

Wells Town School District

Board of Directors

April 7, 2010

Official Minutes

Attendance: Tammy Holcomb (Chair), Karen Stomski (Clerk), Joan Paustian (Superintendent), Linda O'Leary, Principal, Louis Milazzo (Business Manager), Charity Downs (Vice Chair) arrived at 7:15pm.

Audience: Sue Burke, John Burke, Natalie Burke, Elpi Blanchard, Arianna Blanchard, Heather Roberts, Brockton Corbett, Meredith Bacher, Tommy Bacher, William Hofmann.

1. Call to Order: Tammy Holcomb called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Our State Champions from the Vermont History Day on March 27; Arianna Blanchard, Natalie Burke, Tommy Bacher, and Brockton Corbett, with their advisor William Hofmann presented their work. They won:

- First Place, Group Documentary, Junior Division
- Best Entry on International Topic, Junior Division
- National Archives Award for Outstanding use of Primary Sources
- Next Stop: Nationals in Washington! June 2010

The Superintendent informed the board that After School funds will assist in sending them to Washington.

2. Consent Agenda: Karen Stomski made a motion, seconded by Tammy Holcomb to accept the consent agenda.

Motion carried 2-0.

A. Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved with noted changes.

Page1: move #1 call to order to the next line down.(on February Official Minutes)

March Minutes

Under audience should be Tracey not Tracie

Bottom of page should read

1. Systems Management –Karen Stomski
2. Finance Committee –Tammy Holcomb
3. Human Resource Committee – Charity Downs

Page 2: e: media/newspaper of record

g: reaffirm Roberts Rules

C. Principal's Report: Linda O'Leary highlighted that Wells was a Grand Prize Winner in the Price Chopper Tools for Schools competition and will be recognized on April 22nd at our local store. We have chosen to spend our points on three Elmo's and three digital cameras. We will also receive a paper shredder. All together the donations total approximately \$3,500.

The playground equipment fund is still receiving donations and is moving forward.

Other activities at the school include two new after school programs including Girls on the Run, EEE Screenings and Book Fair Sales.

Page 3: 5. Tracey Tinsley

PE teacher was in attendance and explained to the board that the administrators met with Joan and Tracey to discuss the PE Program for next year. The shared position with Middletown Elementary and Tinmouth Elementary has now become a 120% position, so one of the schools needs to hire their own PE person. Both of the other schools have added time to their schedules in order to incorporate an integrated health and wellness program. We are hoping this will be a model for all of the schools in our district. With that in mind the decision was made that Wells would need to hire their own .40 FTE PE teacher. After 17 years Tracey wanted to express her appreciation and wanted the board to know that she intends to continue her association with the WVS by assisting in the hiring, mentoring the new person and substituting here on Mondays next year. The Board was appreciative of her attendance in order to have this discussion. Linda expressed her appreciation for Tracey's dedication & many years of service to the WVS.

6: New Business: b: Downs, three year contract with Vermont Digital for the copier.

last line: will be emailed

Page 4: Town Meeting (on line two).

- B. Superintendent's Report: The Superintendent informed the board that we did not get the 21st Century Grant. Mr. Gallagher has a list of reasons why the S.U. did not receive this grant. It is the intent to reapply next year.

Contracts are prepared and will go out the week before vacation. Nineteen candidates have applied for the Director of Student Support Services. Five well qualified candidates will be interviewed by an eleven member committee made up of board members, administrators, special education folks, and an instructional assistant who is also a parent. Interviews will take place April 7th. The intent is to bring the candidates to the RSWSU board on April 26th for approval.

At this time there are four candidates for the Director of Educational Advancement position. The Superintendents plan is to rewrite the job description so that the person who fills this role does oversee the Consolidated Federal Grants while also supporting and connecting the work of the Curriculum Coordinating Council.

- C. Principal's Report: The Children's Literacy Foundation sponsored a Writer –in – Residence Program with Ted Scheu. We also had the Spring Book Fair and the best ever Family Literacy Night with 85% family attendance.

Our first-ever participation in Vermont History Day resulted in a state championship performance by our four sixth graders, Tommy Bacher, Natalie Burke, Arianna Blanchard, and Brockton Corbett, coached by our librarian William Hofmann. These students put in approximately thirty hours of work

outside the classroom, including weekends, after school, and over vacation. These students brought a huge honor to our school and community.

One student from each classroom will be randomly chosen to represent our school at the Price Chopper Grand Price Celebration on April 22nd at our local Price Chopper.

At least ten applications have been received for the physical education teacher position. A hiring committee has been formed and interviews will be soon.

Linda Leach is consulting with our faculty to assist in our implementation of our new Reading Street Literacy Program. She will spend one-half day with each teacher to plan a lesson and another One-half day to observe the actual implementation of the lesson. She will also assist the teachers in developing lesson plans for the first two weeks of the new school year. Funding for this is provided by the Consolidated Federal Grant.

Kindergarten Screening will be held on April 6th. We are figuring on a class around 14-15 students.

We have ordered our big piece of playground equipment. Thanks to our PTO.

On Friday, April 23, we will be honoring our about 20 volunteers during National Volunteer Week.

D. Business Manager's Report: As of this date we are anticipating a surplus of at least \$17,294. This surplus does not take into account the many lines where the actual expenses has not yet reached budget. As the end of the year comes and these expense amounts begin to finalize, the surplus amount should only increase. The largest variance percentage shown in the reports is under Plant Operations. The repair and maintenance line is over budget by approximately \$10,000 due to the basement work that was not budgeted. The board will need to

decide before June 30th as whether they want any of this expense to be moved to the maintenance fund.

The high deductible health insurance option has been discussed at the last two SU meetings and was asked to bring to the local boards for discussion. The Wells Board is in favor of this.

3. Approval Warrants:

Warrant #81 in the amount of \$13,057.71, dated 3/12/10

4. General Public Comments: none

5. New Business: a) Approval Substitute List –Not in packet.

b) NECAP Scores – Leave on agenda, Principal will present at next meeting.

6. Old Business: a) Basement Work – removal of outside post.

b) Water Treatment- leave on agenda

7. Policies: a) Entrance Age- the board discussed rewording of this policy for Karen Stomski to take to Systems Management.

8. Action on Personnel Contract: No action required.

9. Anticipated Executive Session: Tammy Holcomb made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to enter into executive session at 8:42pm for personnel reasons. Motion carried 3-0.

Charity Downs made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Tammy Holcomb, at 9:35pm. Motion carried 3-0.

No action taken.

10. Other Lawful Business: None

11. Next Meeting: Next regular meeting May 12.2010 at 7:00pm.

12: Adjournment: Charity Downs made a motion, seconded by Karen Stomski, to adjourn at 9:36pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Stomski

WVS Board Clerk

