

WELLFLEET SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES ~ Tuesday, March 11, 2014 ~ 4:30 PM
Wellfleet Elementary School Staff Room

Members Present: *Chair*, Jan Plaue *Vice-Chair*, Betsy Pontius, Terri Frazier, Mort Inger, and Jill Putnam, Terri Frazier
Administration Present: *Superintendent*: Dr. Hoffmann, *Director of Finance and Operations*: Giovanna Venditti
Principal: Mary Beth Rodman

I. CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES

Jan Plaue called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. There were no agenda changes.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Jan shared:

- Boston Globe article highlighting Nauset artists
- RTTT 3 year review publication

III. MEMBERS SPEAK

Terri Frazier attended the NRHS parent night for upcoming freshman students. Terri gave tremendous kudos to Tom Conrad for his passionate ambassadorship of Nauset. Terri shared that the graduates who continued onto college has increased from 65% to 95% in the 15+ years that Mr. Conrad has been Principal at NRHS.

Jill Putnam inquired on the status of presenting the FY15 Budget to FINCOM and Selectmen; Dr. Hoffmann and Jan confirmed the process to be complete.

IV. CITIZENS SPEAK ~ None.

V. PRIORITY BUSINESS

A. Administrators' Reports

1. Principal's Report

Mary Beth Rodman provided a handout of the revised Principal's report on yellow paper and highlighted items from that report.

2. Assistant Superintendent's Report

Jan asked Dr. Hoffmann how the Assistant Superintendent is doing this first year at his post, to which Dr. Hoffmann replied with praises of Mr. Gauley.

3. Director of Student Services' Report

Members referred to the written report in this month's packet showing steady enrollment.

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hoffmann attended the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) 2014 National Conference on Education in Nashville and distributed a handout on some of the presentations attended at that conference.

Dr. Hoffmann and Mrs. Rodman are on the interview committee for a new OES principal.

B. FY15 Budget

There was nothing to report on this item.

C. FY14 Budget

Giovanna Venditti reviewed the current budget that is tracking nicely. Mary Beth will submit a spending plan at next month's meeting.

Giovanna reviewed the Cafeteria Revolving Fund and applause was directed to Cafeteria Manager Tonya Felix who is performing impressively and exemplary in her role as Cafeteria Manager. Mrs. Felix's clear and palpable passion for all things delicious and nutritious, coupled with her devotion to WES students and staff, sparked ideas to tangibly express this committee's appreciation of Mrs. Felix.

D. Wellfleet Elementary School Roof Project

Betsy motioned, and Terri seconded, to support the roof project article that will appear on the Town Meeting Warrant on April 28, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Policy Updates

- Jill motioned and Mort seconded to approve in form Section K, School Community and Section L, Education Agency Relations, as revised and updated by the Policy Subcommittee for a first reading. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jill motioned and Terri seconded to approve in form Section J, Students, with exception of the policy regarding fundraising, for a second reading. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jill motioned and Terri seconded to approve in form Section G, Personnel, with the exception of the policy reading School Committee and Staff Communication for a second reading. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

A. Cape Cod Collaborative

Next meeting scheduled for tomorrow night. Jill Putnam reported highlights from last month's meeting including:

- State articles of agreement/still hashing out the quorum issue
- Debate continues on voluntary suspension if 2 meetings in a row are missed
- Executive director is being reviewed
- It was voted to increase the salary and hours for Marc Hauser, who has proven over and over again to be a tremendous asset to the collaborative
- China student exchange program is flourishing

B. PTA

Betsy Pontius reports there is a meeting tonight. Agenda includes the Spaghetti Supper, WES Fest, White Whale Week (Moby Dick's), Scholastic Book Fair, proposed Pancake Breakfast, and nominations for the 4 board positions for next year.

C. School Council

Working on School Improvement Plan/ next meeting next week. Jan suggests inviting Council members to a School Committee Meeting.

D. Joint Meeting

On the agenda for March 27, 2014:

- Policy
- School Calendar
- Executive Session/ Teacher negotiations

E. Preschool Enrollment ~ covered above in section V, item A; Director of Student Services Report.

F. PreK

The 28 surveys sent out to select families regarding funded PreK programming saw 6 returns. Members agreed by consensus that only written responses to the survey are valid. Terri said she will continue on this committee even after her tenure as a School Committee member draws to an end this April. There is a tentative meeting set for this Thursday.

G. Wellfleet Elementary School Roof Project ~ See section V, item D above.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After making these corrections:

- item III, Priority Business, section A, FY15 Budget – Public Hearing; remove last line
- item III, Priority Business, section D, Update on Roof, second to last line will read: *“In addition to the accrued \$71,900 that is set aside for this project in WES Capital money, the MSBA Board approved an estimated maximum grant of \$151,296 (est. 37 cents on the dollar) to offset the cost of replacing a portion of the roof.”*

Mort motioned and Betsy seconded to approve the minutes from February 11, 2014 as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Although Dr. Hoffmann, Giovanna Venditti, and Mary Beth Rodman had to take their leave, **Jill motioned and Terri seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with union personnel, not to return to open session. On a roll call the vote was as follows: Betsy Pontius – yea, Mort Inger – yea, Jill Putnam – yea, Terri Frazier – yea, and Chair Plaue – yea.** The committee entered Executive Session at 6:15 PM not to return to open session.

IX. PAYMENT OF BILLS ~ (this agenda item addressed before Executive Session)

X. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Ferro

REF: Agenda for March 11, 2014, Principal Rodman's February report, Assistant Superintendent's February Report, School Expenditure Report – Comparison, Cafeteria Revolving Fund Projection FY14, Nauset Integrated Preschool February Enrollment Report, Total Project Budget for the WES Roof Project from the MSBA dated January 22, 2013, Minutes from February 11, 2014.