

Minutes of the Wells Central School Board of Education Business Meeting, May 18, 2016 at 7:00 pm

The **meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.** Board members present: Kenneth Hoffman, Cathie Rust, Racheal Foster, Dorman Reese, and William Stuart. Also present: Thomas D. Sincavage, Superintendent, Jeremy Siddon, Building Principal and Kathleen Towers, District Clerk and guest Dee Parker.

Following the pledge to the flag, the Board of Education **approved the minutes of the April 20, 2016 Business Meeting.** The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 5-0.

The **May 1, 2016 Enrollment Report** by Jessica Damphier was reviewed. As of May 1, there were 150 students.

The Wells Central School Board of Education **approved the Treasurer's Report for the time period April 1-30, 2016 and the Warrant dated April, 2016 in the amounts of: General Fund - \$196,455.35, Trust and Agency - \$201,475.63 Federal Fund – \$00 School Lunch Fund \$3,519.90 and Capital Fund – \$00.** Racheal Foster made the motion, and it was seconded by Dorman Reese, then carried 5-0.

The Board **reviewed the Appropriation Status and Revenue Status Reports.**

The Wells Central School Board of Education approved the classifications, recommendations, and/or programs for the following students: 71920006, 982420138, 91940000, 982420228, 982420179, 982420180, 202023, 982420120. The Board passed the resolution 5-0, with the motion by Cathie Rust and seconded by Dorman Reese.

The Athletic Director's Report was presented by Jeremy Siddon. The Girls Varsity Softball season has concluded. There will be no post-season play. The Modified season will conclude next week. The Sports Banquet will be held on June 8.

The Superintendent's Report by Thomas Sincavage included the following items: Budget/BOE Member Vote Results- (listed with motion to accept below; budget passed with an 82% margin), One District, One Book Initiative- A reading program that WCS will participate in for the upcoming school year for students in grades K-5, parents, and all WCS staff. This is an exciting program, whereby parents and students read from one specific book at the same time that WCS staff are also reading the same section in the book. The plan is for discussions on the reading to take place and subsequently, will foster an excitement and love for reading. The plan is to launch the program at the Open House in September. Utica National School Safety Excellence Award – Titanium Level – WCS was awarded a certificate and a check for \$500 for achieving this highest level of excellence as it relates to safety issues in the district.

The Wells Central School Board of Education **approved the results of the May 17, 2016 Vote as follows: 2016/2017 Budget proposal in the amount of \$5,650,626.00 -164 Yes votes, 36 No votes. Proposition to purchase a 2016 Ford 30 passenger Bus at a price not to exceed \$46,960.07 159 - Yes votes 39 No votes. Board Member Election- Dorman Reese 133 votes, Stan Koniszewski III 63 votes.** Dorman Reese re-elected to the 5 year term. The motion was made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

Bill Stuart asked a question about a resident not being allowed to vote. The Clerk (who is responsible for this determination at the polls), explained that two people were turned away because they were no longer residing in the district. For school district votes, in order to qualify to vote, you must be a registered voter and have resided in the district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of the vote.

The Board of Education conducted its annual Self-Evaluation which the clerk will prepare for final approval in June.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approved the statement of Values provided by USI Ins. Services LLC, as presented and attached with the meeting minutes on a motion made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 5-0.

The WCS BOE recessed to Executive Session at 8:04 pm to discuss specific personnel items and items of negotiations on a motion made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 5-0.

The WCS BOE returned to open session at 8:30 pm on a motion made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Bill Stuart and carried 5-0.

After Executive session, the following action was taken:

Be IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wells Central School District hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Joshua Darrow, certificate #627065121, to a three (3) year probationary appointment as a teacher of Elementary Education in the Elementary Education tenure area, on step 2, commencing September 1, 2016 and ending August 31, 2019, contingent upon achievement of effective or highly effective APPR ratings necessary to receive tenure throughout his probationary period, consistent with the requirements of Education Law Sections 3012/2, 3012-c or 3012-d. Mr. Darrow holds a master's in education and an initial certification in elementary education. The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education appointed the following fall coaches to serve at the will of the Board, for the fall 2016 soccer season: Jeremy Bornt as Girls Varsity Soccer Coach and Donald Beach as Boys Varsity Soccer Coach, on a motion made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 5-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education appointed the following winter coaches to serve at the will of the Board, for the 2016/2017 basketball season: Parris Beach as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Adam Clute as Boys Varsity Basketball Coach, Stephanie Page as Modified Girls Basketball Coach and Donald Beach as Boys Modified Basketball Coach. The motion was made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

The Wells Central School Board of Education appointed the following basketball season personnel to serve at the will of the Board for the 2016/2017 season: Susan Williamsen as clock/score-keeper and Stephen Stofelano as the substitute clock/score keeper. The motion was made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the WCS BOE approved a maximum of 20 summer curriculum hours each for Susan Chittenden and Chad Swanson for the summer of 2016. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Bill Stuart and carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm on a motion made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Towers, District Clerk