

Wells Central School Board of Education Meeting of December 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Board President Kenneth Hoffman. Board members present: Cathie Rust, Racheal Foster and William Stuart. Dorman Reese was absent Also present: Thomas Sincavage, Jeremy Siddon, Kathleen Towers and 3 guests: Alexandra Brenan, Michael Brenan and Deneen Parker.

Following the, the Board of Education **approved the minutes of the November 18, 2015** Business Meeting. The motion was made by Racheal Foster, seconded by Bill Stuart and carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed the following items of **information and correspondence**: the December 1, 2015 Enrollment Report by Jessica Damphier, Thank you note from Debbie Taylor and notification that the December Mohawk Sacandaga School Boards meeting has been cancelled.

The Wells Central School Board of Education **approved the Treasurer's Report for the time period November 1-30, 2015 and the Warrant dated November 2015 in the amounts of: General Fund - \$191,089.73, Trust and Agency - \$97,638.52 Federal Fund – \$00, School Lunch Fund \$6,239.61** and Capital Fund – \$00. The motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 4-0.

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

The **Athletic Director's Report was presented by Jeremy Siddon** and is attached to these minutes. Mr. Siddon made mention that there have been some problems with the control panel of the basketball scoreboards and he has ordered some replacement parts for controls.

The **Superintendent's Report was presented by Thomas Sincavage** and the following items were covered in that report:

Non-resident Tuition Rate Discussion for the 2016/2017 school year– The superintendent does not recommend raising the tuition rate for the 2016/2017 school year. After a brief discussion, the Board concurred that the tuition rate should stay at the current rate of \$7,000. The Board will formally approve this at the January Meeting.

Part-time Cleaner Position- The superintendent recommended suspending the search for a Cleaner/Bus Driver and would like to instead hire a part-time cleaner. This position would be less than 30 hours per week and does not come with health insurance, but it will come with leave time and vacation time. There was some discussion about what the hours for this position would be. Although there was no firm decision made about the hours, it was agreed that at certain times of the year, it would be good to have a custodian on duty for basketball games as well as someone to help with plowing at certain times of the day. The board's desire is to advertise for a part time cleaner and to work out the hours of the position as we move forward. The Board asked the superintendent to advertise for substitute bus drivers along with the ad for the cleaner.

The Common Core Task Force presented their recommendations to the Governor last week. One of the highlights of this task force was to recommend that test scores not be directly tied to teacher evaluations until 2019-2020, at the earliest. As we understand it now, teachers will still be evaluated under NYS generated teacher growth scores. Test scores will not be a factor for at least four years. We await the Governor's official response.

Next on the agenda was the **SMART SCHOOLS Money Public Hearing** conducted by Thomas Sincavage. WCS will receive \$118,291 from NYS as SMART Schools funding. Mr. Sincavage reviewed the rough draft of the plan, which outlines how the money will be spent. The plan included spending in the area of Classroom Learning Technology (replacing smart boards with 70" smart TV's, as well as laptops, chrome books and a new server). The following resolution was passed by the Board:

The Wells Central School District Board of Education approved the rough draft of the SMART SCHOOLS Plan as outlined by the Superintendent during the public hearing at this meeting of the WCS BOE. This plan is posted on the school's website www.wellscsd.org. The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried by all present.

The Wells Central School Board of Education approved for a second reading the following Board of Education Policies: 2.380 Board Attendance, 2.440 Board Meeting Procedures, 2.443 Agenda Preparation, 2.448/6.400 Public Participation at Board Meetings, 2.610 Policy Development and Review, 2.640 Policy Manual Distribution, 2.650/3.840 Administration in Policy Absence, 2.700 School Board Legislative Program, 2.810 New Board Member Orientation, 2.821 School Board Conferences, Conventions and Workshops, 3.300 Supervision of Students, and 3.500 Consultation Information. The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried by all members present.

The Board approved the following Board of Education Polices for a first reading approval: 1.650 and 4.390 Evaluation Professional Staff, 4.240 and 8.710 Corporal Punishment, 4.255 and 8.535 Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan, 4.260 and 6.600 Staff participation in Community Activities, 4.271 Leave of Absence Medical, 4.280 and 6.900 Public Complaints about School Personnel, 4.290 and 8.910 WCS Equal Opportunity Policy, 4.340 Teacher Employment Policy, 4.500 Health Insurance Benefits – Retired Employees. Bill Stuart made the motion, Racheal Foster seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

No one had anything to bring before the Board during Public Access.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss specific personnel items and items of negotiations. Cathie Rust made the motion, Bill Stuart seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

The WCS BOE returned to open session at 6:53 pm on a motion made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Cathie Rust and carried by all.

The Wells Central School BOE approves adding the name of Cathie Rust as a substitute Nurse for the 2015/2016 school year. WCS has advertised for 3 months in an effort to appoint a substitute nurse RN (currently we have no sub nurses). Mrs. Rust is an LPN who will be working under our School Nurse RN. Because of the circumstances (BOE Member), Mrs. Rust can earn no more than \$750. per year. The motion was made by Bill Stuart, seconded by Racheal Foster and carried 3-0. Cathie Rust abstained from voting.

The meeting is adjourned at 6:55 p.m. On a motion was made by Cathie Rust, seconded by Bill Stuart and carried by all members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Towers, District Clerk