

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 Wednesday, **June 12, 2019** in the Office of the Superintendent, 1460 Post Road, Wells, Maine.

School Committee members attending included: Helena Ackerson, Jason Vennard, Karen MacNeill, Boriana Dolliver and Heather Sittig. Member Aneliya Georgieva-Petrov was absent. Student Representatives Francesca Ramsdell and Hailey Smith were not present due to school commitments.

Administrators in attendance included: Superintendent, Jim Daly; Director of Technology, Michael Richards; Director of Operations, Jay Moore; Director of Athletics 6-12, Pierce Cole; WHS Assistant Principal, Josh Gould; WJHS Principal, AJ Dufort; WJHS Assistant Principal, Doug Perley; WES Principal, April Noble; WES Assistant Principal, Theresa Curran; and Director of Adult Education, Chris Chessie.

Also attending were Tim Roche, Kevin Fox, Maryanne Foley, Lawrence Downing, Bailey Smith, Paige Tremblay, Grace Stevens and TJ Cashman. Members of the WHS Winter Guard "A" Team and the First and Second place finishers at the Track State Class "C" Meet and their families were also in attendance.

1. <u>Call to Order/ Mission Statement/ Pledge of Allegiance</u>

- -Vice-Chair Vennard called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
- -Vice-Chair Vennard read the Mission Statement.

2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

-Vice-Chair Vennard led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adjustments to the Agenda

ADD -Section 8, Item D.viii – WJHS Special Education Resource Teacher

4. Recognition(s), education, and/or school presentations

A. Recognition(s)

- i. WHS Winter Guard "A" Team State of Maine Champions
 - -Supt. Daly and Vice-Chair Vennard congratulated the members and coaches of the 2019 WHS Winter Guard "A" Team for their accomplishment of winning a gold medal and becoming Maine State Champions for the third consecutive year. Team members Alyssa Bacon, Braeden Baston, Annabelle Breton, Katy Cafaro, Emma Keniston, Julie Mott, Amanda Ring, Grace Stevens, Molly Tavares, Paige Tremblay and Isabelle Washburn, as well as coaches Bailey Smith, Amy Cashman and Dianah Shelly, were each honored with Certificates of Recognition.

ii. WHS Track State First and Second Place Finishers

-Supt. Daly and Vice-Chair Vennard congratulated individual WHS Track team members who achieved first and second place finishes at the Maine State Class "C" Track Championships. Athletes honored with Certificates of Recognition were Griffin Allaire, State Champion in 1600 and 3200 meters, and second place in the 800m, Heidi Fortin, State Champion in the 3200 meters, and the 4x400m team members Ashleigh Bolduc, Lauren Dow, Katie Reidy and Kate Pinette for their first place finish. Kate Pinette was also the State Champion in the 800m. Mallory Aromando was applauded for her second place finish in the 800m and teammates Grace Bradish, Chaya Lord-Rozeff, Natalie Robinson and Summer Sayward were applauded for their second place finish in the 4x800 meters.

B. <u>School Presentation(s)</u>

i. WHS Football Camp 2019

- -Head Coach, Tim Roche, presented the Committee with a request that the high school football team be given permission to attend a training week at Camp Robin Hood, Freedom, New Hampshire from August 25-29, 2019. This is a change of venue from previous years but looks to be an excellent facility to provide for team-building as well as improving player skills and technique.
- -Coach Roche also thanked Supt. Daly and the School Committee for exemplifying an outstanding team effort on behalf of the District and town, helping to make our schools successful and facilities top-notch.

Motion to approve the Wells High School Football Team training camp trip to Camp Robin Hood, Freedom, New Hampshire from August 25-29, 2019.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Dolliver Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

ii. WHS Warrior Band Trip 2020

-Marching Band Director Larry Downing outlined the details of a proposed trip to the *Music in the Parks Festival* in Williamsburg, VA, from April 30-May 3, 2020. The Band has organized these trips every 3 years since 1993. Students raise their own funds and the Music Boosters raise funds for the adults accompanying the students. Director Downing noted that the WHS Band are three time winners of the Good Sportsmanship Award that is given at this festival. Students Paige Tremblay, Grace Stevens and TJ Cashman each spoke about the improved skills, performances, friendships and bonding time they experienced while at the festival.

Motion to approve the Wells High School Warrior Marching Band Trip to Williamsburg, VA from April 30-May 3, 2020.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Sittig Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

At this point in the meeting, Vice-Chair Vennard turned over control of the meeting to Chair Ackerson.

iii. WHS Girls Basketball Trip – Dexter, ME – July 2019

-Director of Athletics 6-12, Pierce Cole presented the details for a proposed trip for the WHS Girls Basketball Team to Dexter, ME for tournament play and a team building white water rafting trip. This trip is organized every 4 years.

Motion to approve the Wells High School Girls Basketball trip to Dexter, ME, from July 27-29, 2019.

Moved: Sittig Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

iv. WHS Softball Trip - Pigeon Forge, TN - April 2020

-Coach Kevin Fox sought approval for a proposed trip to the Cal Ripken Softball Spring Training Facility in Pigeon Forge, TN for the WHS Girls Softball Team. The trip would be during the April 2020 school vacation with exact dates to be determined. Though this is a change of venue from previous trips, this type of trip is planned every 3 years to enable all members of the team to participate at least once in their WHS Softball career and benefit from improved skills and team bonding experience.

Motion to approve the WHS Girls Softball trip to Pigeon Forge, TN in April 2020 (exact dates to be determined.)

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

v. WJHS Grade 8 Trip to Washington, DC – April 2020

-WJHS Principal AJ Dufort requested permission for a Grade 8 trip to Washington, DC, April 13-16, 2020. He shared that last year's trip was a great experience and outlined the proposed itinerary. The trip is open to all grade 8 students wishing to attend and fundraising efforts will begin in the near future. Payment plans and scholarships are available so that no student is left out due to finances.

Motion to approve WJHS Grade 8 trip to Washington, DC from April 13-16, 2020.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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

A. May 1, 2019

B. Budget Meeting – June 5, 2019

Motion to approve the WOCSD School Committee meeting minutes of May 1, 2019 and the Budget Meeting minutes of June 5, 2019 as written.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 4-0

(Dolliver abstained and Georgieva-Petrov was absent)

7. Superintendent's Report

A. Items for Information

- i. Superintendent's Update
 - -Supt Daly shared that there are many things going on in the District this week. On Sunday, Wells High School graduated 110 students reflecting a 100% graduation rate. Also, at WES this week Starz 4 Broadway and Colors Day will take place. Grade 8 Recognition Night will also take place on Thursday at WJHS.
 - -Supt. Daly updated the status of the WJHS gymnasium floor which experienced a flood after a sprinkler head was inadvertently hit by a ball during a softball practice. As a result of the water damage sustained to the gym floor, it has been determined that the floor will need to be replaced. This has been scheduled to begin in July. Insurance will cover the cost of replacement and a ceiling net will be installed to prevent this from happening again. Supt Daly thanked the custodial and administrative staff of WJHS, Operations Dir. Moore and Director of Athletics Cole for working hard to remove the old floor in a timely matter in order to accommodate the many events scheduled to take place in the gym over the last 2 weeks.

ii. Memorial Donation

- shared with the Committee
- iii. MSBA Update March/April 2019
- iv. Board and Administrator April, May & June 2019
 - -articles of interest for the Committee

B. School Calendars – June 2019

- June 2019 calendars from each building were shared with the Committee

C. Notification of Retirement

- i. WES Grade 2 Teacher
 - -Supt. Daly shared that he had received a notice of retirement from WES Grade 2 teacher Charlene Kohn, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. He thanked Dr. Kohn for her 31 years of service to the District.

D. Notification of Resignation

- i. WES Kindergarten Teacher
 - -Supt. Daly shared he had received a letter of resignation from WES Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Abbott, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. He thanked Mrs. Abbott for her 10 years in the District.
- ii. WHS Science Teacher
 - -Supt. Daly stated he had received a letter of resignation from WHS Science teacher Chrys Demos, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. He thanked Mr. Demos for his 7 years in the District.
- iii. WJHS Special Education Resource Teacher
 - -Supt. Daly shared that he had received a letter of resignation from WJHS Special Education Resource teacher Rachel Stockwell, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year. He thanked Mrs. Stockwell for her 8 years in the District.

E. Notification of Transfer

- i. WES Begindergarten to Grade 2 Teacher
 - Supt. Daly shared that he had approved a transfer request from Kim Blanchard from WES Begindergarten teacher to Grade 2 teacher, effective for the 2019-20 school year.
 - S.C. member Dolliver asked if this meant the Begindergarten program would not run again in the 2019-20 school year. Supt. Daly explained that the Begindergarten program is based on Kindergarten enrollment and is fluid, based on the student numbers and necessity. WES Principal Noble stated that 95 students are currently registered for Kindergarten next year. Supt. Daly stated that summer enrollment numbers would determine if a Begindergarten class would be necessary in addition to Kindergarten classes.
- ii. WJHS Social Studies Teacher Grade 8 to Grade 7
 - -Supt. Daly reported that he had approved the transfer request from WJHS teacher Susie Dugovic from Grade 8 Social Studies teacher to Grade 7 Social Studies teacher, effective for 2019-20.
- iii. WJHS Grade 6 Teacher to Grade 5 Teacher
 - -Supt. Daly shared that he had approved the transfer of WJHS teacher Marilyn Zotos from Grade 6 teacher to Grade 5 teacher, effective for the 2019-20 school year.
- F. District Reports

-(due to time constraints, Director's reports were not presented)

8. New Business

- A. Consideration and approval of B&C Schedules for FY 2019-2020
 - Supt. Daly recommended the approval of positions as reflected in the listing provided to the Committee.

Motion to approve B & C Schedule positions for the school year 2019-2020 as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: Sittig Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

- B. Consideration and approval of extension of administrative contracts
 - i. Director of Nutrition Services
 - ii. Director of Adult Ed

Motion to approve the extension of administrative contracts for the Director of Nutrition Services and Director of Adult Ed for the 2019-20 School Year as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

C. <u>Consideration and approval of additional nominations for Extended Year Services</u> Personnel.

-Supt. Daly recommended:

Elizabeth Goodwin – Teacher

Kathleen Mitchell – Teacher

Darcy Ramsdell – Speech Pathologist

Larisa Guerin – Ed Tech III

Gillian Ramsdell – Ed Tech II

Jason McCann – ESY Staff

Pamela Beane – Ed Tech III (sub)

Motion to approve the additional nominations for Extended Year Services personnel as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

D. Consideration and approval of 2019-2020 new hires:

i. WHS Social Studies Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Jaclyn Nakos to the position of Wells High School Social Studies Teacher.

Motion to approve the hire of Jaclyn Nakos as Wells High School Social Studies Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: Sittig Vote: 5-0
(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

ii. WHS Art Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Meredith Radford to this position.

Motion to approve the hire of Meredith Radford as Wells High School Art Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

iii. WHS Physical Science Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Kira LaCoss to this position.

Motion to approve the hire of Kira LaCoss as Wells High School Physical Science Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

iv. WJHS Bridges-Self Contained Special Education Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Rebecca Page to this position.

Motion to approve the hire of Rebecca Page as Wells Junior High School Bridges-Self Contained Special Education Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

v. WJHS Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Allison Le to this position

Motion to approve the hire of Allison Le as Wells Junior High School Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Sittig Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

vi. WES Librarian

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Kathy Hodge to this position

Motion to approve the hire of Kathy Hodge as Wells Elementary School Librarian as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

vii. WES Kindergarten Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Fionnula Duggan to this position.

Motion to approve the hire of Fionnula Duggan as Wells Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

viii. WJHS Special Education Resource Teacher

-Supt. Daly recommended the hire of Gillian Ramsdell to this position.

Motion to approve the hire of Gillian Ramsdell as Wells Junior High School Special Education Resource Teacher as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0 (Georgieva-Petrov absent)

E. Consideration and approval of leave of absence

-Supt. Daly stated that he had received a request from WJHS PE teacher Renee Savage for an unpaid leave of absence to tend to a family matter. The leave would commence on December 2, 2019 and be in effect for Trimesters 2 and 3 of the 2019-20 school year.

Motion to approve the leave of absence request of Renee Savage to attend to a family matter from December 2, 2019 until the end of the 2019-2020 school year as recommended by Supt. Daly.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

F. <u>Consideration and approval of authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to hire</u> staff during the summer months.

Motion to approve the authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to hire staff during the summer months.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

G. <u>Consideration and approval to close out inactive Special Revenue and Activity Fund</u>
Accounts and move any balances to the General Fund.

Motion to approve the close out of inactive Special Revenue and Activity Fund Accounts and move any balances to the General Fund.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: Sittig Vote: 5-0

H. Consideration, approval and signing of the 2019-2020 Tax Assessment Warrant.

Motion to approve the signing of the 2019-2020 Tax Assessment Warrant.

Moved: MacNeill Seconded: Vennard Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

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9. Adjournment

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

Motion to adjourn this meeting of the WOCSD School Committee at 6:11 pm.

Moved: Vennard Seconded: MacNeill Vote: 5-0

(Georgieva-Petrov absent)

Respectfully submitted,

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