

**Wells Town School District
Board of School Directors
March 11, 2009 7:00 PM**

Official Minutes

Attendance:

Chair: Tammy Holcomb
School Board Clerk: Karen Stomski
Superintendent: Tom Gallagher
Business Manager: Louis Milazzo
Principal: Linda O'Leary
Recording Secretary: Brittany Petty

Audience: Steven Kainen

Absent: Vice Chair, Charity Downs

Superintendent, Tom Gallagher, called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

1. Election of Board Officers:

Karen Stomski nominated Tammy Holcomb for Chair. Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb. Motion carried 2-0.

The newly appointed Chair, Tammy Holcomb, took over the meeting.

Karen Stomski nominated Charity Downs for Vice Chair. Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb. Motion carried 2-0.

Tammy Holcomb nominated Karen Stomski for School Clerk. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski. Motion carried 2-0.

The Wells Town Board members for 2009 are Tammy Holcomb, Chair; Charity Downs, Vice Chair; and Karen Stomski, School Board Clerk.

Set schedule for regular monthly meeting: The Board made the decision to continue meeting every third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM. Changes will be made if necessary and all will be notified of the change.

Appointment of RSWSU Board Representatives: Due to three member board, all board members are RSWSU Board Representatives.

Appointment of RSWSU Committee Representative:

Tammy Holcomb will be the Finance Committee Representative.

Charity Downs will be the Systems Management Representative.

Karen Stomski will be the Human Resource Representative.

Appointment of School District Treasure: Brenda Chmielewski was voted by the town to be the School District Treasure.

Appoint Newspaper: The Rutland Herald will be the newspaper for record.

Appoint Truant Officer: Tammy Holcomb and Karen Stomski appointed Norman Brown be the Truant Officer. Linda will send a letter to him.

Reaffirm Roberts Rules of Order: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski; that we will use Robert Rules of Order for Small Boards. Motion carried 2-0.

2. Constant Agenda: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve Constant Agenda. Motion carried 2-0.

3. Approval of Minutes (Edited Version): February 18, 2009.

Correct: Tammy Holcolmb to Tammy **Holcomb**

Correct: ?Motion by__seconded by__to approve Constant Agenda to “**Motion by Karen Stomski, seconded by Charity Downs, to approve Constant Agenda.**”

Correct: Principal’s Report: Ms. O’Leary discussed the first play group to “**Principal’s Report: Ms. O’Leary discussed that the first play group**”.

Correct: Principal’s Report, fourth line down; Kindergarten screening will be taken place to “**Kindergarten screening will be taking place**”.

Correct: Principal’s Report, fifth line down; Fast Forward to “**Fast ForWord**”.

Correct: Audit: The FY08 audit verified a \$26,673.00 surplus \$10 thousand of the FY08 fund... to just this sentence “**The FY08 audit verified a \$26,673.00. \$10 thousand needs to be moved from the general fund to the FY09 maintenance fund.**”

Correct: Audit: \$6,499 in miscellaneous grant to “**There was \$6,499 in miscellaneous grant**”.

Correct: Audit: All agreed to have a general fund account and will decide a local bank to place the account in to “**All agreed to have a general fund account and will decide on a local bank to place the account in.**”

Correct: New Business: A Special board meeting will be held on March, 2009 Monday at 7:00 PM. to “**A Special Board meeting will be held on March 2, 2009 Monday at 7:00 PM**”.

Correct: Old Business: (?Motion) to “**Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs. Motion carried 3-0.**”

Correct: Personnel Contract: (board approved?:Motion made?) to “**Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve of the new hire of Brenda Achorn. Motion carried 3-0.**”

Correct: In the Next Regular Board Meeting put in place this, “**Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2009 at 7:00 PM.**”

B. Superintendent Report: The goals that the superintendent saw for the three committees this year would be for the Systems Management Committee to have a Policy Manual completed for at the SU and district level. The Human Resource Committee is to set goals for the Superintendent and the Finance Committee. Also discussed is the Stimulus Package for Vermont. School construction was cut out of the package and will not be seen this year. State Aide is placing money to help schools maintain programs but will not receive money if not used in this manner.

Curriculum Audit Training April 7, 8, 9, and 10 will be held at Green Mountain College from 8:00 AM to 4:30 Pm.

C. Principal’s Report: Ms. Linda O’Leary discussed Clare Early’s visit to the Wells Village School; Clare was visiting to work on the Best Practices in Mathematics. Clare was impressed with the Wells 6th graders on their ability to clearly verbalize and Math thinking. Clare mentioned to the teachers that this speaks to a cumulative consistency in the Wells Village School teaching and expectations. Also discussed, Linda announced that the school was in first place in the Price Chopper Tools for Schools and won a Wireless PA system. Linda mentioned that they have another 42,000 points left over and are considering getting another cart for their second computer projector.

D. Business Manager’s Report:

i. Approval of Warrants:

a. Warrant #50, in the amount of \$75,048.82, dated 2/13/09.

b. Warrant #51, in the amount of \$32,844.84, dated 2/27/09.

Louis Milazzo mentioned having the Wells Sewer Repairs account, in the amount of \$2246.78; moved to the maintenance fund. Will look to see where we are with our budget in May and decide whether to move the expense at that point.

Motion carried 2-0 to accept consent agenda with changes.

4. General Public: Mr. Steven Kainen gave the Board a tour of his Kindergarten classroom and to give the Board a brief progress report of how he runs his class and any concerns or correction that need to be made. Mr. Kainen was very generous with the information he provided the Board

and had no major concerns to address. Mr. Kainen expressed his love of teaching the younger grade level and how he is grateful for having such a large classroom.

5. New Business:

A. Approval of Substitute List: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve the Substitute List. Motion carried 2-0.

6. Old Business: Karen Stomski asked if there is any procedure for volunteers. Tom Gallagher and Linda O'Leary both agreed they will draft a procedure for the board to review and discuss at the next Board meeting.

7. Policies: Karen Stomski worked on cross referencing the new and old policies within the Wells School. She has agreed to bring the changes of the policies to the next Systems Management Committee meeting.

8. Action on Personnel Contract:

vi. New Hires: None

vii. Resignations: Claudia Ellis, SLP Vendor

Claudia Ellis will continue till the end of March when she will resign; and there has been advertising for the position to complete this year. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, for deep regret of Claudia Ellis resignation. Motion carried 2-0.

viii. Termination: None

ix. Leave of Absence: (1)*

Will be discussed in Executive Session.

9. Other Lawful Business: Ms. Linda O'Leary wanted to mention the wonderful team effort at the town meeting, March 2, 2009; and wanted to say congratulations to everyone who participated.

Approval of 2009-2010 Wells School District Calendar: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve the Wells School District Calendar 2009-2010. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Next Regular Board Meeting:

Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

11. Adjournment:

See continuation of minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brittany Petty
Board of Recording Secretary