

Wales School Committee Meeting

Meeting of Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Wales Elementary School

6:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING

PRESENT: Christine Randall, Ashley Gallant, Ed Boyce, and Carolyn Boehne and John Croke

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Deborah Boyd, Superintendent; Kristen Leo, Business and Finance Director; Kerri Mahota, Principal; Karen Miarecki, Secretary

AUDIENCE PRESENT: Staff Members and Members of the Community

Regular Session Opened at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

- Table approval of minutes for February 12, 2025, until the April Meeting.

Financial Report: Highlights:

- FY26 Budget Vote after Public Hearing

Communications: None

Principal's Report - Highlights:

- Enrollment review
- Preschool/Kindergarten Registration- Now open. Flyers posted, messages sent, and info shared online
- Spirit Week- Wales Elementary celebrated Read Across America Week with themed dress-up days and food donations for the Backpack Program.
- Weekend Backpack Program- Nurse Patrick Lucas, in collaboration with Wales Foodbank, providing weekend meals for families in need. Thank you, Nurse Lucas!

Superintendent's Report – Highlights:

- Upcoming FY26 Budget Proposal
- MASC – Joint statement communication documents year end budget process

Tantasqua Representative Report – Highlights

- Haven't had a meeting yet

Public Access: None

Sang "Happy Birthday" to Carolyn

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Recess at 6:17 PM to go into Public Hearing at 6:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 PM

Deborah Boyd, Kristen Leo, and Kerri Mahota presented the FY26 Budget reviewing line by line, page by page; entertaining any question/concerns.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:49 PM

Back to Regular Session at 6:50 PM

Vote on FY26 Budget:

Motion was made by Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Randall, to bring forward the amount of \$2,089,637 to the Town Meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Open Forum - None

This is an opportunity to offer comments or observations about the school committee and its work. Motions may be made during this session to establish New Business for a subsequent meeting or to refer a topic to a subcommittee. Members are limited to two minutes each, and the session shall be limited to 15 minutes.

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Boyce, seconded by Mrs. Gallant, to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion:

VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Miarecki
Secretary