

## School Committee Meeting

Thursday March 17, 2022

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on March 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 48 Marion Rd.

The meeting was recorded by WCTV, streamed live, and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Present: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Kevin Brogioli, Mary Morgan, Geoff Swett. Also present, Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, Assistant Superintendent, and Jamie Wiksten, Recording Secretary.

Arrived Late: Apryl Rossi

The Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Good News:** Joyce Bacchiocchi shared the names of students who won the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships. Scholarship.

Geoff Swett shared that Boys Basketball played very well this season.

### **Student Representative:**

Adrienne Padden updated the committee with the following:

- John and Abigail Adams Scholarship was awarded to twenty (Scholarship awarded to 20 seniors)
- The mask mandate has been lifted and students enjoy seeing the faces of their peers.
- 177 trees were sold.
- The senior class officers recently shared the graduations dates, and senior end of year activity dates
- Outside guests have been approved have been approved for the prom

### **Student Attending Report:**

The Superintendent summarized enrollment for the last three years, showing students are staying local.

Vocational enrollment has decreased

Wareham Public Schools enrollment is down, but you can see a trend where students are staying in Wareham.

Ms. Morgan asked if Grade 8 housed at the High School helps support and keep students in the district. Mr. Brogioli asked the Superintendent about percentage changes.

### **February Financial Report:**

The Superintendent reported that the substitute lines will need additional funds due to leaves of absences, and an increase in daily coverage.

The Superintendent is also concerned about transportation for Out of District expenses.

The Superintendent presented transfers and will ask for a vote at the next meeting.

Mr. Brogioli asked about fuel costs. The Superintendent is extremely concerned and has asked the Town Administrator for support and he plans to provide relief to offset those costs.

Mr. Swett responded that the District should be looking into electric buses. The Superintendent responded that she would look into the request.

*(Ms. Rossi arrived at 7:26 p.m.)*

### **FY '23 Budget:**

The proposed LEA budget is 31,768,674.00 (3% above the current school year budget). It does include reduction in force and non renewal of positions which would include 12 positions. There are savings in the FY '23 budget which include moving Central Office to Wareham Middle School, closing East and returning it to the Town, and ESSER funds over \$3 million dollars.

The Superintendent informed the committee this is \$638,000 in circuit breaker for next year and will leave a little cushion in circuit breaker for the following year.

Ms. Rossi asked how much are the savings by turning over East and moving Central Office to the middle.

The Superintendent responded the savings are estimated at East - \$12,000 and WMS/Central Office - \$40,000.

Mr. Swett shared that he is concerned about the future.

The Superintendent asked the Committee to vote for the LEA budget, and shared that in another month or two, there could be some additional retirement, which might off-set the budget.

It was noted that if we did not have ESSER funding, the District would be cutting 2.5 million dollars after this year. Ms. Morgan stated that the Committee should know prior to the ESSER money being spent. Mr. Swett asked the Superintendent to provide salary listings, and the breakdown.

Mr. Brogioli recused himself from the Net/Total vote.

Net:

Rossi made a motion to approve the Net for FY' 23 Budget, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Geoff Swett – yea, Mary Morgan - yea  
yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Non-Net

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Non-Net, seconded by. Ms. Morgan

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Geoff Swett – yea, Mary Morgan - yea  
yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Total FY 23 Budget:

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Non-Net, seconded by. Ms. Morgan

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Geoff Swett – yea, Mary Morgan - yea  
yea – 4, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

**Report of the Superintendent:**

The Superintendent reported next Tuesday is the upcoming MSBA feasibility study and thanked the Middle School staff, High School staff and Erik Trahan, Facilities Supervisor.

Mr. Swett noted that Erik Trahan has proved to be a very valuable member of the Superintendent's staff and congratulated her on a great hire.

The Superintendent asked the School Committee to approve the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the newsletter.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Geoff Swett – yea, Mary Morgan - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Report of the School Committee:**

Superintendent Search Committee:

Mr. Brogioli shared that the search committee completed the orientation, and reviewed 19 candidates, and reduced the candidates to 6, and will begin interviews in executive session and hope to present 3-4 finalists to the public.

Ms. Rossi asked why the committee only has 12 members. Mr. Brogioli responded that the 13<sup>th</sup> member (AFSCME representative) backed out of committee after the deadline, and the consensus was the deadline for candidates to serve on the committee had already closed. Mr. Swett included that it is a strong committee, and is very pleased with the quality of applicants.

With no other business, Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Geoff Swett – yea, Mary Morgan - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_



Agenda

Superintendent's Newsletter

Student Attending Report

Updated FY '23 Budget

Financial Report