

Wentworth Elementary School  
School Board Meeting  
01/19/2016

Board Members Present: Kevin Kay, Melisa Farrell,  
Kathleen Mack attended the end of the public meeting.

Administration Present: Kyla Welch, Assistant Superintendent  
Tonia Orlando, Principal

4:30 Non-Public: Negotiations

4:55 Public Session: Public Present: 2 members  
Open the Meeting  
Motion: Melisa Farrell Second: Kevin Kay

I. Agenda Review and Disposition:

Added: Warrant Articles  
Teacher Agreement

II. Minutes of 12/21/15 approved as written

Motion: Kevin Kay Second: Melissa Farrell

III. Principal's Report by Tonia Orlando:

Student Enrollment:

The total school enrollment is now 58. There is one homeschooler for specials and two new 6th graders have joined the school. The school is expecting three new kindergarteners for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

School Climate:

The staff have a continual focus on Perseverance with role playing, discussions and activities.

Curriculum & Assessment:

Winter NWEA testing for 8th graders has started, and they are gearing up for the 9th grade with step up day at Plymouth Regional High School on January 25, 2016. Math intervention groups for K - 5th grade is going well and the Wonders program is on pace for the students.

### Student Shout Outs:

Megan Gelsi is great with helping younger kids at Winter Program and with teaching a dance routine to the 2nd & 3rd grade girls.

### Teachers and Staff:

Chris Misavage is the lead teacher when Mrs. Orlando is out of the building. He is a support with behavior as well as a team player, he goes above and beyond his duties.

### Safety and Wellness: (Christine Crane, David Jaffe, LeeAnn Lewis, Tonia Orlando)

There has been illness in many classrooms. Mrs. Orlando will ask Rich Young to do a thorough wash in each of the class rooms.

### Winter Program:

The first two weeks have gone well with 100% attendance. Mrs. Orlando reported that it is fantastic to see all kids out having fun and the parents and staff interacting.

### Sports:

The Boys and Girls Basketball won against Warren in their home games. The 5,6,7th grade girls played against Plymouth; it was a good game and a win. Mrs. Orlando sent a huge Thank you to Keri Bassingthwaite, Chris Bassingthwaite and Becky Ciulla; they are doing a great job teaching teams and holding the students responsible for their actions.

### PTO:

There have been lots of PTO volunteers for the Winter Program, Mrs. Orlando stated that the interactions between staff and PTO is going great. The PTO is continuing to fundraise and apply for grants.

### Technology:

The generator has been fully installed. Mrs. Orlando thanked Jon Francis for managing the process.

### Facilities:

A classroom interactive Whiteboard came off the wall, and was reinstalled immediately by a contractor.

Community:

Wentworth 250th committee is planning the big Variety Show here at the school on Friday the 22nd of January at 6pm. There will be 10-15 acts, poetry readings, singing, dancing and comedy routines. The 8th graders will be selling refreshments and there will also be t-shirts and pins for sale. Red, White and Blue bunting has been hung with Jon Francis and Mrs. Orlando.

Mrs. Orlando reported on

Recent Events:

1/5 CLIF author Visit

1/8 , 1/15 Winter Program Days

Upcoming Events:

1/25 8th Grade Move Up night

2/2 CLIF Writers Workshop

2/5 100th Day .....Staff vs. Students Basketball Game

2/8 Teacher Work Day...Data, Writing and Character

2/19 Winter Carnival

IV. Teachers Agreement:

Collective Bargaining Unit was approved.

Motion: Melissa Farrell

Second: Kevin Kay

V. Second Budget Draft:

The two changes that were discussed at last school board meeting were completed in draft 2. Mrs. Welch made note that on page 7, dues were added for the New Hampshire School Board Association dues. On page 9, line 266,(voice communications) was reduced by \$2,500.00 due to savings in the phone bill.

Draft 2 of the budget to be accepted for the budget hearing.

Motion: Kevin Kay

Second: Melissa Farrell

The discussion on terms for positions came up and clerk and treasurer can not be appointed only the term can be, any interested candidate should contact the Town Office to be on the ballot. Monirator is a 3 year term; Clerk is 1 year term; and Treasurer is 1 year term. Kathleen Mack term is up for this voting year.

VI. The Warrant Articles:

All Warrant Articles were approved as written.

Motion: Kevin Kay

Second: Kevin Kay

VII. Privilege of the Floor:

Chairman of the Warren school board Donald Bagley came as a representative of the entire WVS School Board. He brought up combining both Wentworth Elementary and Warren Elementary Schools. Melisa Farrell asked him to email a proposal and the WES School Board will take it into advisement.

George Morrill spoke regarding the historical society which will be offering a scholarship to a Plymouth Regional High School graduate.

Kevin Kay brought up correspondence with Kathleen Mack about a fall that had happened during the winter program but after hours, Tonia Orlando is taking care of this matter.

The calendar for the next school year will be discussed at next school board meeting, state primary will be on September 13, 2016 and the general election on November 8, 2016.

Motion to adjourn public session at 5:30 pm:

Motion: Melisa Farrell

Second: Kevin Kay

Respectfully submitted, Vickie Moore