

Wells Central School Board of Education Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Hoffman at 6:01 p.m. Board Members present: Cathie Rust, and Racheal Foster. Dorman Reese arrived late at 6:04. William Stuart was absent. Also present: Thomas D. Sincavage, Superintendent, Jeremy Siddon, Building Principal, and Kathleen Towers, District Clerk. There were no guests.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the March 16, 2016 Business Meeting. The motion was made by Racheal Foster, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 3-0.

Under information and correspondence, the following items were reviewed: April 1, 2016 Enrollment Report by Jessica Damphier and HFM BOCES Conference May 10, 2016

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the **Treasurer's Report for the time period March 1-31, 2016 and the Warrant dated March, 2016 in the amounts of: General Fund - \$110,369.49, Trust and Agency - \$199,415.44 Federal Fund – \$636.22 School Lunch Fund \$3,519.90 and Capital Fund – \$00** on a motion made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 4-0.

Appropriation Status and Revenue Status Reports were reviewed by the Board as well as a projected fund balance report from Mr. Sincavage.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the classifications, recommendations, and/or programs for the following students: 000000560, 982420143, 982420142, 982420037, 982420009, 982420173, 83450000, 000200172, 000222155, 002002021, 982420303 and 982420150. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 4-0.

The **Athletic Director's Report** was given by Mr. Siddon. Softball has started. After the break, there will only be 3 more games, and the season will be over. The Sports Banquet is scheduled for June 8 at 6:00. A spaghetti dinner will be provided and parents will be asked to bring desserts. The insides of the scoreboards are being sent away to be repaired. We will be purchasing a new remote controller and the refurbished scoreboards will be back in plenty of time for basketball season.

Mr. Sincavages Superintendent's Report included the following:

Water Testing-In light of all of the publicity surrounding water sources and water in school buildings, we choose to be proactive and have our water tested. Although, we are sure that the town water has already been tested and is superior, we wanted to be absolutely sure that once it goes through our pipes, that it is still free of contaminants and lead. Mr. Sincavage was happy to say that the outcome of testing confirmed that all samples were well under the allowable levels for lead and bacteria.

Senior Citizens' Meeting- The Superintendent and Principal attended a recent Wells Senior Citizens Meeting to talk about the budget. They were well received and they distributed applications for absentee ballots because there will be an outing for senior citizens that day. It was also noted by the Superintendent that the vote will be held on May 17, 2016 using paper ballots. NYS has stated that we may no longer use the old style voting machines. Our choices are: purchase a new style voting machine or use paper ballots. The new style voting machines are cost prohibitive for the school district, so we have purchased a ballot box, and cardboard voting booths and we will be using paper ballots.

Budget Discussion – The final figure for the budget proposal for the 2016/2017 school year is \$5,650,626. The property tax cap is 1.16% (\$46,816). Mr. Sincavage outlined for the Board the increases and decreases, using the same power point presentation that will be shown at the May 3, 2016 Budget Hearing Meeting.

School Board Member Candidates – Two petitions were received for one seat on the school board. Candidates are: incumbent Dorman Reese and challenger Stan Koniszewski III. A drawing by lot was held to determine position on the ballot and it was determined that Dorman Reese will be first and Stan Koniszewski will be second.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approved the 2016/2017 Budget proposal in the amount of \$5,650,626.00. Additionally the Board approves a proposed proposition to purchase a 2016 Ford 30 passenger Bus at a price not to exceed \$46,960.07. The vote will be held May 17, 2016 from 12:30 – 8:00 pm. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 4-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education casts one Ballot for the following two candidates to serve a three-year term on the Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services Board, commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019 on a motion made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 4-0:

Mrs. Joanne Freeman of 12 S. Melcher St., Johnstown, Ny
Mr. Harry Brooks of 314 Honeywell Corners Rd., Broadalbin, NY

The Wells Central Board of Education approved the 2016 Property Tax Report Card as presented. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 4-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education cast one (yes) vote in favor of passage of the Hamilton Fulton Montgomery Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget for the 2016/2017 school year in the amount of \$2,708,156. Cathie Rust moved it, Dorman Reese seconded it and it carried 4-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approved the use of a bus and bus driver for a Senior Citizen trip to Lake Luzerne on May 17, 2016. The Wells Senior Citizens group will be responsible for the cost of the fuel and the driver. The motion carried 4-0 after being moved by Racheal Foster, and seconded by Cathie Rust.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the job description for K-12 School Principal as presented on a motion made by Racheal Foster, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 4-0.

The WCS BOE recessed to Executive Session at 6:50 pm to discuss specific personnel items and items of negotiations. The motion was made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried by all.

The WCS BOE returned to open session at 7:23 pm. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried by all.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the following tenure appointments and effective dates as noted:

Adam Clute is approved for tenure in the area of High School Mathematics, effective December 1, 2016.

Stephen Stofelano is approved for tenure in the area of Business Education, effective September 1, 2016

Laura Kraebel is approved for tenure in the area of Pre K-12 Music, effective December 1, 2016. Cathie Rust moved it, Racheal Foster seconded it and it carried 4-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves adding the name of Harry Russell as a substitute bus driver. The motion was made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 on a motion made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 4-0.