

Wells Town School District

Board of Directors

August 1, 2011

(Official Minutes)

Attendance: Tammy Holcomb, Karen Stomski, Jennifer Miller, Linda O’Leary (Principal), Joan Paustian (Superintendent).

Audience: None

1. Call to order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. Consent Agenda: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

a. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of June 11, June 27, & July 1, were approved with changes.

b. Superintendent Report: The Superintendent reminded the board to attend the RSWSU meeting in Poultney on August 22 at 7:00 pm. Dennis Wells, our labor attorney, would like to meet with all Board members to discuss negotiations.

The Act 153 Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 24 at 5:00 pm at the Wells Village School. The Committee is made up of one or two members from every board in addition to the Superintendent and Business Manager.

The Commissioner of Education has determined that his office will no longer approve local Driver’s Education Programs and that will now become another one of the superintendent’s responsibilities. The Commissioner’s intent is to keep the programs part of the high school offerings.

According to the Vermont DOE, Vermont ranks second in the country with an 82.7% graduation rate. The average graduation rate is 71.7%.

Act 62 requires that all publically funded prekindergarten programs report child progress data for all children who are included in the school’s census.

The curriculum work will become more complicated as the DOE has asked us not to purchase any text books since the implications of adopting the Common Core Standards are not fully understood. We will continue to do the work needed to have a uniform curriculum based

mastery of essential standard which will be determined through common formative assessments given to all students at grade levels for a various time periods throughout the S.U.

c. Principal's Report: We have been notified that we received the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant from the state in the amount of \$5,325. We will use this to provide free snacks to all students each day.

Kathryn Byrne Grossarth, Rebecca Carr, Darren McIntyre, Paul Eaton, and Ms. O'Leary attended the CO-Teaching training. We are planning to implement the program on a trial basis in the new school year in 3rd Grade and are hoping to be a model for the whole Supervisory Union.

All records of our graduating sixth graders have been sent to the receiving schools.

Former WVS student, Patrick Ryan received the honor of Salutatorian from Granville School Class of 2011. Among his awards he received the "Green & Gold Award" which is a four year tuition free scholarship to UVM.

Ann Schinski will be providing a free Backpack Give-Away in our MPR on Sat. August 6th from 11 to 2pm. This will be put out on the Alert Now System.

I will be attending the Leadership Academy at Killington Aug 2-4th with most of the Administrative Team of the RSWSU.

The Source Protection Plan for our water system has been approved by the Water Resource Division from the state.

The old stove will be auctioned off in a silent auction. It will be sold "as is". Notice of the Silent Auction will be placed in the Wells Section of the paper as well as on the schools face book page and through our Alert Now system. Bids are due in the school office by noon n August 17. The highest bidder will need to pick up the stove between Sunday August 21 and Wednesday, August 24. The money raised will be placed in the Student Fund.

d. Business Manager's Report: The Wells Village School has a Surplus of \$105,354 for the year end of FY11.

i. Financial Statements:

3. Approve Warrants:

- a. Warrant #114 in the amount of \$18,675.16, dated 6/3/11
- b. Warrant #115 in the amount of \$208,773.76, dated 6/17/11
- c. Warrant #116 in the amount of \$168,441.65 dated 6/30/11
- d. Warrant #117 in the amount of \$2,379.31, dated 7/15/11

Karen Stomski motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to accept the consent agenda as amended. Motion carried 3-0.

4. General Public Comments: none at this time

5. New Business:

Linda O'Leary took the board for a walk through the building. The Board would like to thank the custodial staff for all their hard work this summer and urges them to continue the great work.

6. Old Business:

- a. Update on Construction Projects: The Septic door has been replaced. All fire extinguishers have been inspected and boxes have been placed around them. The septic pumping has been scheduled.
- b. Update on water treatment: Secondary disinfection System materials have been ordered and work is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 8th.
- c. Update on Painting: The Exterior Painting of the historical part of the building the equipment has been moved in and they are expecting to begin in a few days. Work will begin no later than Wednesday, August 3. No lead paint removal will occur while the students are present in the building for Summer Camp.
- d. Update on deck construction: Work has begun on the Kitchen/Kindergarten deck and the Library deck. The old decks have been removed and concrete has been poured at both sites. Rotted boards were found at each site and have been removed and are being replaced.
- e. Update on Lighting Project: Due to delays in getting materials this project has not been started yet. Matt Kiley and Ms. O'Leary made a decision to switch brands of ballasting from Sylvania to GE. This will increase the cost of by about \$450, but it is necessary in order to finish the project in a timely manner. We are anticipating that work will begin on Wednesday, August 10 with a completion before the start of school.

7. Policies: none at this time

8. Action on Personnel Contract:

i. New Hires:

1. Gallinari, Barbara (ASP Coordinator)-342.5 hours \$20/hr
2. Ploof, Shelia (ASP Assistant)-137 hours \$15/hr
3. Martindale, Wilma (Substitute Asst. Cook FY12)
4. LaFlamme, Emily (ASP Assistant) - up to 138 hours- minimum wage
5. Chmielewski, William (ASP Assistant) - up to 138 hours- minimum wage

Jen Miller made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to approve the new hires. Motion carried 3-0.

ii. Terminations: none

iii. Leave of Absence: none

iv. Other:

1. Renew substitute custodians, cook and secretary FY12
 - a. Bleeks, Ralph-substitute custodian
 - b. Jon (Jack) Roberts-substitute custodian
 - c. Lisa Wade-substitute custodian
 - d. Barry Shoenwetter-substitute custodian
 - e. Jonathan Amaral-substitute custodian
 - f. Judy Wood-substitute cook
 - g. Roberta Chestnut-substitute secretary

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve the substitute cooks, custodians and secretaries for FY 12. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Approve new Kelly Services substitute:
 - a. Ottoboni, Gina (all schools)

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski to approve the new Kelly service substitute. Motion carried 3-0.

9: Anticipated Executive Session: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to enter into executive session for contractual and personnel reasons at 6:24pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to come out of executive session at 7:30pm. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Other Lawful Business: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to approve the purchase of an energy saver freezer for the food line with the anticipation of fundraising to cover the cost. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Set Next Regular Board Meeting:

Regular meeting: September 14, 2011 at 7:00pm.

12: Adjournment: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to adjourn at 7:40pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Stomski

Board Clerk