

**Wells Town School District
Board of Directors' Meeting**
Date: November 10, 2010
Time: 7:00PM
Location: Wells Village School

Official Minutes

Attendance: Tammy Holcomb (Chair), Karen Stomski (Clerk), Charity Downs (Vice Chair), Linda O'Leary (Principal), Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Louis Milazzo (Business Manager), Elizabeth Ambuhl (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Jason Grote, 5th Grade Teacher; Pam Hunter, 6th Grade Teacher; Rebecca Carr, 3rd Grade Teacher; Jennifer Haskins, parent; Jennifer Miller, parent.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. **Consent Agenda:** Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes accepted as amended for the October 26, 2010 minutes.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to accept reports under the consent agenda, seconded by Karen Stomski. Motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent's Report:

- There was a combined meeting between the Poultney School Board and the Fair Haven Union High School Board to discuss possible ways to collaborate that may allow for a sharing of resources and decreased costs.
- Superintendent Paustian attended the VSA and VSBA Conferences last week.
- The Southwest Superintendents are inviting state legislators and senators to meet with them on November 17th to discuss Challenges for Change legislation, merger legislation, and other factors affecting our schools and supervisory unions.
- The Smart Board has arrived at the office and all the administrators will be trained on Google docs, and uses of Smart Board including student 21st Century Skills.

Principal's Report:

- The Wells Village School will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday November 17, 2010 at 11:30pm. Each class will be preparing an item for the meal.
- Nancy Lewis from the Child Nutrition Team will be visiting on November 30th to review the food service program.
- The 5th and 6th graders have been busy fundraising for their Boston trip scheduled for May 18-20, 2011. They have received a grant from the Boston Museum of Science in the amount of \$237.50 to cover some of the costs.
- The Holiday Concert will occur on Wednesday December 15, 2010 at 6:30pm. Classroom parties will be held on Monday December 20, in the afternoon.

Business Manager's Report:

- The announced tuition rate needs to be determined by January 5, 2011. The board will also need to decide whether or not to bill schools for costs above the announced tuition rate for FY10.

Motion carried to approve the reports 3-0.

3. **Approve Warrants:**

- Warrant #97 in the amount of \$78,131.20, dated 10/08/2010
- Warrant #98 in the amount of \$19,817.92, dated 10/22/2010

Charity Downs made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve the warrants. Motion carried 3-0.

4. **General Public Comments:**

Rebecca Carr, 3rd grade teacher, informed the Board that the year is going very well with her students. She is team teaching with the 4th grade teacher and together they are working on a Native American Project. She has enjoyed the tremendous support she has received from the staff and teachers.

Jen Miller and Jen Haskins informed the Board of concerns regarding lunch service to the students; and were seeking improvement. The situation has been addressed and the State of Vermont will be at the Wells School on November 30th to review the food service program.

5. **New Business:**

- I. **Approve Substitute List:** no new names this month.
- II. **Water Treatment Bids:** Principal O'Leary reported on the status of the water treatment project; bid work continues and will be finalized in the near future.
- III. **Digital Laptops:** Jason Grote and Pam Hunter presented a slide show regarding technology and the future. The presentation was in support of purchasing laptops for each of the 5th and 6th graders in the Wells Village School.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to purchase 21 Laptop Computers from Medicaid funds. Motion carried 3-0.

Old Business:

- **FY 12 Budget:** Budget proposal was reviewed/discussed. Additional cuts were requested by the board.
- **Announced Tuition:** Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to set the announced tuition at the state based rate for FY 12. Motion passed 3-0.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, not to bill back the difference between the announced FY10 tuition and the allowable rate of FY10 tuition to sending schools. Motion carried 3-0.

7. **Polices:** Charity Downs made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to adopt policies E-6 Safety and Security of Facilities, G-9 Grade Advancement: Promotion, Retention and Acceleration, F-25 Truancy. Motion carried 3-0.

8. **Action on Personnel Contract:** No action required.

9. **Other Lawful Business:** Karen Stomski noted that there have been septic odors out in front of the school. Linda O'Leary will investigate the issue.

10. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** (December 8th, at 6:00pm)

11. **Executive Session:** Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to enter into executive session to discuss personnel at 9:30pm, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl
Recording Secretary