

**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 special meeting on **July 14, 2015** at **4:30 p.m.** at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 1460 Post Road, Wells.

School Committee members attending included: Helena Ackerson, Jason Vennard, Miranda Pollard, Dean Ramsdell, and Stillman Bradish. Administrators in attendance included: Interim Supt. Jim Daly; WHS Interim Principal, Eileen Sheehy; Adult Education Director, Katie Schindler; and Director of Technology, Michael Richards.

Visitors attending included: Cheryl Oakes, Brad Goodale, Tammy Daly, Josh Gould, Kevin Fox, and Shane Daly.

1. Call to Order

Chair Ackerson called the meeting to order at 4:32pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ackerson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Comment/Adjustments to the Agenda

There was no public comment.

Adjustments to the Agenda included:

- Add Item 3A. -Consideration/Approval of School Committee Minutes held on June 30, 2015
- Add Item 5A. -Building Construction Update- Cottage at WHS
- Add Item 7A. -Correspondence

3A. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee meeting held on June 30, 2015.

Motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2015 as presented

Moved: Bradish

Seconded: Vennard

Vote:3-0-2
(Ramsdell and Pollard
abstained)

4. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session at 4:37pm to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A).

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: Bradish

Vote: 5-0

The Committee was declared out of Executive Session at 4:51 by Chair Ackerson.

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

5. Consideration and approval of the Superintendent of Schools

Chair Ackerson stated that applications for the position of Superintendent of Schools had been received through Maine School Management with a closing date of June 30, 2015. Thirteen applications were received with eight candidates referred to the Search Committee.

The Search Committee met on July 8, 2015. Committee members included: Kristen Thompson (WHS), Don Abbott (WJH), Mary Anne Foley (WES), Michael Richards (CO), Timothy Roche (Town of Wells), Erinn Stearns (parent), and Karen MacNeill (parent).

After careful consideration of all candidates, the Committee unanimously decided to elect Interim Superintendent, Jim Daly, as Superintendent of Schools with a salary of \$125, 000 including benefits. This appointment is effective immediately.

5A. Building Construction Update – Cottage at Wells High School

Building Construction Committee Chair, Joshua Gould, gave a presentation relative to the present condition of the “Cottage” building on the Wells High School campus. Mr. Gould stated that in the past two years, extensive funds were spent in renovating the dilapidated structure. The work had been approved without the knowledge of the Building Committee.

Committee Member Ramsdell questioned the intended use of the building that would require renovations and what it was being used for now.

Mr. Gould stated the original purpose was to house the office of the Clerk of the Works for the Building Project; however, it is currently being used for storage.

Mr. Gould presented photos to describe the hazardous conditions still remaining in the structure even after repairs had been made:

- Mold is present in the studs between the walls
- Sills are rotted
- Back of building slants into wetland areas
- Wires hang from the interior ceilings

He reiterated that the decision to expend funds to repair the building original was made by the previous administration. School Committee member, Vennard, confirmed that there had been no discussion between that administration and the school committee relative to renovations of the Cottage building. He stated he was disgusted to think that taxpayers' monies were used in such a way.

Chair Ackerson interjected that since then, a new policy was created requiring any expenditures over \$10,000 be approved by the School Committee.

Superintendent Daly relayed the architect's estimate to bring the building up to code would be between \$25,000 - \$35,000.

Committee Member, Bradish suggested the building be torn down rather than expend more funds into a collapsing structure.

Superintendent Daly agreed and recommended the building be demolished at an estimated cost of \$8,000-\$9,000.

Motion to approve immediate demolition and removal of Cottage building at WHS.

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: Bradish

Vote: 5-0

6. Consideration and approval of Director of Instructional Improvement

Superintendent Daly conveyed that Director of Special Services, Ryan Fairchild, recommended Stacey Schatzabel to fill the vacant position of Director of Instructional Improvement.

Motion to hire Stacey Schatzabel as Director of Instructional Improvement as recommended.

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: Ramsdell

Vote: 5-0

7. Correspondence

Thank you letters from two employee's families were shared with School Committee members relative to condolence gifts in memory of loved ones.

7B. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:13pm.

Moved: Ramsdell

Seconded: Bradish

Vote: 5-0

Respectfully submitted,

James P. Daly, Secretary
Wells/Ogunquit CSD