

10. Old Business

None

11. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Moved: Jason Vennard

Seconded: David Johnson

Vote: 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

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