

Wareham School Committee
Thursday, March 3, 2022

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multiservice Center.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Present from School Committee: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Kevin Brogioli, and Apryl Rossi. Also present, Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, Assistant Superintendent, and Jamie Wiksten, Recording Secretary. The meeting was recorded, broadcast and streamed live by WCTV.

Absent: Mary Morgan.

The Chair lead us in the pledge of allegiance

Public Participation:

No public participation.

Good News:

Mr. Brogioli congratulated the Boys Basketball team.

The Chair mentioned the DECA program is headed to the state competition next week, and she has the honor to judge on Friday.

Report of the Student Representative:

Adrienne Padden was not present at the meeting.

Minutes of the Meeting - 2/2/2022

Mr. Brogioli made a motion to approved the minutes with the correction of the spelling of Jim Hardy's name, seconded by Ms. Rossi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Michael Russo, Food Service

Mr. Russo reviewed the profit and loss report for the SY 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Russo explained that the July/August summer feeding program made a small profit. By the end of December the Food Service had an ending balance of \$285,000.

Mr. Swett requested that Mr. Russo use the word surplus, in place of profit.

Mr. Swett asked how the food service accumulates funds.

Mr. Russo responded that last year the department generated surplus approx. \$150, 000 dollars by receiving grants to be spent on specific items, leaving a surplus from the food revenue.

The equipment that is purchased for the department, has at least a 20-year life span. Every month a claim is submitted based on meals served. \$2 for every breakfast and \$4 for every lunch that we serve. We are reimbursed at a higher rate than a normal rate, and will end on June 30, 2022.

Mr. Russo continued there are encumbered items and ordered items: \$25,000 will be used at WHS to replace the steam generator, and \$5,500 new carts. In January \$4000 replaced an ice machine at the High School. In a tally, approx. \$40,000 in equipment purchases

The Superintendent shared the Food Service Department funded the air conditioning of the Middle School Cafeteria at \$55,000. She also added that Mr. Russo is excellent at obtaining grants for the district and recently received a grant for a food service van.

Mr. Brogioli thanked him for his clarity. We would not have this type of surplus due to covid. All schools are benefitting.

This year, all schools are funded and benefiting from free breakfast. Community Eligibility provision. Because of the high level of poverty in Wareham, we are able to provide breakfast and lunch regardless of income.

Currently serving 250 less lunches, there is a need to get that number up. Mr. Swett asked if participation was the biggest challenge, and Mr. Russo responded this to be accurate.

Mr. Russo confirmed Wareham is approved for another 4 years.

Mr. Russo recognized the food service workers, managers and staff. The past two years have been very challenging. The staff provide potential solutions throughout covid. His staff is giving 110%.

Dr. Shaver-Hood reminded the committee that seven years ago we were in the negative by \$150,000 and we discussed outsourcing Food Service. With Mike's leadership we couldn't have done better.

FY '23 Budget

The Superintendent sent a draft copy of the budget to the Committee and continues to work on it. She updated the Committee that she met with principals and directors, made significant changes, and there will be staff reductions and positions eliminated with 12-13 positions reduced going into next year.

We have several more retirements, and our goal is to keep staff in front of our students.

Mr. Swett was very comfortable with what the Superintendent presented. This is the most cooperative process with the Town that he can ever remember and the willingness of the Town Administrator.

Ms. Rossi asked if there is any possibility of another grant to take over when we lose ESSER.

The Grants Bookkeeper is responsible for grants. When new grants come out, she sends them out to departments. Dr. Schwamb also writes applicable grants for the district.

A new vote for the FY23 Budget will take place at the next meeting.

Report of the Superintendent

The Superintendent informed the Committee that 25% of students were still wearing masks. There was a lot of excitement. People were respectful to those who still choose to wear masks.

The Superintendent asked the Committee to accept the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter.

Ms. Rossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Report of the School Committee

Mr. Brogioli announced the Superintendent Search Committee

Mr. Brogioli, Mr. Swett - School Committee

Gisele Priestly - student

Scott Palladino - principal

Kathleen Beaulieu- District staff

WEA - Deanna Simple, Caitin Francese, and Michelle Medina
Susan Arnold - AFSCME
Kim Cavicchi - parent
Michael Clements – Special Ed parent
Derek Sullivan- Town Administrator

Mr. Brogioli made a motion to accept Geoff Worrell as the community member on the Committee,
seconded by Apryl Rossi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

The Chair included that there will be focus groups and opportunities for others who are interested in the process.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: _____



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Student Participation - Food Service