

# *Wales School Committee*

Meeting of: November 16, 2011

**Present:** Mr. Dan Durgin, Mr. Richard Zinkus, Mrs. Karen Blasco, Mr. Ed Boyce, Mrs. Susan Hubbell, and Mrs. Christine Randall.

**Absent:** None

**Audience Present:** Bernadette Toomey

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

## **IMMEDIATE ISSUES:**

None

## **MINUTES:**

Motion made by Ed Boyce, seconded by Susan Hubbell to approve the minutes of October 19, 2011.

MOTION APPROVED

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report reflects that the amount expended to date is \$386,213. This is 26% of the budget, which compares to 23% expended at approximately this same time last year.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- \* Memo regarding School Budget Liaisons
- \* Student Transportation Bids

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

- ❖ The calendar for the months of November and December was presented.
- ❖ Student population is 156 students.
- ❖ The well pump failed on November 7, 2011. Charlton Well Co. immediately replaced the pump and full water service to the school was restored by 1:30pm. During the time of the failure, classrooms were supplied with bottled water for drinking and hand sanitizers were used in the classrooms. Enough unfiltered water was in the storage tank to allow for flushing of toilets. Before the removal of the pump began, the cafeteria stored filtered water to prepare the daily breakfast and lunch. Water testing has been completed and normal operating procedures have resumed at the school.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

At the present time, June 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last day of school this year. In early January, a recommendation will be made to adjust the calendar if necessary.

Beauty and the Beast will be held at Tantasqua H.S. from November 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Grade 4 and all Instrumental Students attended the Army Band Concert on November 7, 2011.

Camp Bournedale will be 2.5 days with an overlap activity with Burgess. Costs are still being negotiated.

Supt. Dan Durgin will be retiring at the end of this school year. A Search Committee will be established.

Common Assessments are an on-going process.

Massachusetts scored first in the nation in Grades 4 & 8 on the NEAP.

TED Foundation had their fundraiser this past weekend and Wales Elementary School was awarded a grant.

### **PUBLIC ACCESS:**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The tuition received from preschool on a yearly basis is approximately \$18,000. Ed Boyce suggested that a sliding scale for tuition be developed to assist families requesting financial assistance. The administration will provide further information for the budget hearings in January.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Superintendent has requested that the December meeting be cancelled as it has been in the past.

Motion made by Christine Randall, seconded by Ed Boyce, to cancel the December School Committee Meeting.

MOTION APPROVED

A motion was made by Susan Hubbell, seconded by Ed Boyce, to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard R. Zinkus  
Principal