

Wells Town School Board
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2009 7:00 PM

Official Minutes

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

Audience: Jason Grote, Bonnie Lenihan, Darren McIntyre, Heidi Melendy, and Bill Melendy.

Chair Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion made by Tammy Holcomb, seconded by Karen Stomski to approve Brittany Petty as the board Recording Clerk. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, second by Charity Downs to accept the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of minutes: December 17, 2008

December 17, 2008- correct chapter 9 School District to "**Chapter 9**"

December 17, 2008- correct Community Share Project based on Dorset to "**Community Sharing Project**"

December 17, 2008- correct A big Thank you to "**A big Thank You**"

December 17, 2008- correct Business Managers Report to "**Business Manager's Report**"

December 17, 2008- correct Stanford for FY08 to "**Stafford Technical Center**".

December 17, 2008- correct New Business: Possible fund painting for the exterior of the building as well as Maintenance fund to "**The Board discussed the possible funding for painting the exterior of the building as well as supplementing Maintenance Fund.**"

December 17, 2008- correct There were still some bugs to the process to "**There were still some bugs in the process**".

December 17, 2008- correct to enter into Executive Session for Personnel reasons to "**to enter into Executive Sessions for personnel reasons**".

B. Superintendent Report: Mr. Gallagher discussed the conversation held with SU board members from December's meeting; the Board members are expediting the superintendent search process. The Board members have set aside February 2nd and 3rd to interview the candidates as well as keeping the 4th open in case the board needs more time to deliberate.

C. Principal's Report: Ms. O'Leary spoke about having all peanut related food

products removed from the school due to the peanut butter recall. No recalled products were found in the school. Ms. O'Leary also addressed the cost of fuel and spoke with the Local Fuel Company to see if there was any chance of reducing our locked in price. They are unable to reduce the cost at this time. Ms. O'Leary has stated that the school is conserving energy.

D. Business Manager's Report:

I. Financial Statements – none provided this month.

II. Approve warrants:

1. Warrant # 45, in the amount of 231,361.48, dated 12/19/08
2. Warrant # 46, in the amount of 33,180.08, dated 1/ 2/09.

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

3. General Public Comments: Bill Melendy and Heidi Melendy questioned the Board about Driver Education Reimbursement. Heidi Melendy signed up for Driver's Ed. eight months before the new policy was passed. Heidi Melendy had received a letter in the mail stating that the Board would no longer reimburse due to the new policy. Tammy Holcomb made a copy of the letter and told Bill and Heidi Melendy that she will look into the matter and will get back to them.

Jason Grote announced that they are having many fundraisers for their trip to Boston, MA. The students will be leaving on May 5-8 and will visit many of Boston's attractions. Some of the activities planned for this trip are going to the Aquarium, Museum of Science, Duck Tours, and JFK Library. Some of the fundraisers that are being put on are Super Bowl Subs, which is January 30-31; Spaghetti Dinner, and the Halliday Farms fundraiser.

4. New Business:

A. Wells Town School District Warning

Article 8.- Question if FY09 should be FY08

Article 9.- Question if FY09 should be FY08

Tom Gallagher said he will look into this and have the corrections made.

B. The Board discussed the substitute list and Linda O'Leary stated that she will review the approved substitute list and add or subtract any names on the list.

Tammy Holcomb suggested we put off approving the list until the next meeting so that Linda can review it.

C. Criminal Record Check for volunteers discussed; much discussion as to whether the volunteer should pay for the criminal record check if attendance is more than one day. It was stated that, if the volunteer is unsupervised they should have a criminal record check done for the school before being hired; and for those already working at a school or in law enforcement can complete a

request for secondary dissemination form from a previous employer. Tammy Holcomb made a motion for the criminal records to be discussed at the next meeting, seconded by Karen Stomski. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Old Business: None.

6. The board agreed by consensus to move the following policies to a third reading in February:

Driver Education Policy

The board agreed by consensus to move the following policies to a 2nd reading in February:

11.1 Budget Planning

11.14 Safety & Security of Supervisory 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 for Harassment of Employees

E-9 Aids or HIV

F-1 Student Conduct and Discipline

F-5 Student Records

F-19 Limited English Proficient Students

F-21 Firearms

F-23 Participation of Home Study Students

F-24 Hazing

F-27 Pupil Privacy Rights

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: Tammy Holcomb made a motion to have all unsupervised volunteers and service providers to submit to a criminal record check before the start date of employment, seconded by Charity Downs. Motion carried 3-0.

New Hires: Brittany Petty- Board Recording Secretary (approved at the beginning of the meeting).

Volunteer Basketball Coaches:

Ed Hunter

Sue Burke

Karen Stomski

Dave Micelli

Resignations: None

Terminations: None

Leave of Absence: None

Next Meeting February 18, 2009 at 7:00pm.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to enter into Executive Session for personnel reasons at 8:59pm. Motion carried 3-0

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to come out of Executive Session at 9:04pm. Motion carried 3-0. No action taken.

Unanimous decision to adjourn at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Petty
Board of Recording Secretary