

**Wells Town School District
Board of Directors' Meeting**

DATE: September 09, 2010

TIME: 7:00PM

LOCATION: Wells Village School

Official Minutes

Attendance: Tammy Holcomb (Chair), Charity Downs (Vice Chair), Linda O'Leary (Principal), Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Louis Milazzo (BusinessManager), Elizabeth Ambuhl (Recording Secretary).

Karen Stomski (Clerk) arrived at 7:45pm.

Guests: Cindy Cassidy	1 st grade Teacher
Kobe Roberts	6 th grade Student
Max Miller	6 th grade Student
R. J. Holcomb	5th grade Student
Willy Hofmann	Librarian
Jen Miller	Parent

1. **Call to Order:** Chair, Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
2. **Consent Agenda:** Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to accept the consent agenda.
 - A. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes accepted as amended for the July 7, 2010 meeting. 2-0
 - B. **Superintendent's Report:** Superintendent Paustin stated that all schools had reported a positive opening day.
 - Feedback from SU-wide in-service was reported as positive and one of the best in-service programs in recent history. Recognition was given to board members, teachers, staff and administrators for their years of service (for combined service within the SU of 15 or more years).
 - Superintendent Paustian took a moment to congratulate Linda O'Leary for her 30 years of service and for having the best organized policy/ procedure book in the district.
 - Discussion ensued regarding the possible purchase of netbooks for Wells at the same discounted rate the Town of Poultney received. For the next meeting, the board would like a report on the analysis of the budget before committing to the purchase computers.

Mr. Hofmann and his students presented a history on their Hero's Project. The Students chose to interview the Wells School Board as their Hero for the project. Each student asked the Board Members two questions regarding their service on the board. Mr. Hofmann recorded the responses for the students to edit at a later date.

C. **Principal's Report:** (No written report)

1. The School year has begun on a positive note with enrollment remaining consistent with previous years.
2. The new playground is fully installed.
3. Summer facility work included the removal of the multi-purpose floor and the installation of new tile by Bennington House of Tile and Carpet. Exterior doors were also replaced in the multipurpose room.
4. Students in grades K-6 have been invited to attend the Pushcart Players presentation of Peter and the Wolf on Oct 26 at the Maple Street School in Manchester.
5. School pictures will be taken on Monday September 20th.
6. Homework Club and the Afterschool Program will be up and running next week. The Soccer Program and Drama Club will begin next week as well.
7. The Open House is scheduled for October 5th at 5:30pm.

D. **Business Manager's Report:**

The State of Vermont Spending Cuts was discussed and the impact it will have on the Wells Town School Budget. At this point the Wells Town School will need to cut about \$44,000.00 from the FY11 Budget. At the next meeting the Business Manager will present the first draft of the budget for FY12.

Motion to approve consent agenda carried 2-0.

3. **Approve Warrants:**

- a. Warrant #89 in the amount of \$186,829.79 dated 6/30/10
- b. Warrant #90 in the amount of \$11,471.62 dated 7/6/10
- c. Warrant #91 in the amount of \$73,229.92 dated 7/16/10
- d. Warrant #92 in the amount of \$19,448.55 dated 7/30/10
- e. Warrant #93 in the amount of \$2,747.17 dated 8/13/10

Tammy Holcomb made a motion seconded by Karen Stomski to approve the warrants. Motion passed 3-0.

4. **General Public Comments:**

Cindy Cassidy, the first grade teacher, reported that she has a great group of students and enjoys using the Smart Board on a daily basis.

5. **New Business:**

A. Approve Substitute List: Karen Stomski made a motion seconded by Charity Downs, to approve the substitute list. Motion carried 3-0.

6. **Old Business:**

A. Water Treatment System. Wells School has received the approval for \$30,000.00 from the State for the water treatment system. The next step in the process is to place the project out for bid. The board recommended that the bidding agency must meet the state approval for the installation of the system in order to place a bid. This should be noted on the spec sheet for the project. Linda O'Leary will have bids ready for the board's approval at the next meeting.

B. Review Spec for Siding. The board made a recommendation to put together a committee to make recommendations on large maintenance projects for the school. This committee would make recommendations on projects such as the siding for the building, painting, and heating zones. etc.. Linda O'Leary will present bids for the Siding Project and heating zones at the next meeting.

7. **Polices:**

The Bullying, Search, Seizure and Interview of Students by School Personnel and Search Seizure and Interview of Students by Law Enforcement or Non-School Personnel were discussed by the board with minor changes.

Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, to approve the policy H-3 Community Use of School Facilities. Motion carried 3-0.

8. **Action on Personnel Contract:**

i. New Hires: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to hire Barb Gallinari as the Coordinator and Shelia Ploof as the Assistant for the After School Program. Motion carried 3-0.

ii. Resignations: None

iii. Termination: None

iv. Leave of Absence: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Charity Downs, to grant Katie Crowley and extended FMLA from 8/23-9/10/10. Motion carried 3-0.

9. **Executive Session:** Tammy Holcomb made a motion second by Karen Stomski at 10:03pm to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and contract negotiations. Motion carried 3-0.

10. **Other Lawful Business:** None

11. **Next Regular Board Meeting:** (October 13, at 7:00pm)

The recording secretary was excused at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Ambuhl
Wells Board Recording Secretary