

February 7, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, February 7, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear and student member Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary Michelle Ruiz.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Fitzgerald, Union President, shared his thoughts on the loss of Decas teacher, Denise Jop, and spoke of her as an educator.

Interim Principal Chandler thanked staff for being present tonight and showed a video of remembrance. She also thanked Dr. Jop for being present.

Dr. Shaver-Hood spoke of the district's loss of Denise as a teacher, colleague and dear friend. She joined Wareham over 12 years ago. There was a moment of silence.

GOOD NEWS

Presentation of Photo - Nathan Caradimos presented a photo he purchased at an antique store of the Class of 1934. He wanted to give the photo back to the town for the public to enjoy and display it in the Multi-Service Center, which was the high school in 1934. Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that Nathan will come and pick a spot to hang the photo in the Multi-Service Center and we would invite the newspaper.

Mr. Swett shared the following events: March 16th Credit for Life by Cape Cod 5 at WHS, looking for volunteers; South Coast Hospitals CTE Concussions presentation at the February 28th School Committee meeting; Supt presenting next generation state accountability system at the February 28th School Committee meeting

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Global Education Study Abroad Students

Maureen Manning introduced our students who were selected to participate in the study abroad program. The students will be attending classes and staying in host homes.

- Beijing, China in April: Matthew Paling, Brooke Chandler, Dylan Turner (out sick)
- Sidney, Australia in June/July: Abby Wiksten, Madison Murphy, Jessica Pender-Vezina, Ava Sullivan, Cecilia Bottino

Mrs. Manning thanked the sponsors Boston Wise, Boston Ivy and Elks Lodge in Wareham/New Bedford.

Three of the students shared what they expected to learn from this experience.

Boosters Club Update on Snack Shack Project

Principal Palladino shared that the Community Preservation funding was received and we began construction this past fall with the foundation. We will be going out to bid on the construction soon. He recognized members of the WHS Athletic Booster Club for their work – Joyce Bacchiocchi, Jennifer MacKerron, Missy Decas, Anne Pearle, Mary Labonte, Shari Cerrato, Cheryl Flaherty, Jill Johnson and Jeninne Alexander. The ticket booth will be torn down after the concession stand is constructed. The new stand will have 3 windows for ticket sales and the back side will have 2 large windows for serving food. Both sections will have its own entrance with a door between rooms. We expect the concession stand to be operational in the spring season and for graduation.

Due to technical difficulties, Principal Palladino will send members the slide show he had prepared for tonight's meeting.

Transportation Services Procurement

Mr. MacMillan came before the committee to seek approval for procurement of in district regular education services. He reviewed our current services. If we find a vendor to run our in district transportation, we can concentrate on our out of district runs. Last year we went out to bid late in the year for all our services but he was told that vendors did not believe we were serious. If you support the process, it will give confidence to potential vendors. The vendor will be able to use our buses and will remain ours until they need to be replaced.

In response to Mr. Swett's question on a guarantee of their prices in the bid so it is beneficial to us, Mr. MacMillan stated that in the past the bid was for three years and escalation built in, but we may want to go out for five years. The bid will be for the same service we provide now and we will give them the number of students riding the bus at this time.

Mrs. Morgan noted that the drivers would not technically be our employees. Working with outside vendors makes it harder for a good relationship and dedication to the district.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the efforts to procure multiple bids for transportation runs, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Food Service Budget Report

Mr. MacMillan stated that the Finance Committee has requested a copy of the food service budget so Mr. Shaheen would like to present the budget to the committee this evening.

The rate for reimbursement is set and the revenue is stable. He reviewed the figures for 16/17, the current 17/18 budget, and the projected 18/19 budget for Revenue Sources, Program Costs, Net Profit, and Fund Balance.

In response to questions and comments from members, the fund balance should stay under 3 months expenditure, around \$400,000 and for equipment, the depreciation value is 10 years. Mr. Swett asked to have a depreciation line item added to the report.

Mr. Shaheen stated that he is meeting with students for their input.

Mr. MacMillan suggested the committee look at the food service website with menus and nutrition facts.

Acceptance of Gift(s)

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the gift of \$1,400 from the Wareham-New Bedford Lodge of Elks for transportation and admission of Global field trips for Global Ambassadors, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

a) Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

Bill Warrants

2/1/18 \$3,034.79

2/1/18 \$1,120,475.46

2/8/18 \$3,034.79

2/8/18 \$223,243.20

2/15/18 \$3,034.79

2/15/18 \$129,837.76

Mr. Swett moved to approve the bill warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Payroll Warrants

1/20/18 \$892,739.90

1/27/18 \$144,455.31

2/3/18 \$845,787.48

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to approve the payroll warrants as presented, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

b) **SBIRT Timeline and Parent Letter**

There is a new protocol for students in Grade 9 and Grade 7 for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral for Treatment in Schools, which facilitates one-on-one conversations in an effort to prevent students from using harmful substances of alcohol/marijuana. This is an unfunded mandate from the state.

c) **Wareham Public School Kindergarten Registration - March 7th, 9-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2 p.m. and March 8th 9-11:30 a.m., 12:30 – 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.**

d) **February 8th at WHS is AP Night 6-6:30; Dual Enrollment 6:30-7 and IB 7-7:30 p.m.**

e) **Kudos to the Wareham Girls Basketball team for receiving state honor for their fundraising efforts. On February 14th the team will be presented with the education athletic achievement award before the game.**

f) **Middle School students Kloe Hogan and Olivia Powers raised and delivered 507 pairs of socks as a community service-learning project, congratulations for their efforts.**

g) **Last evening the Town Administrator presented his budget to the Board of Selectmen, which placed our budget for FY19 in dire straits. The FY19 budget voted by the Committee was \$29,413,679. This budget number was presented to the Town Administrator. In past years, the school department has made significant reductions. We anticipate short falls and several reductions need to be made. The superintendent's budget subcommittee and administrators have been working diligently and will be presenting reductions at the February 28th School Committee meeting. She urged parents and community members to attend this meeting as these changes would affect our operating budget.**

School Committee Reports

The committee encouraged people to come and be a part of the budget discussion on February 28th as decisions need to be made as a result of the Town Administrator's budget presentation to the Board of Selectmen. The school's budget number does not reflect what the committee requested and what is needed to educate the students of Wareham.

Vote on the Superintendent of Schools Contract

Chair Caporiccio stated that the superintendent's contract was negotiated confidentially and tonight the committee will take action on the contract.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the new contract with the Superintendent (Dr. Shaver-Hood), seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Comments:

Mrs. Morgan based her vote on state data, community concerns, and her own observations. In addition, no other administrator was offered an extended contract and the superintendent should not be any different.

Mr. Swett stated there were differences of opinions and he thanked his colleague on the process of the document; not perfect but a compromise.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated the committee came to an agreement in the best interest of everyone involved; community comments were taken into consideration.

Chair Caporiccio stated she supports the contract and with hard times coming, the superintendent is highly respected and the best leader for us.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 1 (Mrs. Morgan); abstain - 0

Vice-Chair Swett stated that the superintendent's contract is a rolling 1-year extension of her current contract, which ends July 31, 2019. There is both accountability and stability with this contract.

Any other business

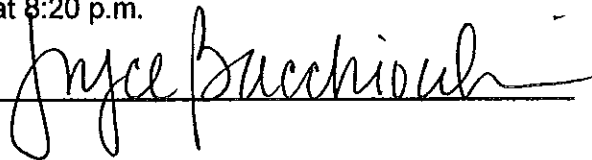
Mrs. Bacchiocchi encouraged parents to come out and take advantage of the many opportunities and information being offered at our schools.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancies

Minutes of the Meeting January 17, 2018

Wareham Food Service Budget

