

March 22, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Geoff Swett, Cliff Sylvia, Mary Morgan and student representative, Jamie Read. Member Judy Caporiccio participated remotely. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz. Absent was member Mel Lazarus.

Acting Chair Dr. Sylvia called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He announced that Ms. Caporiccio would be participating remotely due to location and all votes taken would be roll call votes. The meeting was also being broadcast live by WCTV and recorded for audio by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

- Recognition of WMS Student - Principal Steedman and teacher Bonnie Lasorsa introduced 8th grade student Leah Gagnon and formally inducted her into the National Jr. Honor Society, since she was not able to make the induction ceremony in February. Leah shares cards with residences of nursing homes. Leah was given a flower and certificate with congratulations.
- Recognition of WHS Student - Jasmine Black was introduced and congratulated as a delegate to the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. Miss Black stated that this was her third program in STEM.
- Jamie Read put a call out to all students, faculty, and staff to start a Random Acts of Kindness in the district and is seeking support of her petition in installing a chapter in her school this year.
- Dr. Sylvia complimented the tremendous effort by students and volunteers, especially volunteer Mr. Kim Carmen, on the DECA Home Show this past weekend as being professional and well received.
- Mr. Swett shared that he had participated in the Credit Recovery for Life Program sponsored by Cape Cod 5 where high school seniors learn to be an independent adult. He thanked Principal Palladino and teacher, Ms. Cavicchi, for keeping this program in Wareham.
- Mr. Swett presented Dr. Sylvia with a plaque for his service on the School Committee from 2003-2017 and stated Dr. Sylvia gave us a perspective of an educator. He wished him great success. Dr. Sylvia stated that as an educator in Wareham since 1966 he hoped he had made a small contribution to the School Committee and the Town of Wareham. He thanked everyone for their support while on the Committee.

Ms. Caporiccio commented that Dr. Sylvia made the history and a legacy in DECA.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Acceptance of Gifts

National Jr. Honor Society member Thomas Pelletier and Dr. Steedman requested to give a monetary donation to a family in need. Under Ch. 71 Sec.47 disbursement of student activity funds for a charitable need must be voted on by the School Committee.

Thomas asked to give \$400 to a family in need as a result of a lollipop fundraiser. The gift was voted unanimously by the Honor Society members.

Ms. Caporiccio stated that two qualities as an Honor Society member, leadership and service, was shown by Thomas.

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

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of 1 Hammer Strength Jammer for weight training from Tabor Academy to Wareham High School.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of 500 toothbrushes from Dr. Brian Foote to the Minot Forest School.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of \$1,000 from Cape Cod 5 to WHS Credit Recovery for Life Program.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of a four-panel display system for student artwork from the WHS/WMS PTA to Wareham High School.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of monetary donations approximately \$750 from various businesses to the Middle School Science Fair.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Proposed School Calendar for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dr. Shaver-Hood presented the draft calendar as reviewed with the teachers' association. School begins on September 5th and dismissed on June 22nd, which includes 5 snow days.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the school calendar for 2017-18, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

MOU between School Committee & Wareham Vikings Athletic Booster Club

Dr. Shaver-Hood invited the members of the Booster Club to share the request of the Board of Selectmen to build a new ticket booth and concession stand with CPC Funds. Present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Missy Decas, Jenn Jenson, and Mary Labonte.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi was told by the Board of Selectmen that an agreement is required and it was her understanding that the Booster Club would have priority and would negotiate with other organizations for the use of the stand. She asked why the liability insurance was \$1,000,000 when before it was \$100,000.

Mr. MacMillan stated that the \$1,000,000 is the current liability insurance requested by the town. There was discussion on the indemnification clause and the building not built yet. Mr. Swett asked if we can wait until the building is built.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that with no agreement getting the CPC funds will not occur, a stipulation set by the Board of Selectmen. We took the MOU the School Committee had with the WAA and worked it for the Booster Club.

There was discussion that signing this MOU would apply to the existing structure and perhaps re-working the MOU so the insurance will be covered when the "new" building is ready.

The Booster Club has requested \$55,500 for the concession stand, ticket booth, and a sound system.

Chair Sylvia suggested adding a line to the title "for the use and occupancy and management of the new concession stand and ticket booth at Spillane Field".

Ms. Caporiccio moved to accept the MOU between the Wareham School Committee and the Wareham Vikings Athletic Booster Club for the use and occupancy and management of the new concession stand and ticket booth at Spillane Field, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea
VOTE: 4-0-0

Mid-Year Attendance Report

Dr. Shaver-Hood presented the Mid-Year Attendance Report, which showed the % of Attendance year-to-date as follows: Decas 94.4%; Minot 93.9%; Middle 94.7%; High 93.1%; Coop 95.4%. There was a comparison to last year's % of attendance and the past three years attendance rates. The mid-year, month of February, showed the number of Tardies and Absences, the Average Daily Membership and the % of Attendance.

Mr. Swett stated that every year the number of absences disappoints him.

Financial Reports

- Monthly Expenditure - Mr. MacMillan presented the February report which indicated a greater percent left now compared to last year, 42.2% remaining. He noted this percentage is similar to the previous two years. Mr. MacMillan will report next month on Mr. Swett's question on substitute spending at a higher rate. It was noted that out of district tuitions are paid up until the fiscal year and collaborative tuitions has encumbered POs.
- Transfer Requests - none at this time

Vote to be a School Choice District

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the School Committee needs to vote that the Wareham Public Schools is a school choice district under Ch.76, Section 12B.

Dr. Sylvia asked the public to look at our great system and programs.

Mr. Swett moved to maintain our school choice status, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea
VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent's Report

- Approval of Bills and Payment Warrants

Payrolls -

3/4/17 \$144,781.80

3/11/17 \$851,257.84

3/18/17 \$134,836.08

Mr. Swett moved to approve payroll for the three periods as stated, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - abstain
VOTE: 3-0-1

Bill Warrants -

3/16/17 \$350,544.99

3/23/17 \$87,205.84

3/30/17 \$132,691.29

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

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

School Committee Reports - None

Any other business

a. Mr. Swett asked to hear from our Middle and High School Principals on the recent dropout report from the state as to the resources they have or need to deal with this issue before the end of the year.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood would like to bring others to share the social work being done in the district as part of this report.

b. Mrs. Morgan asked about the playground project going on at Minot and concerns she heard through the PAC on children not having access to the playground.

Principal Seamans stated that new pieces of equipment are being installed to the existing playground and the concern of the ground area for accessibility is being discussed this week by the PTA.

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

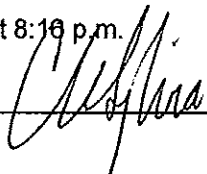
Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



List of documents:

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

Minutes March 1, 2016

Donations Middle School Science Fair

Donation Minot Forest School

School Calendar DRAFT 2017-2018

MOU Wareham School Committee and the Wareham Vikings Athletic Booster Club

Student Attendance 2016-2017

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report February 2017

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