

January 4, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Mr. Geoff Swett, Mr. Mel Lazarus, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Ms. Judy Caporiccio, Dr. Cliff Sylvia and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Dr. Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

Chair Lazarus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being taped by WCTV for live broadcast and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. He wished everyone a Happy, Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - None

**GOOD NEWS**

Miss Read announced that WHS DECA Districts is tomorrow at Quincy Marriott Hotel.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Swett moved approval of the minutes of December 21, 2016, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

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

**Global Education Report**

Mrs. Manning recognized the Global Education Team including staff, students, parents, and community members. For students to compete in a global economy, they must be taught global education, which includes critical world issues. We have sister school relationships with 11 schools across 3 continents. Wareham has emerged as a leader in recent years and belongs to a consortium on the Cape. Wareham is a model, site visit school.

**Global Ambassadors Clubs** - Advisors, Nichole Stahmer & Matt Stanton

Mrs. Stahmer has hosted students at her home and her children go to colleges globally connected. Students in the club plan activities with exchange students and focus on learning about people and being peacebuilders.

Mr Stanton, also JROTC Instructor at WHS stated the students have established a clear mission statement, they are interactive with exchange students, promote global citizenship, and cultural awareness each month with a theme. This month's theme is World religions.

**Sister School in Cape Verde** - former employee, Henry St. Julien and Kaylie Fernandes, student Mr. St. Julien spoke on the rich history of Wareham's global education which started with Cape Verde, to China, to Sweden.

Miss Fernandes stated it was her second year in the club and she will be traveling this year to Cape Verde and paying for the trip herself.

Scandinavia Trip - Teachers Joe Marcus, Nichole Stahmer and Ellen Osborn and student Madison Hough

Mrs. Stahmer stated that last April she went to Finland, Norway and Sweden where she connected with teachers and lesson plans were shared. She feels this experience has made her a better teacher.

Miss Hough stated that the trip opened doors for her and she still is in contact with her buddy in Sweden.

Mrs. Osborn went to both Cape Verde and Sweden, Norway, Finland trips which allowed her to embrace the cultures within the country and feel a part of the culture.

Mr. Marcus taught lessons while on the trip and visited the Finnish Board of Education to see their practices, which are student centered. Our students' drive keeps us going globally.

China - Robust relationship 6 times as hosts and 4 times as guests. Wareham participated in a signing ceremony of a MOU, good faith to promote global education. We have collaborated with Boston Ivy and Boston Wise.

Wendy Wu, Director of Global Education Boston Ivy, stated the collaboration started in October 2013 when elementary and middle school students visited and then high school students in the summer. There has also been teacher exchange between Wareham and China to teach professional development; teachers from China also bring a lesson to Wareham; administrator exchange of a principal, the superintendent, and a school committee member speaking about goals. There is cooperation to make education better in both countries.

Mike Schwinden, former Principal, Needham Public Schools, was also in China with his district along with Wareham teachers and administrators. He stated that Wareham is truly a jewel and your students are fortunate for your pioneering work with all these exchanges.

Maddie Hough and Elisabeth Ruiz, two of the four students who received a scholarship to attend China - Miss Ruiz spoke about her experience on how they live, go to school, and meeting the students. The students are very content with what they have. She was shadowed by Curry for two weeks in Wareham and while in China was able to shadow him.

Miss Hough was a host family for a Chinese student, now she is a sister and also she saw another student she had met here in Wareham while in China.

(Miss Read left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.)

Chair Lazarus allowed comments and questions from committee members.

Mrs. Morgan stated that she understands the value of relationships with other countries but was concerned about the China trip, not a traditional exchange program. She asked about funding, how people were selected for the trips, and the MOU.

Mrs. Manning stated that host families received stipends for expenses; students were recommended, interviewed by principal, and a final interview by administration; and teachers and administrators' expenses were paid by China as exchange program expenses are in their budgets.

Ms. Wu explained that the MOU addresses regular annual visits for a sister school relationship, teacher, student and administrator exchanges, and possibility for curriculum exchange, all to benefit both schools. Staff members had to apply with an application and were interviewed by Boston Ivy and chosen based on the needs.

Mrs. Morgan stated that she had consulted with MASC who recommended having an international policy.

In answer to how the school committee member was chosen, Ms. Wu stated that Ms. Caporiccio was the school committee member who attended the pizza party at the end of the exchange visit and talked with her and asked about the exchange experience. Ms. Caporiccio had developed an online class with students and Ms. Wu felt the trip would benefit Ms. Caporiccio and her students.

Dr. Sylvia stated that exposing our young people to global education should bridge the gap of isolation happening now in our country but a natural tie is to teach languages at a young age.

Student Indiana Troupe stated he has been a host family for three exchange students and more students should be involved.

Japan - Angela Dunham, Historical Society, thanked the people who were supportive of her connection with Japan. She went to Japan representing Wareham schools and the historical society. At the ceremony two of our students skyped with Japanese students. Mrs. Dunham gave Mrs. Manning a token of appreciation, a challenge coin, and invited the Committee to a presentation on January 16th at the Meeting House to view the DVD of the ceremony.

Committee members thanked the presenters and guests for sharing.

#### **Monthly Financial Expenditure Report**

Mr. MacMillan presented the November report showing a difference due to purchase orders and teacher salaries are at a slightly higher percentage remaining then last year.

In response to Mr. Swett's question, why we are not able to return funds to free cash at the end of the fiscal year, Mr. MacMillan stated that our needs are higher than our budget and we make every dollar work; also near the end of the fiscal year we try to come within budget and we don't ask the town for more money.

Ms. Caporiccio stated that cuts in teachers and programs are not savings because we are losing in training costs.

#### **Acceptance of Gifts**

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

- \$140.00 from Social Harmony Lodge Angel Fund to the Minot Forest School for four student scholarships to KidsBok before school program.

Mr. Swett moved acceptance of the gift, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

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

- \$20,000.00 from The Maurice and Anne Makepeace Family Foundation to the Wareham Public Schools for 2016.

Ms. Caporiccio moved to accept the gift with thanks, seconded by Mr. Swett.

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

### **Chair Releases Executive Session Minutes**

Chair Lazarus released the executive session minutes of June 18, 2014 and August 24, 2016.

### **Superintendent's Report**

- Approval of Bills and Payment Warrants - under Mass General Laws a majority vote is needed

Dr. Shaver-Hood requested approval of school bill warrant dated January 12, 2017 that had the three signatures yesterday.

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

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

Dr. Shaver-Hood requested approval of school payroll warrant dated January 5, 2017 already approved by the vice chair.

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

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

- Warrant Articles Town Meeting - The last day to submit articles for the spring town meeting warrant is February 6, 2017. Articles will be coming forward for approval at the next meeting.
- Wareham Middle School received a \$1,500 STEAM grant from the Boston Museum of Science.

### **School Committee Reports - none**

### **Any other business**

Chair Lazarus announced that he will not be running for another term for personal and family reasons and hopes those watching will consider taking out nomination papers. He thanked everyone for their support.

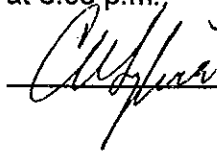
Mrs. Morgan asked to have the out of district presentation on a future agenda.

Dr. Sylvia moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report November

Gift the Maurice and Anne Makepeace Family Foundation 2016 Grant

Warrants 1/12/17 and payroll January 5, 2017

