

Wells Town School District

Board of Directors

September 14, 2011

(Official Minutes)

Attendance: Tammy Holcomb, Karen Stomski, Jennifer Miller, Linda O’Leary (Principal), Joan Paustian (Superintendent) Louis Milazzo (Business Manager)

Audience: Cindy Cassidy (Teacher Rep.)

1. Call to order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:03 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 August 1, 2011, and May 4, 2011 were approved with changes.

b. Superintendent Report:

The next Act 153 committee meeting will be held at Poultney High School 4:30 to 5:30 on Tuesday, October 18.

There will be a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, September 8 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Central Office.

Due to the hurricane we postpone our in-service day from August 29th and will be doing this on Veteran’s Day since this was originally a day off for everyone.

Even without our Welcome Back ceremony we still recognized a number of faculty and staff for their dedication to our schools and supervisory union: 16 folks for 15-19 years, 6 folks for 20-24 years, 8 folks for 25-29 years, 5 folks for 30-34 years, 4 folks for 35-39 years and 1 person who has worked over 40 years. That is 40 people who have worked in some capacity for more than 15 years each in the RWSU.

The University of Vermont recognizes 2 outstanding teachers for every supervisory union in October each year. Our outstanding teachers are selected by their principals. In the past there was one high school and one elementary teacher selected. Now we rotate schools, so last year it was Middletown Springs and Tinmouth. This year’s UVM Teachers’ of the year are

Barbara Festa from Wells Village School and Jima Van Guilder from Poultney Elementary. They will be honored at UVM in mid-October.

c. Principal's Report: Thirteen students attended our August Summer Camp Program.

We received one bid of \$350 for our old stove from Michelle Bates. The stove was removed in a timely manner so that the new stove could be installed. The new stove is functioning well.

We had excellent attendance at the Kindergarten Picnic on Aug. 26. Thank you to Steve Kainen for organizing and hosting this event. It is a great value for students as they come to school for the first time.

On Tuesday, August 30th, our teachers were trained in the use of AIMS Web, a screening and progress monitoring tool. The IA's were with the others from around the supervisory union at PES receiving training in supporting students in Math instruction. In the afternoon they returned to our building to meet with Kristi Hansen regarding confidentiality and other topics.

Barbara Festa has been named UVM Teacher of the year.

We had a great, calm first day of school on August 31st.

We had a great turn out for our Welcome Back BBQ on Sept. 1st. Our theme this year is, "Everything is Possible at Wells Village School" which was evidenced by the new shirts the faculty and staff wore for the event.

Kathryn Byrne Grossarth and Rebecca Carr have implemented Co-Teaching strategies into their work with the 3rd grade.

Our Fall Soccer Program is up and running with Dave Miceli coaching grades K-2, Barb Miceli coaching grades 3&4, and Steve Kainen coaching grades 5&6. Practice has begun for all age groups and game schedules are being developed for publication.

Cindy Cassidy and Linda O'Leary have been representing WVS in the work of reviewing and revising the English/ Language Arts Curriculum.

We will kick off our school fundraiser on Sept. 16th. Orders will be due in by Oct. 11th. We are using Nature's Vision again this year since it was so popular last year.

Teachers are preparing students in grades 3-6 for the NECAP Assessments which will be administered in Oct.

Sept 30th grades K-3 will travel to the Southern VT Art Center in Manchester for a free presentation, "Mother Goose Suites".

Once again the Peru Church has donated supplies for our students to begin the school year. They also wanted to know if they could help us in any other way as well.

School Pictures are scheduled for Sept. 26th.

The Book Fair will arrive on Sept. 22nd and be here for our Open House, Pot Luck Dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 27th.

We will be interviewing 3 applicants for the substitute IA Position on Sept. 19th.

We will be interviewing for the Assistant Custodian Position on Wednesday, Sept 28th.

Jimmy Taplin and the band he is in would like to do a fundraising event to supply music supplies for the school.

d. Business Manager's Report: No written report was given. The Audit went well and the board should get a draft of the report at the November meeting.

i. Financial Statements:

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

3. Approve Warrants:

a. Warrant #118 in the amount of \$109,397.28, dated 7/29/11

b. Warrant # 119 in the amount of \$1,145.88, dated 8/12/11

c. Warrant #120 in the amount of \$23,823.62, dated 8/26/11

4. General Public Comments: Cindy Cassidy reported that there are eight students in her first grade class. As always she is loving the class. They have started Reading Street. She commented about how she loves the continuity of the program and how it carries over from one year to the next. They will have third grade reading buddies this year.

5. New Business:

a. Approve Local Action Plan: this has been tabled to a later meeting at the Superintendents request for final approval.

b. Transfer Deck and Painting Expenses to Maintenance Fund: Jen Miller made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to transfer the expense for replacing the decks and painting the older exterior to the Building Renovations Fund in the amount of \$29,634.15. Motion carried 3-0.

c. FY 13 Budget: Louis handed out a time line indicating what needs to be accomplished and when.

d. Jobs Fund: Louis informed the board that Wells will receive the amount of \$28,450 from the state. This money must be spent by September 30, 2012. It may only be used on school level salaries.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller to use the money for existing salaries in the FY12 Budget. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Old Business:

a. Update on Construction Projects:

Painting of Fence: William Chmielewski has volunteered to paint the fence for community service hours. He will begin soon and plans to complete the work this fall.

Equipment: The new stove and freezer have been installed and are in use.

Radiators: All radiators in need have been painted.

Door: The door on the small special services area upstairs has been replaced with a door with a glass panel.

b. Update on Water Treatment: All work has been completed. Linda has received the original record drawing for our files and the state has been informed of the completion. We are anticipating a delay in the release of funds due to the destruction of the state offices for the Water Supply Division during Hurricane Irene. We do anticipate funding within this fiscal year. Otter Creek is working on the completion of the O&M Manual.

c. Update on Painting: the exterior painting of the historical part of the building has been completed.

d. Update on Deck Construction: Decks are all completed. Ward and Linda will be meeting with Bill Roberts, contractor, on Thursday, Sept. 15th to develop a punch list of a few concerns we have (handrails and spools on grade one exit don't match the others and the concrete landing isn't squared off from the kitchen deck). Linda is holding the check for final payment until the punch list is completed to satisfaction.

7. Policies: H-5 Visits by Parents, Community Members, or Media Interviewing, Filming, Videotaping or Recording, for review only.

8. Action on Personnel Contract:

i. New Hires: none at this time

ii. Resignation: Tammy Holcomb made a motion to accept the resignation of Benjamin VanGuilder (Assistant Custodian), Jen Miller seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

iii. Terminations: none

iv. Leave of Absence: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to accept the FMLA leave of Laura Dailey from October 1 to January 3rd. Motion carried 3-0.

v. Other: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to accept the new Kelly service substitutes as follows: Alyssa Donovan, Daryl Doty, Kelly Roberts, Sarah Gayle, Tracy Fitzgerald, Caitlin Cassidy, Laurence Booker, Jacinda Brown, Megan Munson, George Forstbauer, Tammy McLaren, Andrea Parker, Phyllis Smith. Motion carried 3-0.

9: Anticipated Executive Session: Tammy Holcomb made a motion to enter into Executive session for Personnel reasons, seconded by Jen Miller, at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller to come out of executive session at 8:39 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

No action taken.

10. Other Lawful Business:

11. Set Next Regular Board Meeting: Next Meeting Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

12: Adjournment: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Jen Miller, to adjourn at 8:40 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Stomski

Board Clerk