

**Wells Town School District
Board of Directors
August 19, 2009
Official Minutes**

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

Audience: Mr. and Mrs. Chmielwski

1. Call To Order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Minutes – Unofficial minutes of July 15, 2009.

Correction of July 15, 2009 Minutes:

1. Please add page numbers to the minutes.
2. Move motion to accept consent agenda to below Business Manager's report add 2nd by Karen Stomski.

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs to accept the consent agenda of August 19, 2009. Motioned carried 3-0.

B. Superintendent's Report

On Monday, August 3rd, the Administrative team discussed policies regarding curriculum management and professional development. There will be a New Professionals workshop on Thursday, August 20th.

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday August 24th in Middletown Springs to view a presentation from the administrators about the Curriculum Management Audit, why it was important, and what happens next.

The planning is underway for in-service day on August 24th, Teachers will be presented with the Curriculum Management findings, recommendations, and the next steps.

C. Principal's Report (No written report)

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

I. Financial Statements:

A question was raised regarding separate accounts for the 5/6-grade trip to Boston. There is a separate account for the 5/6-grade trip, the Library, and the playground, which are audited on an annual basis.

II. Approve warrants.

- 1. Warrant #63 in the amount of 77,198.50, dated 7/15/09
- 2. Warrant # 64 in the amount of 19,389.72, dated 7/31/09.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Karen Stomski, motion carried 3-0.

Principal's Report:

Linda O'Leary reported:

1. Grades 3-5 will be participating in the Star Base Program this year. It is a 5-week program beginning on Sept. 9 and ending Oct 7. Instruction includes one day at the Rutland Southern Vermont Regional Airport. The program is offered at no cost to the school with a grant of \$500.00 towards transportation costs.
2. Professional Development:
 - a. Meghan Keith participated in the Responsive Classroom and GRASP Teacher Workshop.
 - b. Kathy Fox, Kathryn Byrne Grossarth, Barbara Festa and Sheila Ploof participated in the Fast For Word Program.
 - c. Jason Grote, Kathryn Byrne Grossarth and Pam Hunter participated in the Century 21st Learners.
3. Kathryn Byrne Grossarth and Linda made contact with the Reading Street Representative for up to date cost information. Barb Festa is collaborating with them to put together a cost analysis and plan for acquisition.
4. Barb Festa will be full time for the school year to meet the needs of students who are having difficulty in Math.
5. The Kindergarten Picnic was a success with nine students in attendance. Steve Kainen welcomed students and their families, they sang songs, read stories, and played games.
6. Teachers return to school on Friday August 21 for three days of in service. The students begin on Wednesday August 26th. The welcome back Barbeque will be held on Thursday August 27th at 5:00pm.

3. General Public Comments:

Mr. and Mrs. Chmielwski asked if a decision has been made on the tuition reimbursement request presented at the board meeting last month. Joan Paustin said that no opinion has been rendered in the request; however, it should be available by the next board meeting.

Teachers: None

4. New Business:

- a. No new subs this week.
- b. Scheduling on Exterior Building Maintenance Meeting: Tammy Holcomb would like to schedule an exterior maintenance meeting inviting general public for input on the building maintenance. This meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September, 22 at 6:30pm.

Joan Paustian received a request from a Tinmouth parent to send their child to Wells due to transportation issues. The Board voted to accept the Timmouth student for the reasonable tuition rate. Tammy Holcomb made the motion to accept the Tinmouth student for announced tuition rate, Charity second the motion. Motioned passed 3-0.

Louis Milazzo informed the board that he in collaboration with his wife has opened a Private Pre School in Poultney. Their goal would be to fund the school so the tuition is free for all students and that they have access to the Public School System. The board extended an invitation to the director to attend the next meeting to discuss the preschool and funding options. Chartiy would like a written summary of the numbers for the preschool.

5. Old Business:

- a. Tuition Reimbursement Request: An opinion will be made available at the next Board Meeting.
- b. Update on Summer Scheduled Maintenance:

Linda O'Leary toured the building and the school is in good shape. Debra Kingsbury from the State received a VOSHA complaint regarding the mold that is present in the facility. She toured the building and found that there was mold in the basement, no evidence of animal droppings, and concluded that the school is making excellent steps to resolve the issue and that the report was not completely accurate.

Debra will issue a formal report of her findings.

Basement Systems reviewed the issue and has developed a solution that will permanently cure the mold issue on the interior of the facility.

Linda will follow up with the State to share the findings and ask if they are aware of any other permanent solutions to the issue.

Bids have been received to remove the trees; more chips are needed for the playground area.

The water system has been reviewed and the school administration is working closely with Vermont Rural Water Association to complete an application for the water system grant. The town is required to vote in March to approve the purchase of the system in order to be reimbursed for the expenditure.

6. Polices: None

7. New Hires:

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to hire Elizabeth Ambuhl as recording secretary. Motioned passed 3-0
The shared school nurse, Terry Nebraska, has been hired

Resignations: None

Termination: None

Leave of Absence: None

8. Other Lawful Business: None

9. Executive Session:

Tammy Holcomb made a motion seconded by Charity Downs to enter into executive session at 6:37pm. Motion carried 3-0.
Please see continuation of minutes

10. Next Regular Board Meeting (September 16, 2009 at 7:00pm)

Respectively Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl