

Wells Town School District
Board Of School Directors (Regular) Meeting
November 19,2008

Official Minutes

In Attendance: Karen Stomski, Charity Downs, Tammy Holcomb, Linda O'Leary, Tom Gallagher, Louis Milazzo.

Audience: Megan Keith, Sue Burke, Megan Hayes, Becky Derusha, Tracy Tinsley.

1. Call to Order at 7:02pm.

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

a. Approval of minutes: September 17, 2008: Corrections to be made are:

Under Superintendents Report, 7th line down should read Rutland **Area** (not "are") Christian School.

Under Principal's Report top of page 2 should be **an** overview (not "on"), end of same line omit "**in**". Under same report #10 should state, "Will include games (game).

Under General Public Comments, line #4 replace "an issue", with **concerns**. Line #7 change than to **then**, at end of line change "Next" to **Sue then asked why**. Omit the paragraph starting with "Ya" and ending with "Burke". Page #4, line #2 **Child coats, bags, etc**. Next line, boomed, should be **bombed**, and passed should be **past**. Next bullet, line #2 replace "they don't have " with "**it doesn't give them**". Line #3 replace faculty with **Principal after a suggestion by the Nutrition Committee**. End of line remove "s" on years. Line #9, second word should be **where**, not were. Last line add "**and**" between basketball and tennis. Next bullet replace "has another issue concerning" with **has a concern with**. Five lines down remove space between out and standing. End of same line "**at any given time**", not at any time. Next line change "is a" to **has been**.

Add a bullet before Jason Grote, and Joe LaRosa.

New Business "e" omit want.

Minutes October 17, 2008: Change date to 15. Audience **Elpi** Blanchard (not Elpy)

b. Superintendents Report Line #8 Capitalize Poultney High School. Line #23 enroll be age should be **by**. Page 2 line #5 Unit should be **Union**. Line #8 board should be boards.

Principal's report: dept needs capitalizing, Line #3 allow should be **allowed**. Under #4, Line #4 art should be capitalized. Three lines below that grade should be **grades**. #7 Early Release Day should be capitalized. #12, paragraph #2, Line #4, should read "**In the spirit**".

d. Business managers report: #2 High School needs to be capitalized. Add to the end of #2, "The board agreed to group them together." #4 Line #3 nest should be **next**, on the next line treasure's needs to be **treasurers**.

General Public Comments, Paragraph #2 Sue Burke continued, omit "**child and her other**" Three lines down omit "went on about". Next page omit "They". Five lines down "the head lice issue, so", next line continued and needs. Bullet #1, line #2, so to **some**, Bullet #2, Line 1, replace is telling to **told**. Bullet #3, Line #2, change is to **are**.

New Business: Line #3 omit right along. Next paragraph change board to official, and capitalize Education. Next line place (.) after instructor and capitalize the. Next line after Education add "will also be reimbursed". Change Tammy Holcomb made the decision.... to (Tammy Holcomb stated that she wanted it to be clearly communicated that the policy of the board was to no longer reimburse Driver Education Cost as of October 15, 2008.)

d. Budget **FY10** not 9

- e. Next page Line #10 If his should be **If this.**
- f. discussed change to **stated.**
- #6 Policies c. change new to **needs.**

Continuation Minutes change the SB to BB

b. Superintendent Report:

c. Principal's Report: Ms. O'Leary commented about the Artist- in- Residency with Dan Roberts from Circus Smirkus. The children love it and will be performing on Monday, November 24 at 6:00pm. The faculty participated in a district wide in-service on November 10 for Response to Intervention. First Marking period ends Friday Nov. 14th. Our clothing Give away/ Pass it Forward is on Tuesday Dec. 2, 7am till 5:30 pm. The Annual Thanksgiving Feast will be on Thursday Nov. 20th, with volunteers, school board members, and the Superintendent as our special guest. Ms. O'Leary also stated that the Vermont Country Store has volunteered to provide support for a Girls on the Run program at our school. They will also provide the coaches.

d. Business Managers Report: We are about \$36,000 under on our revenue, and \$91,000 savings on spending, leaving a fund balance of about \$55,000. This is due to the savings on Transportation in Special Ed. and General Ed. Tuition. However the issue with the septic tank will offset this by about \$3,000.

Tammy Holcomb requests a copy of the balance sheet from NEMRC for next time.

Approval of Warrants:

1. Warrant #38 in the amount of \$14,692.45, dated 10/10/08
2. Warrant #39 in the amount of \$2,256.00, dated 10/15/08
3. Warrant #40 in the amount of \$104,949.51, dated 10/24/08

General Public Comments:

Sue Burke came to the board to talk about her continued concerns about grades 3-6 recess. She request that it be changed to out front two days a week or free choice. The issue of Wells not meeting the legal requirement of physical education days came up for discussion. The state standard is 2 days per week, this is equal to 72 class days, and we have 48 class days. The Physical Education Teacher Tracy Tinsley stated that the children have the choice of what they do. They have the choice to play a game, to play catch, to walk, to talk. There is a very big social piece in recess. The children are sitting all day in class and are encouraged to move around at recess. Children who are more active at recess have a more productive afternoon. This arrangement is not about exercise it is about giving them more options of things to do and more room to do it in. Megan Hayes asked, "If two kids just wanted to sit down and talk would they be allowed?" The response was that they would be encouraged to walk around and talk at the same time since they were sitting all day. Tinsley pointed out that when the kids were out front they were being unsafe because they wanted to run and play tag, but the limit on space made it unsafe. That was part of the reason to move them outback where they have more space.

Tammy Holcomb read a letter from the Nutrition Committee signed by all the staff. Tammy Holcomb stated that if the PTO got new playground equipment for out front that it would incorporate K-6 students and they would be able to use it.

Megan Keith (3rd Grade Teacher) stated that at her recess duty out front she notices that there is just no space. Tinsley stated that the majority of the students want to play outback.

Tammy Holcomb request that the Nutrition Committee come to the board in December to give us more information.

4.New Business: None.

5.Old Business: FY10 Budget: Tom and Louis will check to make sure that Wells has been paying for Betcha Transportation thru the Supervisory Union.

6. Policies: Board agrees to move all policies to January's meeting with the exception of the Head Lice Policy. Motion carried 3-0.

Head Lice Policy: second paragraph change lead lice to head lice, under #1 omit and other. Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs to adopt the Head Lice Policy after the above corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Action on Personnel Contract: ii. Resignation: Lisa Clark-Board Recording Secretary; Charity Downs made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to accept her resignation. Motion carried 3-0.

Next meeting Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00pm(Regular)
(Special Budget Meeting) December 10, at 7:00pm.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to enter into executive session at 10:20pm for personnel reasons. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to leave executive session at 10:55pm. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board unanimously decided to adjourn at 10:56pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Stomski
WVS Board Clerk.