

Wells Town School District Board of School Directors

February 18, 2009 7:00 PM

Official Minutes

Attendance: Tom Gallagher, Louis Milazzo, Tammy Holcomb, Charity Downs, Karen Stomski, Linda O'Leary, and Brittany Petty.

Audience: None

Chair Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Karen Stomski, seconded by Charity Downs to approve Consent Agenda)

A. Approval of minutes: January 21, 2009

January 21, 2009- correct under Superintendent Report, "keeping thea 4th open" to "keeping **the** 4th open".

January 21, 2009- correct under Principal's Report, " having all peanut related food products removed from the school's menu" to " having **checked** all related food products **in the school** due "".

Correct- "Ms. O'Leary has stated that the school is being energy surfactant conserving energy" to "**They were unable to reduce the cost at this time. Ms. O'Leary has stated that the school has been conserving energy.**"

January 21, 2009- correct under General Public Report, "March 5-8" to "**May 5-8**"

Correct- "Holiday fund raiser" to "**Halliday Farms** fund raiser"

B. Superintendent Report: Superintendent Gallagher discussed that the state government is looking to level fund on a per pupil basis which may result in cost cuts. The government is anticipated to allocate \$77.2 million for schools and higher education; for Vermont in state fiscal-stabilization funds earmarked for K-12 and higher education. For Vermont, this amounts to \$17.2 million in block grant funds. The stabilization fund money will be available for the current fiscal year (FY2009) as well as FY2010 and FY2011. As a condition of receiving stimulus money, states must continue to provide education aid to local school districts at a minimum of current lawful levels throughout the three fiscal years (i.e. aid to districts cannot be reduced below FY2008/09 amounts). Vermont will also receive \$33.8 million for Title I

schools; and \$27.1 million for special education. Superintendent. Gallagher will update the board once he receives more information and how it will affect Wells.

C. Principal's Report: Ms. O'Leary discussed that the first play group will be held at the Methodist Church February 27, 2009 from 9:30-11:00 AM. It is free of charge and will be held every Friday excluding the first Friday. On March 30, 2009 the Kindergarten screening will be taking place. The screening will be play-based and observing the students in their classroom. Fast ForWord is a new computer program that helps students with reading issues. Students are on the computer for 30 minutes of the day and they have seen much improvement in the students that are using the program.

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D. Business Manager's Report:

i. Financial Statements

ii. Approve Warrants:

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a. Warrant #47, in the amount of \$81,081.26.

b. Warrant #48, in the amount of \$4,542.49.

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c. Warrant #49, in the amount of \$17,990.92.

Audit: The FY08 audit has verified a \$26,673.00, \$10 thousand needs to be moved from the general fund to the maintenance fund

The Business Manager reminded the board there is a \$16 thousand tuition fund set up.

There was \$6,499 in miscellaneous grant. The account has had no activity and has decided to close and transfer to the maintenance fund.

The district currently has many bank accounts that are not needed and the Business Manager has suggested having one account. The board agreed by consensus to have one general fund account and will decide on a local bank to place the account in.

On tax returns, the district received \$1,700 back due to an overpayment of penalty and interest.

Motion to accept the consent agenda, with corrections carried 3-0.

3. **General Public Comments:** None

4. **New Business:**

A. Preparation for Town Meeting- The Informational Meeting (pre-town meeting) will be held on March 2, 2009, Monday at 7:00 PM B. The Business Manager and Principal will review the handouts created for last years' town meeting; in order to prepare for the Informational Meeting this year.

C. Approval of Substitute List- The Superintendent suggested the board authorize the Superintendent to approve any new substitutes in between board meetings. The board will , officially approve at the next available monthly meeting. The Superintendent shall present a policy at the Supervisory Union level. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, 2nd by Charity Downs, to approve the substitute list presented at this meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Classroom Updates from Teachers- The board agreed by consensus to add an item to the agenda henceforth for the purpose of receiving a classroom update from a teacher representative.

5. **Old Business:**

A. At this time the board has decided not to reimburse Mr. Melendy for the cost of his child's driver's education expense. This is due to the board's previous decision to no longer reimburse for drivers education. It was also pointed out that they had time to request reimbursement from May 2008 until the board's decision in October 2008, but had not done so. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

6. **Policy Reading:**

Driver Education Policy- Approved with amendments.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

Policies tabled until cross referencing is completed: :

11.1 Budget Planning

11.14 Safety & Security Union/School District Facilities

D-7 Volunteers and Work Study Students

D-10 Public Complaints About Personnel

D-12 Harassment of Employees

D-12R Procedures of Harassment of Employees

E-9 Aids or HIV

F-1 Student Conduct and Discipline

F-5 Student Records

F-19 Limited English Proficiency Students

F-21 Firearms

F-23 Participation of Home Study Students

F-24 Hazing

G-4 Selecting Library Materials

G-5 Selection of Instructional Materials

G-7 Educational Support System

G-13 Animal Dissection

Wellness (unnumbered)

Residency (unnumbered)

7. Action on Personnel Contract:

i. New Hires: Brenda Achorn Interim Occupational Therapist starting on February 23, 2009 through the end of the school year. Motion made by ____, seconded by ____ to approve the hiring of Brenda Achorn as Interim Occupational Therapist for the balance of this school year. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski. Motion carried 3-0. ____.

8. 9. **Other Lawful Business:** None

10. **Set Next Regular Board Meeting:** Next regular meeting is scheduled for, March 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Petty

Board of Recording Secretary