

**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 **December 3, 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, Diana Allen, Jason Vennard, David Johnson, and Sarah Tavares. Not in attendance: David Fazzina (excused). Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Ellen Schneider, Rick Kusturin, Chris Chessie, Jim Daly, Marianne Horne, Jack Molloy, Ryan Fairchild and Eileen Sheehy.

Visitors attending included Michael Richards, Maryanne Foley, Marilyn Zotos, Foti Zotos, Bonnie Dill, Ann Charlton, Tyler Goodwin, Marc Saulnier and Lynn Mercier.

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

None

4. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

Superintendent Schneider briefly recognized the several fall sports teams who have made it to the playoffs and/or state championships.

5. Public Comment

Lynn Mercier spoke in support of the sabbatical request on the agenda and urged the School Committee to consider and approve the request.

- 6. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meetings held on:**
- a. October 30, 2014
 - b. November 5, 2014
 - c. November 12, 2014

Motion to approve minutes of October 30 as presented

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: Sarah Tavares Vote: 5-0

Motion to approve minutes of November 5 as presented

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

Motion to approve minutes of November 12 as presented

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 5-0

7. Committee Reports

WHS Building Committee: No Report – the committee is scheduled to meet on December 15, 2014.

Finance Committee: Diana Allen shared the committee met this evening to discuss the current budget and Unutil options.

Policy Committee: David Johnson shared there is 1st reading policies later in the meeting which do not require action at this time. He mentioned the bidding policy which sees a change making bidding necessary for items over \$10,000 (previously, this was a requirement for items over \$20,000).

8. Superintendent's Report

In her Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Schneider

- Shared the draft FY '16 budget timeline.
- Discussed the December 15 School Committee workshop in which the topic will be Facilities.
- Stated she received and approved the resignation of Mona Hubbard, custodian at Wells Elementary School.
- Noted she has approved the following individuals to stipend positions:
 - Cynthia McDonnell – WHS Assistant Winter Track Coach
- Highlighted topics in the November edition of *Board and Administrator*.
- Reviewed the December calendars submitted by each school.

- District Reports

Jim Daly – Wells High School

Jim shared the Hydrofoils class has been selected as one of five finalists in the Samsung “Solve for Tomorrow” contest. If they win they will receive a technology package valued at \$20,000. He also noted the fall play was a huge success and the students are doing several community services projects during the “season of giving”.

Tyler Goodwin – School Nutrition Services

Tyler stated his department has seen a decrease in participation, equating to 10% over the past five years; he shared the October “Celebrity Chef” event was a success and mentioned that in March, he will have a state review of the school nutrition program.

9. New Business

A. Consideration and approval of Sabbatical Leave request

Marilyn Zotos presented her request for sabbatical leave for the second and third trimester.

Motion to enter executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss a personnel issue pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (E)

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: Jason Vennard Vote: 5-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Ackerson.

Motion to waive the one year in advance criteria for a sabbatical approval

Moved: Diana Allen Seconded: Helena Ackerson Vote: 3-2
(Vennard, Johnson voted no)

Due to this being a weighted vote as both Johnson and Vennard represent Wells, the WOCSA By-Laws state the motion on the floor must result in a re-vote within 14 days of the original vote. The School Committee opted to table the re-vote until December 15, 2014, at which time the sixth member will be in attendance.

B. Annual District Report

Superintendent Schneider handed out the newly created Annual District Report and asked School Committee members to review the report at a later time, as it consists of 24 pages of information.

- C. 1st Reading of Policies
 - i. Section D of the WOCSD Policy Manual as revised and updated by Maine School Management Association
 - ii. Section E of the WOCSD Policy Manual as revised and updated by the Maine School Management Association including the following new policies:
 - 1. Policy EEBB – Use of Private Vehicles for School Business

No action is required at this time.

- D. Consideration and approval of Teacher Retirement Incentive proposal

Motion to approve the Teacher Retirement Incentive program as recommended by the Finance Committee and the Superintendent

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: Sarah Tavares Vote: 5-0

10. Old Business

- A. Consideration and approval of re-affirmation of Policy JECB – Admission of Non-Resident Students

Motion to re-affirm policy JECB – Admission of Non-Resident Students, as recommended by the Policy Committee

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: David Johnson Vote: 5-0

11. Adjournment

To adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Moved: Jason Vennard Seconded: Diana Allen Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

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