

January 18, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Dr. Cliff Sylvia, Mr. Geoff Swett, Mr. Mel Lazarus, Ms. Judy Caporiccio, Mrs. Mary Morgan, and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

Chair Lazarus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being taped for live broadcast by WCTV and a recording by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

GOOD NEWS

Miss Read shared that students did well in the DECA District Competition.

Mrs. Morgan congratulated the superintendent for being chosen a finalist out of 52 candidates in Franklin.

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared the following

- Students in the DECA District Competition won 13 gold, 7 silver and 13 bronze medals and many placed in the top 10. She wished them the best as they head to State Competition.
- Jovan Thomas scored his 1000 points at last evening's basketball game.
- Congratulations to the MLK award recipients and thank you to the Boys & Girls Club for hosting this event.

Minutes of the Meeting

Ms. Caporiccio moved to accept the minutes of January 4, 2017, seconded by Mr. Swett.

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

High School Student Advisory Committee

Chair Lazarus gave members of the School Committee an opportunity to ask the students what is going on at the high school. Advisory members present were Abigail Glidden and Elisabeth Ruiz.

Questions included what are the key points the advisory committee is working on, does the group review the student handbook; what is going well and what is not, what are typical meeting topics and what are their thoughts on students evaluating teachers.

The council is working on updating summer reading projects to have more students involved and enjoying it; the group has not yet been involved in reviewing the handbook; things going well are an increase in freshman joining clubs and the girls basketball team last Friday did a big fundraiser for a staff member's grandchild who has leukemia; at the meeting we voice our opinions, ideas, and get advice to better our classes and clubs; and the students would enjoy the idea of evaluating teachers since we are in the classroom with them.

Chair Lazarus thanked the members for coming to speak with the Committee tonight.

Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. MacMillan announced the delivery of the new dump truck and driver education car today.

- a) Expenditure Summary - December, 2016 - added out of district tuition purchase orders since November's report; overall in a good position; Unit A staff mid-year salary increase of 1% so we will be spending more this coming half of the year; concerns are transportation and maintenance of building & equipment.

In response to trouble hiring drivers, Mr. MacMillan stated that the bus driver test for licensing was more difficult and some applicants are looking for a guaranteed # of hours.

There was a concern with only 16% of the funds remaining in out of district and a request for a transfer from this account for a para.

Mr. MacMillan explained that the 16% is the safety valve as the funds for our commitments we know today have all been encumbered. We can also use circuit breaker funds from this year, if necessary.

- b) Transfer of Funds - \$11,000 from Tuition Collaboratives to Para HS; \$10,000 Technology Maintenance Network to Classroom Instructional Technology Middle; \$12,097 from Textbooks to Maintenance of Equipment High; \$10,000 Custodial Services Central Office. to Maintenance of Building Contracted Minot

Dr. Sylvia moved to make the transfers as presented, seconded Ms. Caporiccio.

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

MAPLE Consortium Overview

Dr. Schwamb, Linda Werner, Joan Seamans, and Robin Murphy presented an overview of the Massachusetts Personalized Learning Edtech (MAPLE) Consortium.

The vision of MAPLE supports our district vision. MAPLE is a public-private partnership between the LearnLaunch Institute and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to catalyze personalized learning in the Commonwealth. There are currently twelve districts who are catalyst members and Wareham will be the first district in our area. The requirements for catalyst membership include:

- Demonstrate commitment to and evidence of personalized learning in the district
- Willingness to share experiences with other districts in Massachusetts (including learning tours)
- Attend a variety of PD with other catalyst members

Our strategic plan and technology makes us a good catalyst district. There is no fee as a catalyst member but some mileage and possible substitute expenses for one teacher.

Dr. Schwamb stated the goal is to have students actively, intelligently engaged in their own learning from where they are by providing the tools and opportunity to have students grow and give teachers more time to form meaningful relationships with students with real time data.

Acceptance of Gift(s)

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of a gift with thanks of \$75 from Janice Barton to the STAGE Backpack Program CARE.

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

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

Superintendent's Report

- a) Approval of Bills and Payment Warrants

1/26/17 \$54,712.38

Mr. Swett moved approval, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio

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

1/14/17 \$868,751.15 payroll

Mr. Swett moved approval, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio

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

- b) Update on Articles for Town Meeting - We have no town meeting articles to submit for spring but will have some this fall.
- c) Minot Forest Building Committee -- In mid-February, the MSBA Board will meet for application approval then we will be at the feasibility stage and have to select a project manager.

School Committee Reports

Recommendations from Policy Review Committee - Ms. Caporiccio reviewed the policies.

AIDS/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome School Attendance - only change was a typo in first sentence, no other changes, and school nurses reviewed this policy

Mr. Swett moved to accept the AIDS/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome School Attendance policy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Automated External Defibrillator - only change is the entire law as a reference, also reviewed by school nurses

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Automated External Defibrillator policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

C.O.R.I. Requirements - no change

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the CORI Requirement policy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Hiring - no changes

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the Hiring policy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Educational Services to Students Identified as Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth - no changes

Mr. Swett moved to accept the Educational Services to Students Identified as Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth policy as presented, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

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

Special Education Transportation - no changes

Mr. Swett moved to accept the Special Education Transportation policy as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Superintendent's Evaluation - changed months July and August to month October

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Swett.

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

Transportation of Persons Requiring Medical Attention - no changes; reviewed by school nurses

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the Transportation of Persons Requiring Medical Attention policy as presented, seconded by Mr. Swett.

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

Any other business

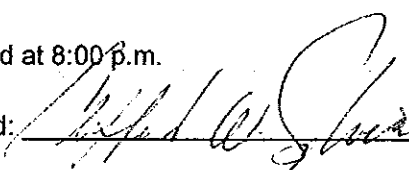
Mrs. Morgan asked what was happening with the students of the teachers at the middle school who went to China for two weeks and is this tying up the availability of substitutes.

Dr. Shaver-Hood replied that the cost is shared from money received from Boston Ivy to offset subs. Substitutes is a day-to-day issue and the teachers leave plans for their students.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report, December

WPS Financial Report: Transfer Requests

WPS a Catalyst Member of MAPLE

AIDS/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome School Attendance policy

Automated External Defibrillator policy

C.O.R.I. Requirements policy

Hiring policy

Educational Services to Students Identified as Homeless or Unaccompanied Youth policy

Special Education Transportation policy

Superintendent's Evaluation policy

Transportation of Persons Requiring Medical Attention policy

RECEIVED

MAR 02 2017

TOWN OF WAHEHAM
TOWN CLERK