



WOCSD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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MINUTES

The Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. School Committee will hold their regular meeting on **Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 6:30pm** in the Office of the Superintendent, 1460 Post Road, Wells, Maine.

School Committee members attending included: Helena Ackerson, Jason Vennard, Miranda Pollard, Stillman Bradish, Karen MacNeill, and Student Representatives, Anna Furness and Taryn Lambert.

Administrators in attendance included: Superintendent, James Daly; Interim Dir. of Finance, Jay Moore; Dir. of Special Services, Ryan Fairchild; Dir. of Instruction, Stacey Schatzabel; WHS Principal, Eileen Sheehy; WHS Asst. Principal, Josh Gould; WHS Dir. Stu.Act, Jack Molloy; WJHS Principal, Chris Chessie; and WES Asst. Principal, Ken Spinney.

Others attending were: Maryanne Foley, Dan MacLeod, Elisa Beriau, Kristen Thompson, Paula Brayson, Scott Lewia, Shelly Howard, Griffin Allaire, Nathaniel Hayward, Andrew Mott, Sydney Sayward and Takara McDermott.

1. Call to Order/ Mission Statement

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Ackerson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to Agenda

- ADD – Item 7D – WHS Band Uniforms
- ADD – Item 7E – Notice of Resignation
- ADD – Item 8Avi – WJHS Volunteer Softball Coach
- ADD – Item 8 C – Consideration and approval of Leave of Absence

4. Recognition, education, and/or school presentations:

A. Recognitions-

i. WHS Scholastic Art Awards

-WHS students Elise McCormack-Kuhman, Elana Fortin, and Angela Leone were recognized for winning awards through the 2016 Scholastic Art Awards competition. Angela – Silver Key award in Photography; Elana – Honorable Mention in Photography; and, Elise – Honorable Mention in Drawing.

ii. WJHS Spelling Bee Winners

WJHS students, Andrew Mott and Samantha Jones, were recognized for their achievement in the 2016 WJHS Spelling Bee. Andrew placed first and Samantha placed 2nd.

iii. WJHS Geography Bee Winners

WJHS students, Griffin Allaire and Katie Plourde, were recognized for their achievement in the 2016 WJHS Geography Bee. Griffin placed first and Katie placed 2nd. Griffin will go on to compete at the State level at the Univ. of Maine/ Farmington in April.

iv. WHS Wrestling Coach

Chair Ackerson and Supt. Daly presented WHS Wrestling Coach, Scott Lewia, with a Certificate of Recognition for having been named the Mid-State Wrestling League “Coach of the Year”. Coach Lewia has been the Varsity Wrestling coach at WHS for the past eight years.

v. WHS/KHS Swimmer – Class B Diving Champion

Chair Ackerson and Supt. Daly presented WHS Junior, Nathaniel Hayward is a Certificate of Recognition for his achievement of winning the Class B State Title in Diving. Nathaniel swims on the Wells/Kennebunk combined swim team.

B. Presentations-

i. WJHS 8th Grade Trip– Adventure Bound – D. MacLeod

Dan MacLeod, WJH physical education teacher, addressed the group with details of the upcoming 8th Grade Adventure Bound trip –that includes a ropes course and white-water rafting. Mr. MacLeod showed a short video of a past trip and explained the purpose of the trip and its association with

curriculum. Student participation is optional; however, historically, 95% of the class participates.

Motion to approve the 8th Grade trip to Adventure Bound at Caratunk, Maine to take place on Thursday, June 9 through Friday, June 10, 2016.

Moved: *Vennard*

Seconded: *Bradish*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

ii. WHS European Trip – P. Brayson/K. Thompson

WHS teachers, Paula Brayson and Kristen Thompson presented details relative to a proposed trip to the Central European countries of Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary for WHS students planned for April 2017. An itinerary, student behavior agreement, and relevancy to curriculum was shared. The cost of the trip is approximately \$3200.00 per person. There will be a 1:5 chaperone/student ratio. The trip will be open to approximately 20 WHS juniors and seniors.

Motion to approve the WHS student trip to Central Europe (including Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary) to take place April 13 – 22, 2017 as presented.

Moved: *Pollard*

Seconded: *Vennard*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

iii. WHS “Fems in STEM” – E. Beriau

Elisa Beriau, WHS science teacher, and WHS students Sydney Sayward and Takara McDermott, addressed the Committee relative to the request of a 2-day trip for WHS members of the “*Fems in STEM*” club. The trip to the Maine Science Festival in Bangor, Maine, will expose these students to a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) related organizations and careers. The estimated cost to the students is \$60.

Motion to approve the WHS “Fems in STEM” club to attend the Maine Science Festival in Bangor, Maine from March 18-19, 2016 as presented.

Moved: *Vennard*

Seconded: *Bradish*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

5. **Public Comment**

-none

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

A. February 1, 2016

Motion to approve the School Committee minutes from the February 1, 2016 as written.

Moved: *Bradish*

Seconded: *Pollard*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

7. **Superintendent's Report**

A. **Items for Information**

i. *Board & Administrator* –February 2016
-articles of interest for the Committee

ii. **Superintendent's Update**

In his update, Supt. Daly shared the following:

- Congratulations to the WHS Girls and Boys Basketball teams for receiving WMC Class B South 2016 Sportsmanship Awards.
- In their recent Winter Guard fundraiser, the team collected 19,614 pounds of textiles, resulting in a total monetary amount of \$3,922.80.
- WHS Senior, Kate Macolini, has been named a National Merit Scholarship Finalist – placing her in the top 1% of Scholarship entrants nationally.
- WHS Seniors, Kent Kellar and Jacob Lareau recently received the Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award.
- The search for the new WES principal began on February 10th. Deadline for applications is Friday, March 4, 2016. Interviews will take place March 22nd and 23rd.

B. District Reports

Wells Junior High School

Principal Chessie began his report with a reminder that this year's **Festival of Arts** will take place on Wednesday, March 9th. Due to the ongoing construction at the high school, the Festival will be held at Wells Junior High.

- Ms. Esch's class worked with *The Telling Room* – a non-profit writing center dedicated to children and young adults who are natural story tellers. Students published a book of original poems called Split Second.
- Thanks to all that volunteered to make the Grade 8 19th annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Over 440 senior citizens were in attendance with an additional 80 take-out meals prepared for delivery. Special thanks to Gary Leech, owner of Congdon's Doughnuts, for cooking 24 turkeys; Nick and Nawarat Hunter, owners of Wells Super Food Market

Director of Instruction

Director Schatzabel reported that:

- the Teacher Evaluation committee did not meet in February due to a snow day. They will meet again in April.
- Professional Development on Feb. 12 for WES/WJHS covered topics in Safety Care, Behavioral Strategies, Grade-Level Performance Indicators and Curriculum Work, and Student Learning
- K-5 Math teachers received a full day of enrichment from *Great Minds*
- MEAs will be given from March 21st – April 1st. A letter will be sent home to parents explaining the assessment.
- The search for the new principal of Wells Elementary is in full swing.
 - two committees have been formed – interview and selection
 - Supt. Daly met with WES staff on Feb. 10th
 - Application deadline – March 4th
 - Dir. Instruction and WES Asst. Principal met with PTSA on 2/22/16
 - Email to all parents on 2/25/16
 - Interviews will be conducted on March 22nd and 23rd
 - Will forward two candidates to Supt. Daly
 - He will forward finalist to School Committee in April

Interim Director of Finance/HR

Mr. Moore reported:

- The remaining balance of WHS construction contract = \$6, 029,027.
- Scrutinizing FY 17 Budget:
 - Factoring in insurance variables
 - Capital improvement projects
 - Administrative presentations to School Comm – March 14-18
 - Proposed budget presented to public - end of March

Supt. Daly commended Mr. Moore for his time and effort in scrutinizing the FY 17 Budget to assure that there are no surprises.

- Bargaining unit negotiations are near finalization. Process has been non-contentious.
- Hazmat report has been filed with state, county and local agencies
- Preliminary State subsidy – anticipate an increase for FY 17
- \$21,000 in credits will be received from *Fairpoint* for overcharging and billing errors
- Natural gas consumption is steady: WES (\$12,275.60); WJHS (\$14,894.98); WHS (\$14,954.31). Will continue with standard offer from Unitil.
- 24-month electricity contract with NextEra to begin 11/1/16-expecting significant savings
- Audit submitted to Maine DOE by accountants (Berry, Talbot, and Royer).
- Van usage has increased – tremendous savings in transportation costs:
 - WJHS/WHS Bridges Program
 - WHS Wrestling team to State Tournament
 - WHS Interact Club
 - WHS Boys Basketball to BB Hall of Fame in Springfield MA
 - WHS Winter Track to New England competition
 - Daily trips to Collaborative School in Gray and Maplestone in Acton

Director of Special Services

Director Fairchild reported:

- The Department has begun transitions for 2016-2017
- Anticipate 11 special needs students entering District in Fall 2016
- Policies JKAA and JKAA-R - *Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion*—revisions requested as result of Maine DOE audit.

Director of Technology

- Dir. Richards was absent - no presentation

WHS Building Committee

Josh Gould, WHS Building Committee Chairman, began by noting that numerous parents, students, and even former students have described the new building as “**amazing**”.....

- ✓ Athletic Hall of Fame members’ biographies on the display screens
 - ✓ Furniture company has taken photos of classroom configurations
 - ✓ Common space is multi-use (i.e., Snow Fall Ball held in Student Commons)
- Phase II Renovations –
 - Heating issues (too high/too low)
 - Public Address issues are being corrected
 - Punch lists ongoing
 - Bathroom tiles – work in progress
 - Outside work on access road is beginning

C. School Calendars – March 2016

-calendars for each building’s March events were issued

Supt. Daly introduced Boriana Dolliver, newly sworn in School Committee member from Ogunquit. Ms. Dolliver will join the Committee for the April meeting.

D. WHS Band Uniforms

-Supt. Daly shared that an anonymous donation had come forth offering to purchase new WHS Band uniforms. He expressed the District’s gratitude for such a generous gift to our music program.

E. Notice of Resignation

Supt. Daly noted he had received a Letter of Resignation from Joanna Higgins, WES teacher, and had approved her request. He thanked Ms. Higgins for her five years of service in the District.

8. **New Business**

A. Consideration and approval of stipend positions

- i. Josie Perkins -WJHS Spring Drama Director
- ii. Katie Mercier and Catheryn Matthews- WJHS Spring Drama Asst Directors
- iii. Kevin Banks and Timothy Mayo - WJHS Baseball Coaches
- iv. Katie Mercier - WJHS Assistant Track Coach
- v. Warren Cousins -WHS Volunteer Varsity Baseball Coach
- vi. Jeffrey Bogue -WJHS Volunteer Softball Coach

Motion to approve afore-mentioned stipend positions as recommended by the Superintendent.

Moved: *Pollard*

Seconded: *Bradish*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

B. First Reading - Policy JKAA - Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion

A first reading of Policies JKAA and JKAA-R – *Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion* –to update as needed to bring District policy in alignment with State policy. This was determined as a result of the State Dept. of Education – Special Education audit findings.

C. Consideration and approval of Leave of Absence – Amy Sevigny, WES

Supt. Daly stated he had received a request for a one-year Leave of Absence from WES teacher, Amy Sevigny. She is requesting the leave for the purpose of child rearing. Supt. Daly recommended approval of this request.

Motion to approve a one-year Leave of Absence (2016-2017 school year) for Amy Sevigny, WES teacher, for the purpose of child rearing as recommended by the Superintendent.

Moved: *Bradish*

Seconded: *Pollard*

Vote: 5-0

(Student Rep votes not counted)

9. **Executive Session**

Chair Ackerson requested a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the Wells-Ogunquit Teacher Association and Wells-Ogunquit Support Staff Association labor contracts pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (D)

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Moved: *Bradish*

Seconded: *Vennard*

Vote: 5-0

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The Committee moved into Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 8:10 pm with no action taken.

10. **Adjournment**

-Chair Ackerson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Moved: *Bradish*

Seconded: *Pollard*

Vote: 5-0

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Respectfully submitted,

James P. Daly, Secretary
Wells-Ogunquit CSD School Committee