

**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 **April 1, 2015** 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, Sarah Tavares and David Johnson. Administrators in attendance included Superintendent Ellen Schneider, Jim Daly, Chris Chessie, Jack Molloy, Marianne Horne, Ryan Fairchild, Pat Hayden and Eileen Sheehy.

Visitors attending included: Sydney Foss, Natalie Thurber, Jamie Luttrell, Michael Luttrell, Ron Lamarre, Paula Brayson, Pierce Cole, Tim Roche, Michael Richards, Maryanne Foley, Don Abbott, Karen Tufts, Leah Tufts and Bob Cook.

1. Call to Order/Reading of Mission Statement

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Schneider noted the following adjustments to the agenda

Item 7.C.iii. Notification of Stipend Position

Item 7.D. Notification of Volunteer Position

Item 7.F. Notification of Employment

3. Recognition, education and/or school presentations

- A. WHS Girls Basketball Team (Lady Warriors) for their outstanding contribution through "Shootin' for a Cure" to benefit York Hospital

The School Committee presented a certificate of appreciation to Don Abbott and the Lady Warriors Basketball team in recognition of their contributions to York Hospital through Shootin' for a Cure.

- B. Wells High School for their 100% graduation rate (2014)

The School Committee presented a certificate of appreciation to WHS Principal Jim Daly and WHS faculty in recognition of the 100% graduation rate in 2014.

4. Public Comment

Paula Brayson spoke about the fundraising in the district by staff paying to wear jeans two Fridays per month. She wanted to know what the policy would be, when

can they be worn and how often. She spoke about professional staff being able to choose what to wear to school and about teachers who work on the floor with students. Superintendent Schneider said there is no policy for wearing jeans but a procedure regarding this matter was communicated to the administrators. The School Committee will discuss at a later date.

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

A. March 11, 2015

Motion to approve minutes of March 11, 2015 as presented

Moved: Diana Allen

Second: David Johnson

Vote: 4-0-1

(Tavares abstained)

B. March 23, 2015

Motion to approve minutes of March 23, 2015 as presented

Moved: Jason Vennard

Seconded: Sarah Tavares

Vote: 5-0

6. Committee Reports

A. WHS Building Committee – Jason Vennard

Jason Vennard deferred to Ron Lamarre who is scheduled to give an update later in the meeting.

B. Finance Committee – Diana Allen

Finance Committee met with the district's auditor Don Talbot to go over the financial report for 2014. This is the first "clean" audit in many years. Mr. Talbot commended Rick Kusturin and staff for finances being in top form. Mr. Talbot stated there are many scholarships available at the high school for students. Jim Daly commented that all the scholarships available are awarded and that some are multi-year scholarships so the funds are still available.

C. Policy Committee – David Johnson

Dave Johnson stated the Policy Committee has met and forwarded the Wellness Policy to the School Committee for first reading.

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Information

Superintendent Schneider noted the vacancies for School Committee members in Wells (1) and Ogunquit (2) and the dates when nomination papers were available and due for the upcoming elections.

i. Last Day of School

Superintendent Schneider explained that due to the number of snow days the current last day of school would be June 23. Stated WOCSD has 177 student days, 2 more than required and asked for a waiver to have the last student day moved to Friday, June 19th with the school staff to return the following Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23.

ii. WJHS 3rd Trimester Intramural

Superintendent Schneider read the names of the coaches for the 3rd Trimester Intramurals for Wells Junior High School.

B. School Calendar of Events

Superintendent Schneider reviewed the April calendars for each school and highlighted upcoming events.

C. Notification of Stipend Appointments

Superintendent Schneider noted she approved Alyse Trainor as WJHS Softball Coach, Nick Allen as WJHS Track Coach and Kevin Banks and Timothy Mayo as WJHS Boys Baseball Coaches.

D. District Reports

i. Wells High School – James Daly

Principal Daly noted that MEA, SAT and AP all take place in March, April and May. He stated his concern regarding testing and the disruption to the class schedules.

Superintendent Schneider commented that the testing is state mandated but parents can opt out. Diana Allen asked Principal Daly if he knew if the Maine Principals Association or other principals felt the same regarding testing. Superintendent Schneider asked if the MPA has put out a letter regarding testing and mentioned to the School Committee that the School Board Association may have an opinion regarding this matter.

Principal Daly commended the construction crew and Officer Reigel for keeping things running smoothly during construction.

ii. Wells High School Project – Ron Lamarre

Ron Lamarre stated that the project is on schedule and on budget.

E. Notification of Volunteer Position

Superintendent Schneider noted that she approved Samuel Morse as WHS Boys Baseball Volunteer Coach.

F. Notification of Employment

Superintendent Schneider noted that she approved Steve Sevigney as WHS 2nd Shift Custodian.

8. Old Business

A. None

9. New Business

A. 1st Reading 2015-2016 School Calendar

Superintendent Schneider stated the proposed 2015-2016 calendar is similar to the calendar for this school year. Stated that because WOCS D sends students to the Sanford CTE program that the calendar is limited in the number of dissimilar days

allowed between sending and receiving schools. Superintendent Schneider stated that even though this is the School Committee's first reading of the calendar the School Committee could adopt at this meeting since it is a month later than usual and would help with guidance and planning. A simple consensus would be needed to adopt. Helena Ackerson asked if Kindergarten would start the same day as the rest of the students. Principal Horne stated that there are three K screening days prior to them starting school. Superintendent Schneider noted that there are different start dates for some high school students as well but these are not usually noted on the district calendar.

The 2015-2016 calendar was adopted by consensus of the Committee.

B. Consideration, approval and adoption of the FY 2016 proposed regular operating budget total

A motion was made to approve adoption of the FY 2016 proposed regular operating budget total in the amount of \$24,345,423.21.

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

C. Consideration, approval and adoption of the FY 2016 proposed Adult Community Education budget total

A motion was made to approve adoption of the FY 2016 proposed Adult Community Education budget total in the amount of \$233, 048.53.

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

D. 1st Reading of Policies

i. JLA-Student Wellness

Superintendent Schneider stated that few changes have been made to the Student Wellness Policy to keep it current. The policy is part of the recent audit of the district's food service program. This is the first reading of the policy so no action was required.

10. Organizational Meeting

A. Election of Chair

Jason Vennard nominated Helena Ackerson as Chair, Sarah Tavares seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Helena Ackerson was elected Chair.

B. Election of Vice Chair

Sarah Tavares nominated Diana Allen as Vice Chair, David Johnson seconded the nomination. Helena Ackerson nominated Jason Vennard as Vice Chair, Jason Vennard seconded the nomination. Diana Allen declined the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Jason Vennard was elected as Vice Chair.

C. Election of Secretary

David Johnson nominated Ellen Schneider as Secretary, Diana Allen seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Ellen Schneider was elected Secretary.

D. Election of Warrant Officers – Wells

Sarah Tavares nominated Marianne Goodine and Michele Noble as Warrant Officers for Wells, David Johnson seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Marianne Goodine and Michele Noble were elected as Warrant Officers for Wells.

E. Election of Warrant Officer – Ogunquit

Diana Allen nominated Sharma Damren as Warrant Officer for Ogunquit, David Johnson seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Sharma Damren was elected as Warrant Officer for Ogunquit.

F. Election of Registration Officer

Diana Allen nominated Diane Norton as Registration Officer, David Johnson seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Diane Norton was elected as Registration Officer.

G. Election of School Physician

David Johnson nominated Dr. Jeffrey Cote as School Physician for the 2015-2016 school year, Diana Allen seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Dr. Jeffrey Cote was elected as School Physician for the 2015-2016 school year.

H. Election of Attendance Officers

Diana Allen nominated Kenneth Spinney, Robert Griffin and Eileen Sheehy as Attendance Officers, David Johnson seconded the nomination. By hand vote, 5-0 Kenneth Spinney, Robert Griffin and Eileen Sheehy were elected as Attendance Officers.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Motion: Helena Ackerson Second: Diana Allen Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted

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

Residents of Wells and Ogunquit and school personnel are invited to attend School Committee meetings. Inquiries about placing items on an agenda are welcome. For further information please contact Superintendent Ellen Schneider at 207-646-8331. Correspondence to School Committee members should be forwarded to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1460 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090.