



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 regular meeting on Thursday, **November 2, 2017** in the Office of the Superintendent, 1460 Post Road, Wells, Maine.

School Committee members attending included: Helena Ackerson, Jason Vennard, Miranda (Pollard) Booth, Karen MacNeill, Borianna Dolliver, and Heather Sittig. Student Representatives, Michael Wrigley and Hailey Smith, were not present due to a school commitments.

Administrators in attendance included: Superintendent, Jim Daly; Director of Instruction/Spec Svcs, Stacey Schatzabel; Director of Operations, Jay Moore; Director of Technology, Michael Richards; Director of Athletics 6-12, Pierce Cole; Director of Adult Education, Chris Chessie; WHS Principal, Eileen Sheehy; WHS Asst. Principal, Joshua Gould; WJHS Principal, Robert Griffin; and WJHS Asst. Principal, AJ Dufort.

Also attending were Bailey Smith, Marty Ryan, Tim Roche, Coach Bob Winn and members of the WHS Cross Country Team- Griffin Allaire, Everette Allen, Hayden Allen, Matt Chase, Quentin Curtiss, Covy Dufort, Jacob Jarman, Mitchell Libby, Guss Madsen, Noah McAvoy, Brian Niznik, Mitchel Stapleton, and Tyler Stapleton. In addition, Eileen Worcester, Rev. Charlotte Hendee, Barbara and Jocelyn Giammarino, Peter Moody, John Massero, David Cilley, Janet Martel, and Chris Marquis were present; as well as several news media representatives, including Channel 8 and Channel 13.

1. Call to Order/ Mission Statement

- Chair Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.
- Chair Ackerson read the Mission Statement.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Ackerson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Executive Session

- A. To discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A)

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

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: MacNeill

Vote: 6-0

The Committee entered Executive Session at 5:47pm and returned at 6:27 pm.

4. Adjustments to Agenda

- ADD:** Section 9- Item D – Consideration/approval of establishing an advisory committee
- ADD:** Section 6- Item Bii – WHS/RSU#21(Kennebunk) Boys Hockey Team
 - overnight trip
- ADD:** Section 8- Item E – Notification of Retirement – Special Education teacher - WHS
- DELETE:** Section 5- Item Aii – NSDC Academic/Leadership Award Recipients

5. Recognition, education, and/or school presentations

A. Recognition

- i. WHS Boys Cross Country Team – 2017 Western Maine Conference Champions
Chair Ackerson and Supt. Daly congratulated Coach Bob Winn and WHS Boys Cross Country team members for being named *2017 Western Maine Conference Champions*. Team members, Matt Chase, Mitchell Stapleton, Mitch Libby, Tyler Stapleton, Noah McAvoy, Brian Niznik, Griffin Allaire, Everette Allen, Hayden Allen, Guss Madsen, Quentin Curtiss, Decovan Dufort, Andrew Ladlow, Jacob Jarman, and Tim Martel were recognized for this achievement. Coach Winn was also recognized for his leadership as coach. It was noted that the Team also won the WMC Championship title in 2015 and 2016.

B. School presentation

- i. WHS Color Guard participation in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City
Bailey Smith, WHS Color Guard Coach, addressed the Committee to gather permission for select members of the Color Guard to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. This is the fourth year that members of the Guard have been chosen to be part of the All-American Marching Band/Color Guard. The four students and chaperones will depart on Friday, November 17th, returning on November 24th. All expenses of the trip are paid by the students' families.

Motion to approve selected members of the Wells High School Color Guard participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City from 11/17/17 – 11/24/17.

Moved: *Vennard*

Seconded: *Sittig*

Vote: 6-0

- ii. WHS/Kennebunk Boys Hockey Team – trip to Massachusetts
WOCSD Director of Athletics 6-12, Pierce Cole, represented the combined Wells/Kennebunk Boys Hockey team in requesting permission to travel to Boston and Rhode Island to attend/participate in a tournament from 11/24-11/26/17.

Motion to approve the Wells High School/RSU#21 Boys Hockey team travel to Boston College and Woonsocket, RI to participate in a tournament from November 24 -26, 2017.

Moved: *Booth*

Seconded: *Vennard*

Vote: 6-0

6. Public Comment

Prior to any Public Comment, Supt. Daly addressed the audience regarding any potential comments relative to the school mascot. He stated that an advisory committee will be established to review/discuss the issue. He reminded those in attendance that this evening was NOT a public forum, but anyone wishing to speak to this subject should be respectful and brief.

Chair Ackerson opened the floor for public comment.

-Eilean Worcester, WJHS parent- commended the administrators and staff at the junior high for going above and beyond to make her child welcome in the school, in particular, the 5th-Grade team for their support.

- Rev. Charlotte Hendee** – spoke in opposition of the current mascot symbol. She has no issue with retaining the Warrior name.
- Janet Martel** – spoke in opposition of the current mascot. Asked that the committee choose a new mascot that is not “warlike”.
- Janet and Barbara Giammarino**–spoke in opposition of the current mascot. They are not in favor of a Native American image.
- **Deb Shipp** – spoke in opposition of the current mascot. Stated she “feels it is morally wrong no matter the intent.”
- **Peter Moody** – Mr. Moody is a WHS alumnus of almost 60 years and supports retaining the current name/logo. He shared a brief history of how the town chose to honor local Native Americans in this way; especially the Ranco family.
- **John Massero** - noted that the issue at the recent football game was separate from any discussion around the logo. He hopes that town citizens will be included in the proposed advisory committee to review the mascot.
- **David Cilley** – spoke in support of the current mascot. Feels the name/logo is in reverence to “all brave soldiers”.
- **Chris Marquis** – noted that everyone’s opinion is valuable. Feels constructive dialogue between those on both sides of the issue is imperative.

Chair Ackerson closed the floor to Public Comment at 7:13pm. SC member, Dolliver excused herself from the meeting.

At this point, the meeting agenda was adjusted to conduct a vote out of sequence - **Item 9 New Business, Section D – establishing an advisory committee.**

Motion to approve establishing an advisory committee to review the Warrior mascot as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: *Vennard*

Seconded: *Booth*

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

7. Consideration and approval of minutes of the School Committee workshops/meetings held on:

A. October 4, 2017- *workshop/meeting*

B. October 18, 2017 - *workshop*

Motion to approve the School Committee workshop and meeting minutes from October 4 and October 18, 2017 as written.

Moved: *Booth*

Seconded: *MacNeill*

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

8. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Information

i. Superintendent's Update –

- Supt. Daly publically thanked all community first responders and emergency personnel for their support during the recent storm/power outages. Communication was excellent!
- Supt. Daly noted that the FY'19 Budget Timeline was included in the Committee's packet. Meetings with administrators will begin soon.
- Supt. Daly shared that the schools are in the midst of Parent Conferences. WES on 11/2 and 11/7 – WJHS on 11/2 and 11/9 - WHS on 10/26 and 11/2
- Supt. Daly congratulated those involved in the WJHS's production of *The Redemption of Gertie Green* – wonderful performance! WHS will offer *The Crucible* from Nov. 14-17th.
- Supt. Daly acknowledged receipt of note from the Maine Children's Cancer Program at Me Medical Center in appreciation of a memorial donation.

ii. *Board and Administrator* –October 2017

- articles of interest for the Committee

B. School Calendars –November 2017

- November calendars from each building were shared with the School Committee.

C. District Reports

WJHS Principal – R. Griffin

Principal Griffin shared that:

- several students would be presenting at the State-held MAHPERD (Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, and Dance) conference on 11/7/17
- As a follow-up to the recent drama production, the entire student body enjoyed the performance in a school-wide assembly.
- Twenty-five (25) new students were treated to breakfast with the principal
- As part of the wellness initiative, open basketball is being offered each morning to all staff/students
- Many students are collaborating with Avita residents
- The harvest program with Spiller's was successful again this year.
- November 19th- annual Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Citizens sponsored by Grade 8 students. Last year over 400 meals were served.

Director of Instruction – S. Schatzabel

Dir. Schatzabel reported that:

- The District Wellness Committee has developed a district website accessible to all teachers
- Curriculum Coordinating Council will meet on 11/7/17.
- Title I Parent Night at Wells Elementary was a huge success. Thank you to Kim Richard, Lucille Pisano, Nancy Colley, Karen Valliere, and Bonnie Etsy for their preparation and participation.

Director of Finance/HR – E. McDonough

Director McDonough reported:

- Current debt service payments result in a remaining balance of 13.87%.
- The scheduled Nutrition Services audit has been delayed due to the recent storm. New date TBA.

Director of Operations – J. Moore

Director Moore noted:

- Discussions will begin soon with administrators relative to capital improvement projects
- Fall sports season is complete with the exception of football
 - Fields have been winterized – all seem to be in good shape
- Will meet with Ramsdell's later this month regard snow management
- Looking into a second well to service fields – waiting for DEP approval of location
- Storage containers are being used to store athletic equipment

Director of Technology – M. Richards

- Attended state ACTEM conference – presenters included WHS teacher, Rebecca Redman and WHS student, Nolan Potter – very impressive!
- October 1st Enrollment being uploaded to the new Synergy system
 - Verifying data takes time – deadline will be met

Director of Athletics 6-12 – P. Cole

- Outstanding fall season –
 - Boys soccer, girls soccer, boys cross country, and football all qualified for playoffs

D. Notification of Employment

-Supt. Daly notified the Committee that Rachel Lucas had been hired as Special Education Ed Tech II at Wells Elementary School replace Deborah Howard who retired in October.

E. Notification of Retirement

-Supt. Daly shared that WHS Special Education teacher, Cheryl Oakes, will retire effective December 1, 2017. He thanked her for her 22 years of service to the District.

9. New BusinessA. Consideration and approval of new hire –WHS Boys JV Basketball Coach

-Supt. Daly recommended Matthew McKeown be hired as WHS Boys JV Basketball coach.

Motion to approve the hire of Matthew McKeown as JV Boys Basketball Coach at Wells High School as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Booth

Seconded: Vennard

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

B. Consideration and approval to hire WHS Girls JV Basketball Coach.

-Supt. Daly recommended Elaina Yeomelakis be hired as WHS Girls JV Basketball coach.

Motion to approve the hire of Elaina Yeomelakis as WHS Girls JV Basketball coach as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: Booth

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

- C. Consideration and approval to hire WJHS Grade 7 Boys Basketball Coach
 -Supt. Daly recommended Corey Leach be hired as WJHS Gr 7 Boys Basketball coach.

Motion to approve the hire of Corey Leach as WJHS Grade 7 Boys Basketball coach as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Booth

Seconded: Vennard

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

- D. Consideration and approval of establishing an advisory committee

SEE CORRESPONDING INFORMATION FOLLOWING ITEM 6- PUBLIC COMMENT

10. Old Business

- A. Selection of School Committee sub-committee chairs/members.

Chair Ackerson proposed the following sub-committee assignments:

- Sick Bank (Support Staff)Dolliver (chair) - Sittig (mbr)
- Policy..... Pollard (chair) - Vennard (mbr)
- FinanceVennard (chair) - Ackerson (mbr)
- Curriculum MacNeill (chair) - Dolliver (mbr)
- Facilities Vennard (chair) - Ackerson (mbr)
- Nutrition Services.....Dolliver (chair) - Sittig (mbr)
- Sanford Voc..... Daly (*to provide updates*)

Motion to approve selection of sub-committee members as reflected by School Committee vote.

Moved: Vennard

Seconded: Booth

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

11. Adjournment

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

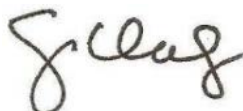
Motion to adjourn this meeting of the WOCSD School Committee at 7:43 pm.

Moved: Booth

Seconded: MacNeill

Vote: 5-0
(Dolliver absent)

Respectfully submitted,



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