

**Wells Central School Board of Education
Business Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 7:00**

The meeting was called to order by Board President Kenneth Hoffman at 7:03 pm. Board Members present: Cathie Rust, Racheal Foster, Dorman Reese and William Stuart. Also present; Thomas Sincavage, Jeremy Siddon, Kathleen Towers, Auditor Jim Amell and 6 guests.

Following the pledge to the flag, the Board of Education **approved the minutes of the September 16, 2015 Business Meeting.** The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

The Board was given the Oct. 1, 2015 Enrollment Report by Jessica Damphier. **Total enrollment is 150.**

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the time period September 1-30, 2015 and the Warrant dated September 2015 in the amounts of: General Fund - \$-210,258.84, Trust and Agency - \$173,789.86 Federal Fund – \$00, School Lunch Fund \$104.77 and w Capital Fund – \$2,310.00. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 5-0.

Audit Presentation was given by Jim Amell of Marvin and Company. The audit of the Wells Central School District for the 2014/2015 year was without recommendations or a management letter, that is a "clean audit". The audit of the Extracurricular Funds of WCS had one recommendation concerning the timely deposit of funds. Three deposits were discovered to have been processed for deposit by one club advisor over one month after fundraising was complete.

The Wells Central School Board of Education accepts the Audit of the District for the 2014/2015 school year performed and presented by Marvin and Company. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 5-0.

The Revenue Status Report and Appropriation Status Report were reviewed by the Board.

During Public Access, Deborah Taylor and Tom Preston led a Discussion of a possible youth ski program at Oak. After taking a poll, Debbie let the Board know that there are 45 children, ages 5-14 are interested in skiing. Mrs. Taylor asked the Board to contribute \$1500 as well as bussing either after school on Fri or on a weekend day. Mr. Sincavage had asked the Transportation Supervisor to do a cost analysis in advance of the meeting. The cost to transport on Fridays is \$462.68 and for Saturdays it's \$2003.52 (for the 8 week program). After a lengthy discussion, the Board asked Mrs. Taylor to meet with the management at Oak Mt. to fine-tune the details of the program, so that the Board would know how much money is needed. It was noted by Mr. Preston that the option of bringing students on Friday is probably not feasible because Oak closes at 4:00.

Next, **Nick Mauro addressed the Board on behalf of the Booster Club.** He said that the recent homecoming dance was a success and that the students who attended had fun. He also said that the Booster Club would like to use the building on Tuesdays after school until basketball season begins and also on Saturdays from 9 until noon. A discussion was held about the need for a custodian (availability and cost of). Donnie Beach volunteered to oversee the program and the building. The Board was in favor of the use of the building for this purpose. Mr. Sincavage will check the paperwork for appropriate details before signing it.

Mr. Sincavage gave his Superintendent's Report on the following topics;

1. **The New APPR** – As discussed at the last BOE meeting, a waiver request has been sent to SED and we have now received approval on this waiver. We will continue negotiating the new APPR or 3012-d
2. **The New Tech Plan/Smart Schools Money** – We are moving forward with plans to spend the \$119,000 state funding. It's a spend to get program. There is no expiration date of funds.
3. **Visiting Student from Austria**- WCS will have a student visiting from Austria for approx. 8 weeks. A resolution written by the school's attorney is on the agenda to approve the visit.
4. **Graduating Class Photos Discussion**- The superintendent asked for the Board's ok on checking into putting the class pictures that were in the hall in a computerized format for viewing. The photos have been taken down because we needed to paint. Because the hall that the photos were hanging in is a duck and cover area for severe weather or other emergencies, it was not a good situation to have all of those frames with glass. When they were taken down, some of the photos had started to disintegrate. The Board said to look into this.
5. **Cleaning Bus Driver Position** –we did not have any applicants, so we re-advertised the position with a deadline for applying of 10/30/15.

Mr. Siddon gave his **Athletic Director's Report** and it is attached to these minutes.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approves the 2015-2018 District Plan (for Special Education) as written and provided to BOE by Michele Barrows, CSE Chairperson. The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 5-0.

The Board passed the following motion approving the visiting student and it was moved by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried by all:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Wells Central School District has been asked to provide the opportunity for a non-resident, foreign student, to attend school in Wells for a limited time; and

WHEREAS the Board would like to grant this request and allow this non-resident, foreign student to attend the Wells Central School District under a visiting student status;

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby affirms and approves Herwig Bauer as a visiting student to the Wells Central School District for the period of November 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, subject to all the rules and responsibilities, as more fully set forth in the letter agreement dated September 23, 2015, from Thomas Sincavage, Superintendent of Schools, to Ron and Ronni Royal, custodial guardians, as also agreed to by his parents, Reinhold and Almut Bauer.

The Board approved the following **policies for a first reading** on a resolution moved by Racheal Foster, seconded by Bill Stuart and carried by all:

Resolution: The Wells Central School Board of Education approves for a first reading the following Board of Education Policies: 1.500 Wells Central School Goals, 1.610/2.900 Evaluation of School Board Operational Procedures, 1.620/3.270 Evaluation of the Superintendent, 2.100 Board Operational Goals, 2.260 School Board Member Ethics, 2.261 Principles for School Board Members, 2.300 Board Membership, 2.310 Board Organizational Meeting, 2.320 Board Officers, and 2.340 Board/Superintendent Relationship.

The WCS BOE recessed **to Executive Session at 8:48 pm** to discuss specific personnel items._It was moved by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

The WCS BOE returns to **open session at 9:33 pm** on a motion made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried by all.

The Board passed the following resolution 5-0: **The Wells Central School BOE approves adding the name of Kathy Simons as a substitute cleaner for the 2015/2016 school year.**_It was moved by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster.

The Wells Central School Board of Education appointed, at the will of the Board, the following winter sports coaching positions for the 2015/2016 school year: Parris Beach as Girls Varsity Basketball Coach, Stephanie Page as Girls Modified Basketball Coach and Donald Beach as Boys Modified Basketball Coach. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Dorman Reese and carried 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 on a motion made by Dorman Reese, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Towers, District Clerk