

**Wells Town School District
Board of School Directors (Regular) Meeting**

July 16, 2008

Official Minutes

In Attendance: Karen Stomski, Tammy Holcomb, Principal Linda O'Leary, Dick Stewart, Thomas Gallagher.

Audience: Joe LaRosa, Brenda, Wayne and son William Chmielewski.

1. Call to Order 5:04 pm.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to accept Consent Agenda with changes. Karen Stomski seconded, motion carried 2-0.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of unofficial minutes of June 11, 2008 (Regular and Continuation) and June 18, 2008.

b. Superintendent's Report – Much of my time over the last several weeks has been spent listening to staff and board members. I have been most impressed with the dedication and commitment all have made for the benefit of our students. Although there have been distractions, the focus on students has not wavered. This is a credit to the staff's professionalism. I have had time to review the principals' building plans. Although some minor changes are yet to be made, I believe the plans are comprehensive and student-centered. I look forward to working with the principals to help them accomplish their goals for student achievement. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Wells School. I believe we have a competent team and I hope to contribute to its success.

Per Superintendent Thomas Gallagher's written report.

c. Principal's Report –

1. School resumes for 3 days of in-service for teachers beginning Aug. 21st. The students return on Tuesday, Aug. 26th.

2. The Welcome Back Picnic & First Week Celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 27th at 5:00 p.m.

3. The PTO hosted the first ever Wells Village Golf Tournament on July 11th at the Lake St. Catherine Country Club. We learned a lot from this initial experience and hope to make it even more productive next year. We raised an estimated \$500 - \$600.

4. I have been working with Susan McKelvie & Aaron Boynton interviewing for the positions of School Nurse and Art Teacher. Our new School Nurse will be Kim Eugair from Pittsford. She is a certified Nurse Practitioner and will bring a great deal of expertise to the position. Today we agreed to send a finalist for the Art position to Mr. Gallagher. Should this not work out for any reason the principals have agreed to readvertise the position.

5. Mr. Cyr and I will be interviewing our candidate for part-time custodian. I should be able to provide further information regarding this at the meeting.

6. Our Summer Program is off to a great start with nineteen students participating. Three of our employees have taken on the following roles: Cindy Cassidy – Reading, Jason Grote – Writing and Barbara Gallinari – Math. Mrs. Cassidy is coordinating the program. All students who participate receive a snack and lunch through the Seamless Summer Program and prepared by Mrs. Martindale. The state will be down on July 16th to review our summer meals program and offer us guidance.

7. I will join most of the RWSU Administrative Team in attending the VT Leadership Academy at Mt Snow from August 5th – 7th.

8. Parents Chris & Angela LaFlamme have generously offered to conduct a fundraiser for our school on Sat., August 23rd through their furniture business. They will truck in new & used furniture for display in our multi-purpose room & outdoor under a tent. The school will receive a percentage of all sales with a guarantee of at least \$200. They have conducted these fundraisers previously for Senior Citizen, Fire and Rescue organizations.

9. School Pictures have been scheduled for September 15th.

10. Open House has been scheduled for September 30th.

Per Principal Linda O'Leary's written memo.

d. Business Manager's Report –

1. Financial Statements – Discussion followed.

2. Approve Warrants –

a. Warrant #28, in the amount of \$231,645.35, dated 6/05/08.

b. Warrant #29, in the amount of \$18,729.53, dated 6/13/08.

c. Warrant #30, in the amount of \$419,059.66, dated 6/27/08.

d. Warrant #31, in the amount of \$10,314.68, dated 6/30/08.

3. General Public Comments –

None

Special Consideration

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to move into executive session at 5:27 pm, for student issue. Karen Stomski seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Board invited parents and their son to join in executive session.

Karen Stomski made a motion to move out of executive session at 5:36 pm. Tammy Holcomb seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4. New Business -

a. Parent request for tuition reimbursement (BC)

b. Parent request regarding tuition (EB)

c. Tax Anticipation Note (Action) –

Karen Stomski made a motion to take Dick Stewart's recommendation to borrow \$187,080 from TD Banknorth at the rate of 2.79% for the Tax Anticipation Note. Tammy Holcomb seconded, motion carried 2-0.

d. FY07 Audit – Audit handed out. Discuss at the next meeting.

e. Fuel Oil Quote –

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to approve the \$4.38 a gallon for #2 heating oil from the Local Fuel Co., Inc. for 08-09 winter months and have Linda O'Leary discuss the seven day payment dates with Local Fuel Co., Inc. Karen Stomski seconded, motion carried 2-0.

f. Meal Cost – The cost of adult meals is \$2.65, other schools charge \$2.75, with the possibility of increase. Principal Linda O'Leary is requesting to go with what the state spends for adult meals. Karen Stomski made a motion to go with what the state suggest for adult meal. Tammy Holcomb seconded, motion carried 2-0.

5. Old business -

a. Review of Policies and Procedures.

Policy – Prevention of School Drop Out Policy – Discussion followed.

7. Action on Personnel Contract –

a. New Hires –

1. Kristi Hansen – Compensatory Education Services
 2. Mary Matteson – Vendor – Physical Therapy Services
 3. Claudia Ellis – Vendor – Speech Language Pathologist
 4. Deborah Wells – Vendor - Occupational Therapist
 5. Margaret Soule – Vendor – School Based Clinician
- b. Resignations – None
- c. Termination - None

8. Other Lawful Business -

9. Executive Session -

Moved into executive session at 6:18 p.m.

10. Set next Regular Board Meeting and Agenda Building for next meeting -

Next meeting will be Tentatively on August 20th at 5 p.m. Next meeting following will be on September 17th at 7 p.m.

11. Adjournment -

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to move into executive session at 6:15 p.m., with a short break. Karen Stomski seconded, motion carried 2-0.

Continuation from Karen Stomski to follow.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M Clark
Recording Secretary