

Wells Town School District
Board of Directors
October 13, 2009
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: Barb Festa

1. Call to Order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Consent Agenda:

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

A. Approval of Minutes:

Corrections on September 16, 2009 Minutes:

Page 1 Mr. and Mrs. **Chmielewski**

At 7:01pm **for legal reasons**

2-0. **No action necessary**

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RSWU Elementary

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former superintendent Tom Gallagher

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A report was received from VOSHA indicating that there was no further need for their involvement.

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Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to accept the minutes of September 16, 2009 with the above changes. Motioned carried 2-0.

B. Superintendent's Report

Joan Paustian, Superintendent of the Rutland Southwest Supervisory Board, stated that the Supervisory Board comments regarding curriculum updates will be issued on a monthly basis.

NECAP Science Scores have been evaluated and there is some work to do to raise the level of scores..

The Administrative team has finalized the draft of two policies which will be sent to the Systems Management Committee. These policies will serve as the guide to our work in curriculum, assessment and professional development.

Joan attended a conference on Improving Student Learning with Standards, Assessment, and Learning. She will be sharing some of the information with the Administrative Team.

The first draft of the contract from Leap Frog Preschool has been reviewed. The Stabilization Fund Ed Grant for Wells has been signed. The amount is \$58,768.00 and is part of the ARRA funding that was put into the Vermont Education Fund by the Governor rather than a transfer from the general fund.

Joan has spoken with John Zawistoski and he has confirmed that the law supported the case of not paying for religious education when it dealt with the issues of the Chittenden matter.

Joan has visited classrooms in all of the elementary schools, including Wells. In the next couple of weeks she will be visiting classrooms in the High Schools.

C. Principal's Report (No written report)

- School enrollment has increased to 70 students with a new kindergarten and first grade student.
- The students in grades 3-5 have successfully completed their Starbase studies.
- The fifth graders will complete the last section of their NECAP writing exam this week.
- Open House was a great success with 75% turnout.
- The Afterschool program has 50 students registered to participate with an average of 35 students attending on any given day.
- Telescope Furniture donated wood chips for the playground area.
- Calvin Bourne removed both trees that were of concern on the playground.
- Peru Congregational Church donated \$167.37 for the bread Mission.
- D.S. Masonry has met with Linda and Ward regarding the work to be accomplished. The work should not cause much disruption to the day to day operation of the school.
- Dorset Church has included the school in the Community Sharing Project.
- Karen Stomski has volunteered to assist with the clothing give-away in order to extend the operating hours.

The Alert Now Program has been installed at the Wells Village School and is a technology based program alerting parents to school closings, and other important news. The cost is \$2.00 per student.

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

I. Financial Statements

II. Approve warrants.

- 1. Warrant # 67 in the amount of \$4,894.48
- 2. Warrant # 68 in the amount of \$28,310.00

Next month the Louis will be meeting with Linda to begin the budgetary process. Presently the school has a savings of \$7,754.00.

All in favor of business manager's report and warrants.

3. General Public: None

Teachers: Barb Festa

Barb Festa updated the board on the Fast Forward Program. The program has achieved positive results and they are considering using the program for enrichment. Vermont History day is approaching and the sixth grade class will be working on a program for presentation in Barre.

Ideally the Fast Forward Program would benefit from more lap top computers, could utilize more teachers with training in the program. This would allow them to offer enrichment and expand the program during the afterschool hours.

4. New Business:

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to approve the sub list and the audit. Seconded by Karen Stomski. All in favor. Motion passed 2-0.

The board approved the Early Childhood Program Contract with the addition stating that the birthdates for enrollment be the same as the Elementary School. Specifically that children be age 3 by the first of September to be eligible for tuition reimbursement.

This item will be amended to the contract and emailed for appropriate signatures.

5. Old Business:

The Rutland Southwest Supervisory union's attorney validated the position on not reimbursing tuition for a religious based education. The family can always seek legal counsel for further clarification or if they wish to challenge the decision.

DS Masonry will begin work in the basement next week. Tri-State will complete their portion of the project over the Holiday Break. Linda and Ward will seek more electrical quotes.

Wells is currently under a boil water order. Water samples were taken from the Kitchen, Girls Room, and Office. The Kitchen sample was normal; however, all lines will be retested in two weeks before the order can be lifted.

Grants that have been submitted have not received a response. The administration will continue to work in Energy Efficient Grants and Going Green Grants.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion for a break at 9:06 pm, seconded by Karen Stomski. All in favor.

Meeting back in session at 9:11 pm

6. Polices:

The Board reviewed the animals in school policy. Discussion ensued. Karen Stomski will merge the two presented policies into one for the Wells School and will present it at the next board meeting for possible action.

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 9:24pm to discuss Personnel and Residency.

10. Next Regular Board Meeting (November 18, 2009 at 5:30pm)

Respectively Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl

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