

Wells Town School District  
Board of Directors  
January 13, 2010  
Official Minutes

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

Absent: Charity Downs (Vice Chair)

Audience: Ian Shrauf, Jason Grote ( second grade teacher)

1. Call to Order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Consent Agenda:

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to accept the consent agenda. Motion carried 2-0.

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with noted changes from Linda O'Leary's corrected minutes.

B. Superintendent's Report:

Joan Paustian, Superintendent of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Board, reported that NECAP scores will be released on the 27<sup>th</sup> and on February 2<sup>nd</sup> the commissioner will release a report. The supervisory union will be working during the next few months to develop a strategy to address technical suggestions from the committee. The board will also review the adoption of a new FMLA policy addressing eligibility

Superintendent Paustian also included a synopsis of the 2010 Education Legislative Report for the Boards' information.

C. Principal's Report: (No written report)

- On December 22<sup>nd</sup> Linda O’Leary was informed that the Wells School was not accepted into the next phase of the energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG). They received requests for \$13 million dollars worth of projects and could only fund \$6.98 million.
- We had a wonderful turnout for our Holiday Concert. Despite the news of a gravely ill grandparent, Ms. Holzmacher remained focused and lead the students in an enjoyable display of their many talents. Parents contributed delicious desserts for everyone to enjoy afterward. Thank you to the PTO for providing beverages, serving and organizing the food. It was a festive evening.
- I have not received the report from Norm Etkind, of the School Energy Management Project of the VT Superintendents’ Association. I will distribute copies to the board as soon as it is received.
- I reported at the last meeting that we received a generous donation of \$500.00 from a member of the Peru Church. After careful consideration we decided to spend the money on breakfast and lunch foods for the twenty four families identified as needing support. With an almost two week break in school, the burden for these meals rested solely on the families. Jennifer Miller, our unofficial coupon queen offered to shop to stretch the money even further. The whole event just blossomed with more and more people becoming involved. The Neighborhood Pantry Express heard about our efforts and contributed a ham and 10lbs of potatoes per family in addition to the two bags of groceries we had purchased. Items in the bags included; soup, cereal (hot and cold), peanut butter, jelly, cheese, pasta, spaghetti sauce, fruit, hot chocolate, etc. I hope our “Secret Santa” received as much enjoyment from the giving as we had in distributing.
- Several faculty members and Instructional Assistants are involved in further training in the Fast ForWord Program this week.
- Kathryn Byrne Grossarth is participating in a four day workshop entitled, Crisis Prevention Institute: Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Instructor Training. She will become the trainer for our supervisory union.
- The Wells school is using on a trial basis the Symphony Math Program for the remainder of the year.

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

- Health Insurance Premiums came in at a 3% increase beginning July 1, 2010.

I. Financial Statements

II. Approve warrants.

- 1. Warrant # 74 in the amount of \$9,358.15 dated 12/4/09
- 2. Warrant # 75 in the amount of \$51,746.50 dated 12/18/09

Motion to approve the consent agenda. All in favor 2-0.

3. General Public:

Ian Schrauf representing the Rural Vermont Water Association was present to assist the Board with the process of the Construction Project Checklist and loan applications for the Water Disinfection System. Discussion Ensued.

Jason Grote reported that he is just finishing up a Connect the Dots Continuing Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Classroom Program with Pam and Kathryn. The class focused on how to best utilize technology in teaching. They were presented with opportunities to have students interact through technology both regionally and nationally. This not only increases their learning potential, but also develops skills for the workplace.

Overall, Jason reported that the fifth grade is doing well and currently studying the American Revolution.

4. New Business:

- a. Approved Substitute List: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb to approve the substitute list. Motion carried 2-0.
- b. Prepare for Town Meeting. Discussion ensued on the amount to request in the warning for the Water Treatment System. Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to approve to change Article 10 to request \$30,000 for the water treatment system. Motion passed 2-0.

Tammy Holcomb requested a five minute recess at 8:25pm

Meeting called back to order at 8:35pm

5. Old Business:

a. Basement follow up. Linda reported that we do not have to replace the radiators in the basement. She received three electrical quotes. Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to accept Tyler Electric-Security, Inc quote for the electrical work associated with the Basement Project. Motion passed 2-0.

b. Exterior Siding: Linda presented the breakdown of the estimate for the exterior painting and siding for the building. No action taken.

6. Polices:

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to accept polices E-501, E-502, E-503, E-504, E-505, E-506, E-507, E-508, E-509, E-510, E-510A, E-511, E-512, E-513, E-514, E-515, E-517 replacing the policy dated 6/09/04, H-1, D-1, D-8, and D-10 as amended. Motion carried 2-0.

7. New Hires: None

Resignations: None

Termination: None

Leave of Absence: None

8. Other Lawful Business: None

9. Executive Session: Tammy Holcomb made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:05pm to discuss Personnel, seconded by Karen Stomski. Motion carried 2-0.

10. Next Regular Board Meeting (February 10, 2010 at 7:00pm)

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl  
Wells School Board Recording Secretary



