

**WELLFLEET SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES ~ Tuesday, May 13, 2014 ~ 4:30 PM  
Wellfleet Elementary School Staff Room

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER/AGENDA CHANGES**

Call to Order at 4:30 PM by Chair, Jan Plaue, noting that the May meeting is usually set aside for Reorganization. Dr. Hoffmann requested that Reorganization be placed on the June agenda, and therefore Chair Plaue continued officiating the meeting.

**II. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Jan made reference to the current publication of MASC's Legislative Bulletin. Discussion followed.

Jan asked if the Capital Budget ten year projection FY 2016-2025 was updated and shared with Town Hall. Mrs. Rodman said it was. Dr. Hoffmann provided a handout of the previous version of that report.

**III. MEMBERS SPEAK ~ None.**

**IV. CITIZENS SPEAK ~ None.**

**V. PRIORITY BUSINESS**

**A. Introduction of new School Committee Member**

Chair Plaue introduced to the Committee, Martha Gordon, new member. Martha is known by all members and was welcomed whole heartedly. Jan mentioned the mandatory training for new members which is to occur within the first year.

**B. Administrators' Reports**

**1. Principal's Report**

In addition to her written report, Mary Beth Rodman added:

- The Masons are sending a student to a diabetic camp.
- Chorus students will perform at the COA on May 22 at 12:15 PM.
- The June 6<sup>th</sup> Parade's rain date was changed to June 23.
- The Orleans Firebirds are offering summer camp scholarships
- Bullying Prevention evening saw two parents in attendance (one elementary parent, one preschool parent.) It was suggested pairing Bullying Prevention presentation with an activity known to draw a crowd such as the Art Show, Health Fair, Concerts, etc.
- Mary Beth will follow up on the results of the survey sent home to parents

**2. Assistant Superintendent's Report ~ Written.**

**3. Director of Student Services Report ~ Written.**

**4. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Hoffmann spoke about his recent visit to China, noting he has an upcoming engagement at the Brewster Ladies' Library to present on his visit.

**C. FY14 Budget Update**

Giovanna Venditti reviewed the current budget.

**D. Policy Discussion**

Betsy Pontius updated members on School Committee policy #9326, #4213, and School Choice, in light of Murphy, Lamere, & Murphy, P.C.'s legal review in April.

## VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

### A. Cape Cod Collaborative ~ Jill Putnam reported:

- Articles of Agreement moving along. Governance subcommittee to review documents received from DESE/ Quorum issue is ongoing/ considering suspension of voting privileges if 2 or more consecutive meetings are missed/ Flat rate transportation fees/ DESE not pleased with spending plan/ Policy review subcommittee to consider sick bank, military consideration, remote meeting attendance/ Voting on personnel, reductions in force/ Science for nontraditional learners/ Early Learning Network (ELN)/ All Cape professional development day

**B. PTA** ~ Betsy said the new president voted in is Traci Hunt. Tonight it is hopeful to swear in a Secretary and a Treasurer. PTA to discuss White Whale Week fundraiser, WES Fest, and End of Year bonfire on June 27, 2014.

### C. School Council

Mary Beth said the next meeting is on May 20 when the Student Handbook and Volunteer Handbook will be reviewed.

**D. Joint Meeting** ~ May 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM includes celebration of excellence for the district. Other items on the agenda are the FY15 Calendar, Policy, and Summer Schedules.

**E. Nauset Preschool Enrollment** ~ Written report included in member packets.

**F. PreK Sub Committee** ~ no update.

**G. Wellfleet Elementary School Roof Project** ~ on schedule.

**H. Policy Subcommittee Update** ~ see Section V, Item D above.

**I. Town Meeting Update** ~ no update.

## VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 8, 2014 Minutes: Section III shall read; "...Terri Frazier, who has been on the Committee for FOUR consecutive terms." Also, section VII, last sentence, shall read: ... approve the MARCH 11, 2014 minutes as amended. **Jill motioned and Mort seconded to approve the April 8, 2014 minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.**

March 11, 2014 Minutes: Erroneously omitted from the written minutes of March 11, 2014, was item F under Section V. Therefore it was **motioned by Jill and seconded by Betsy to add the following in its rightful place in the March 11, 2014 minutes, after item E in section V. The motion passed unanimously.**

*Amend the minutes of March 11, 2014 under section V after item E to read: F. SCHOOL CHOICE: Mort motioned and Jill seconded to not participate in School Choice for the 2014-2015 school year at Wellfleet Elementary School. The motion passed unanimously.*

## VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The School Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

## IX. PAYMENT OF BILLS

## X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Ferro