



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 held a **Public Hearing** meeting on Wednesday, **March 29, 2017** at 6:30pm in the Wells Junior High School Multi-Purpose Room, 1470 Post Road, Wells, Maine.

School Committee members attending were: Helena Ackerson, Chair; Jason Vennard, Vice-Chair; Les LaFond, Karen MacNeill, Miranda Pollard, and Borianna Dolliver.

Administrators in attendance were: Jim Daly, Superintendent; Ed McDonough, Dir. of Finance; Stacey Schatzabel, Dir. of Instruction; Michael Richards, Dir. of Technology; Jay Moore, Dir. of Operations; Chris Chessie, Dir. Adult Education; Eileen Sheehy, WHS Principal; Josh Gould, WHS Asst. Principal; Jack Molloy, WHS Student Act. Dir.; Bob Griffin, WJHS Principal; AJ Dufort, WJHS Asst. Principal; Chris Roche, WES Principal; and Ken Spinney, WES Asst. Principal.

Others present were: Maryanne Foley, Reg Bennett, Cindy Roche, Tim Roche, Lynn Mercier, and Katie Keene.

1. **Call to Order/ Mission Statement**

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

-Chair Ackerson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Public Hearing – ‘FY 18 Preliminary Budget**

-Supt. Daly opened this section of the meeting by explaining the budget process and the steps leading to a final figure:

- process began in October - goal of less than 3%
- administrators met with staff during Nov-Dec
- principals and directors' budgets presented in December
- no positions were cut in the process
- key drivers: -10% health insurance increase
 - 2.25 % increase on salaries/step increases
 - additional retirement costs
- result: \$708,870 increase – 2.83%

-He explained that:

- Total K-12 Program Budget = \$ 25,773,215
 - Less State Revenue - 1,126,279
 - Less Use of Fund Balance - 125,000
 - Less Local Non Tax Revenue - 30,000
- Total Local Cost to Towns = \$ 24,491,936
- Factoring in the unexpected increase in State revenue, the actual increase would equate to 2.2%.

Per L.D. 1725, Local Cost to Towns is calculated using property valuation (66.7%) and school enrollment (33.3%):

- Total to be raised by Wells = \$19,182,681
- Total to be raised by Ogunquit = \$ 5,309,255
- Total Local Share = \$24,491,936

The estimated 2018 tax increase would be:

- Wells: \$.15 per thousand
- Ogun: (\$.01) per thousand

Using a base of a \$300,000 home, this would equate to a property tax increase/decrease of:

- Wells: \$ 45.00/year or \$3.75/month
- Ogun: (\$-3.00)/year or (\$0.50)/month

Supt. Daly noted upcoming meeting/event dates pertinent to the completion of the budget process:

- Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – School Committee adopts final budget
- Wednesday, May 3, 2017 - School Committee issues warrants
- Wednesday, June 7, 2017- School Committee Budget Meeting
- Tuesday, June 13, 2017 - Referendum vote

3. Public Comment

-SC Member, Les Lafond, commented that Supt. Daly and administrators had done a “tremendous job” in creating a fiscally responsible budget.

4. Adjournment

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

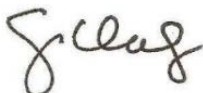
Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:48pm.

Moved: *Vennard*

Seconded: *Pollard*

Vote: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,



James P. Daly, Secretary
Wells-Ogunquit School Committee