

Wells Town School District
Board of Directors

February 10, 2010

Official Minutes

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

Audience: Steve Kainen, Jaime Milazzo, Leap Frog Nursery School1.

Call to Order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

2. Consent Agenda:

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

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with noted changes on pages two and three.

Page 2: Remove underlining from line one.

Page 3: Approve to Approved, article to Article

B. Superintendent's Report:

Joan Paustian, Superintendent of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union, reported that the Curriculum Coordinating Council will be meeting again this week to begin to shape the strategic plan for curriculum development, professional development, assessment and technology.

The technology audit is underway with surveys to take place at the beginning of next week. The surveys are designed to ensure that everyone has a voice plus give the assessment team enough information to make judgments about the skill level of our teachers and administrators.

NECAP results are being released today. The information will be shared at both the school and SU level.

A March 19th in-service is currently being planned by the building administrators. The theme is “The Role of Information Technology as We Transform our Schools.”

Superintendents will be meeting tomorrow to accept a regional calendar for FY’11. The calendar must be the same for all schools sending students to the regional technical center (Stafford) and is very similar to that of this year. There are a few minor changes necessary due to individual school district negotiated agreements.

C. Principal’s Report:

- The WVS Green Team has organized a number of events to celebrate National Green Week –February 1-5th.
- NECAP results from grades 3-6 testing will be released after February 2nd.
- The faculty reviewed the recorded training of the RSWSU Harassment Training.
- Beth Bidwell will be presenting a fine arts program on the Wildlife of Vermont.
- WVS Staff will be visiting the area Early Education Programs to become acquainted with the upcoming Kindergarten Class.
- Winter Break is scheduled from February 15-19th.
- WVS has received a CLIF Writer- in-Residence Program for this school year. Ted Scheu will be the guest writer and is in attendance from March 22-24th.
- The basketball and JISP/KAP/Skating Days have been going very well.

D. Business Manager’s Report (No Written Report)

I. Financial Statements: Financial Statements are attached. Currently the expenses are down by \$20K. In April a complete report with revenue and expenses will be presented.

II. Approve warrants.

- 1. Warrant # 76 in the amount of \$27,573.68, dated 12/31/09
- 2. Warrant # 77 in the amount of \$125,204.67, dated 1/15/10

Motion to approve the consent agenda. All in favor 3-0.

3. General Public Comments:

Steve Kainen, the Kindergarten Teacher, was present to discuss the upcoming Kindergarten screening. The Screening will take place on April 6, 2010. Overall the current class is doing very well.

Steve would like the board to review the current policy on the cut off of age for attending Kindergarten.

4. New Business:

a. Approve Substitute List: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to approve the substitute list. Motion carried 3-0.

b. Water Treatment System. Discussion ensued on the Water Treatment System and possible engineering firms. No action taken.

c. Pre School Contract. The presentation was given on the contract for Leap Frog Pre-school by Jaime Milazzo. Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to accept a two year contract with Leap Frog Preschool. Motion carried 3-0.

d. Prepare for Town Meeting. A power point presentation was given on the information to present at the Town Meeting. The board reviewed the slides and added another slide regarding the School Fund Balance.

5. Old Business:

a. Basement follow-up. Tri State Basement will be at school next week to complete the interior sealing of the basement.

b. Building Maintenance: none

c. Exterior Siding Estimates: none

d. Grants: Linda O'Leary is researching a grant with Price Chopper.

6. Polices:

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to accept polices E-201 FMLA replacing the policy dated 8/8/01, F-2 Bus Discipline, F-9A Transportation in Private Vehicles, and F-10-1 International Exchange Students. Motion carried 3-0.

7. New Hires: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to accept the new hires. Motion carried 3-0. The new hires are: Sheila Ploof ASP Homework Club Assistant **Barbara Gallinari and Kate Crowley as ASP Co Coordinators.**

Resignations: None

Termination: None

Leave of Absence: None

8. Other Lawful Business: Tree branches were down along the school border. Principal O’Leary and the neighbor worked together to resolve the issue at no cost to the board.

9. Executive Session: None

10. Next Regular Board Meeting (March 17th , 2010 at 7:00pm)

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl

Wells School Board Recording Secretary

