

January 3, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Caporiccio called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. She announced that the meeting was being taped for live broadcast by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. She apologized for the late start due to other business the Committee needed to take care of.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Swett read a letter from WHS teacher, John Sousa, who was not able to attend this evening's meeting. Mr. Sousa's statement was not as a union member. He addressed the budget, "if cuts need to be made, we keep all students needs in mind, no matter what their age or their school."

GOOD NEWS

Recognition of Girls' Track Teams - Principal Palladino and Coach Gardner presented the MIAA Team Academic Excellence Award for the teams' GPA to girls on the indoor and outdoor track teams these past seasons. Coach Gardner read their names and those girls present came up to accept their certificate.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Fall Athletic Report

Athletic Director Ed Rodrigues and Principal Palladino gave the fall athletic report. Our football team made the Southcoast Conference; both the Boys and Girls Soccer and Volleyball teams had the most wins in years; 142 students played sports with an 88.5 GPA; had 34 8th graders participating. In response to a question from Mr. Swett, the cost increase in football was for new uniforms and an increase cost for more home games and not hosting the Thanksgiving game this year decreased our revenue.

Report on SAT and AP Results

Principal Palladino stated that AP scores of 3 or above transfer as credit for students. He reviewed the results and five-year comparison in Biology, Calculus, English Language, English Literature and Composition, Physics, Statistics (not last year), Studio Art, and US History.

Mr. Swett commented on the good scores in Calculus, in English Language Composition, and US History.

SAT Results - Ms. Freitas oversees all of SAT and PSAT test administration. Both the Reading and Writing and Math tests were new tests with rubric scoring. The scores for both tests were below state and national averages. Wareham encourages all students to take the SAT test. 52% were seniors taking the SAT Test in 2017 and 15% taking at least one AP test in 2016.

Members asked to have included in future reports IB data and in response to tracking our graduates data, Principal Palladino stated that we are in our second year of the Naviance program and will be able to track this information.

Course of Studies for WHS 2018-19

Principal Palladino and Assistant Principal Freitas reviewed the changes to the Program of Studies for 2018-19. Department Chairs were also present.

Business - new courses DECA Prep and Fashion Marketing; changes to existing courses were highlighted; four courses were changed from a full year course to a semester course; deleted courses Marketing 1 and College Accounting 1 & 2

Physical Education – a grade change from 9-12 to 11-12 for course Power Up Personal Safety

ELA - added course Extended Essay; changed from semester course to full year two courses Yearbook Construction and Design

Fine Arts - course description changes; added courses 3-D Design: Sculpture 1, Visual Arts: Higher Level; AP Studio Art: 2D Design; AP Studio Art: Drawing; AP Studio Art: 3D Design

Music - added course Make a Beat: Recording, Mixing, and Arranging; removed course Percussion

Math - program changes; changes in prerequisites on two existing courses; added course Mathematical Studies SL

Science - added courses Computer Science Essentials/CSE; Computer Science Principles/CSP; Computer Science A/CSA; Computer Science Capstone/CSCapstone; courses removed AP Biology Laboratory and AP Chemistry Laboratory

Mr. Swett suggested a change under community college, "may earn credits" to "will earn credits". Principal Palladino stated that earning credits is about time; a weighed course is about a course's rigor.

Mr. Swett wanted to make sure we communicate to parents the options available to those students not chosen for dual enrollment at WHS next year to keep them at WHS.

In order to run a class, the enrollment needs to be in the teens hovering 20 students.

Mr. Swett moved approval of the Course of Studies for WHS for 2018-19 as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Report of the Assistant Superintendent

- Curriculum, Instruction, Evaluation and Assessment Update

Dr. Schwamb reported we continue to work on Unit Assessments. Those evaluating have done 1078 walk-throughs this year. She then gave an overview of the K & 1 students' FAST growth last year to current results by norm and by start score from fall-winter and K FAST growth comparing results of Boost.

- Problems - population diverse; programs not reaching all students; students not having the skills they need entering school; gap widens as material becomes more challenging.
- Challenges - choosing correct sources to collect and analyze data; training teachers, the right strategies, and creating flexibility and fluid groups; changing practices to reach all student needs.
- Questions they asked themselves.
- Data & K Classroom Practices so far
- Decas Growth FAST Early Reading K & Grade 1 by Norm and by Start Score
- Boost 4 Classrooms Growth by Norm & Start Score with 100 hours focused literacy instruction
- Traditional and/or Various Pedagogical Practices FAST Growth 6 classrooms including CSS Consulting, Foundations, Focus K-2, and Boost

(Jamie left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.)

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the data is reviewed monthly with administrators and then shared with teachers. She commended teachers for taking this risk to see the results in our kids.

The Committee asked for the data on discipline and special education referrals.

Report of the Director of Student Services - None

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended the following gifts be accepted:

- 40 duffel bags with the fixings for a holiday meal and a gift certificate to the STAGE Backpack Program at WMS from Covanta SEMASS of West Wareham.
Mr. Swett moved acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.
VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0
- Fitness Kit from Fuel Up to Play 60 to WMS, application by teacher Nichole Stahmer.
Mr. Swett moved acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Spear.
VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0
- Anonymous donation of \$500 to WMS Backpack STAGE program.
Mr. Swett moved acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Spear.
VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

- Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

1/4/18 \$3,034.79

1/11/18 \$3,034.79
12/23/17 \$848,171.00
12/30/17 \$98,961.87

Mr. Swett moved approval of the payroll warrants as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

1/4/18 \$196,371.77
1/11/18 \$97,476.17

Mr. Swett moved approval of the bill warrants as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Vote on the Superintendent of Schools Contract

Chair Caporiccio stated the Committee was not ready this evening to vote on the contract and will move the vote to February 7th.

School Committee Reports - None

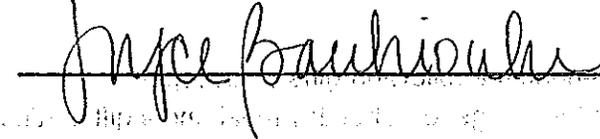
Any other business - None

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Swett

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



List of documents:

- Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List
- Letter from John Sousa
- Minutes of December 20, 2017
- WHS Athletic Department Fall Report 2017
- SAT & AP Test Results 2016-2017
- WHS Program of Studies 2018-2019
- Changes to the Program of Studies 18-19
- Dr. Schwamb – School Committee Monthly Report

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