

April 6, 2016

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Geoff Swett, Mel Lazarus, Cliff Sylvia, Mary Morgan and student representative, Noah Wambolt, as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz. Absent was member Judy Caporiccio.

Chair Swett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Swett announced that the meeting is being taped for video/audio by WCTV and is being recorded for audio by Mrs. Ruiz.

School Committee Reorganization

Superintendent Shaver- Hood opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Dr. Sylvia nominated Mel Lazarus as Chair. No further nominations. Nominations closed.

Dr. Sylvia moved to appoint Mel Lazarus as Chair, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Chair Lazarus opened the floor for nominations of Vice Chair. Mr. Swett nominated Judy Caporiccio. No further nominations. Nominations closed.

Mr. Swett moved to appoint Judy Caporiccio as Vice-Chair, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Chair Lazarus opened the floor for nominations of Secretary. Mr. Swett nominated Dr. Sylvia. No further nominations. Nominations closed.

Mr. Swett moved to appoint Cliff Sylvia as Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Chair Lazarus welcomed new member Mary Morgan to our School Committee. He also thanked Mr. Swett for serving as Chair last year and Rhonda Veugen for serving six years on the School Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

- Highlights of Events & Opportunities Wareham Middle School - Principal Minkle introduced the Middle School Chorus who performed with teachers, Jeff Gately and Beth Giuffrida on instruments.

He then introduced Mrs. Stahmer, PE Teacher, and 5th grade student Indiana Troupe. Indiana took the Fuel Up to Play 60 challenge in physical education and became a School and State Ambassador for Fuel Up to Play. He applied for the Summit and was accepted to learn about leadership and meet NFL players at Purdue University in Indiana along with Mrs. Stahmer. The Middle School has been recommended for the New Balance sneaker make-over competition.

Principal Minkle and Assistant Principal Ponte summarized the activities happening at the school in April, May and June.

- Noah Wambolt announced that the National Honor Society Honor Roll beat both Bourne and Seekonk and tomorrow night is Mr. Wareham at WHS at 7PM
- Dr. Sylvia thanked everyone for their well wishes for his recovery and was pleased to be back.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Geoff moved to approve the minutes of March 23, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 3; nay - 0; abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Vote on Wareham Public Schools Strategic Plan

Chair Lazarus stated that the Committee had postponed the vote at the last meeting as it was not stated on the agenda.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the Strategic Plan as presented, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

It is the administration's goal to complete the Action Plans by the end of this year.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Winter Athletic Report

Principal Palladino and Athletic Director Rodrigues presented the winter athletic report. The Boys' Basketball Team had the highest GPA in years. Many of our students were recognized by the state and the overall GPA for all students was 86.5.

We are trying to improve our athletic program and keep our kids in the system. It was noted that the cost per student is very reasonable overall.

Vote on FY17 School Budget

(Dr. Sylvia left the meeting room 7:30 p.m.-7:43 p.m.)

Mr. Swett moved to accept the budget, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. MacMillan presented a proposed FY17 Budget. He reviewed the timetable and after working with the Town Administrator, the proposed budget is \$27,952,583, an increase of \$900,000 over last year.

The process of budget development had a transfer of mechanics salaries to municipal maintenance account and \$400,000 went to capital planning for an approved budget of \$27,982,503.

Mr. MacMillan reviewed the Budget by Major Account by net school and non-net school for FY16, FY17 Proposed, and FY16 to FY17 Change.

- Increase in classroom and specialist teachers
- Instructional leadership changes
- Operations and maintenance
- Professional development increase
- Pupil services
- Transportation

The increase in professional development was for re-licensing courses being offered due to new state requirements and an increase in the curriculum office line item for a Gr.2-6 math program.

Mr. Swett moved to withdraw his motion, and Mrs. Morgan her second since three separate votes were needed.

Dr. Sylvia stated that he was glad for an amicable budget and for the work of the administration and the budget subcommittee but he felt it is not meeting the needs of our district and kids.

Mr. MacMillan stated that the \$400,000 in capital planning was reduced by \$280,000 for the April Town Meeting and assumed these funds would be at the October Town Meeting. \$60,000 was put back into our FY17 budget and had to make adjustments elsewhere. We will be seeking \$120,000 from Free Cash at the April Town Meeting for technology.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that due to the cut in capital planning we are losing repair projects and instead of purchasing a truck for fields/grounds, we will lease it and instead of an outright purchase of the math program, we will spread this purchase out over three years.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the net school budget of \$26,526,152, no second. Due to a conflict of interest, Dr. Sylvia could not second the motion.

Chair Lazarus stepped down from the Chair and gave the Chair temporarily to Dr. Sylvia.

Mr. Lazarus seconded Mr. Swett's motion to accept the net school budget of \$26,526,152.

VOTE: yea - 2; nay - 1 (Mrs. Morgan); abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Dr. Sylvia relinquished the Chair back to Mr. Lazarus.

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the non-net school budget of \$1,426,431, seconded by Mr. Swett for discussion.

Mr. MacMillan stated that with the help of a federal grant and the town borrowing funds at the April Town Meeting, we will be purchasing 10 new vehicles to be on the road for May of 2016.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Mr. Swett moved to accept a total budget for FY17 of \$27,952,583, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea - 3; nay - 0; abstain -1 (Mrs. Morgan)

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

- \$9,000 from Gateway Restaurant to the WHS Library Media Center

Dr. Sylvia moved acceptance of the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

- \$1,000 from Cape Cod Five Savings Bank to WHS to purchase folding tables for the Credit for Life Program

Dr. Sylvia moved acceptance of the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

- Seeking members for a Wellness Committee and information is on the district website. Apply by emailing the Superintendent. Notifications for appointments will be made by April 25th.
- Crazy Weather and the Arctic Meltdown speaker Dr. Jennifer Francis at Tabor Library in Marion on April 12th
- April 15th teachers John Flynn and Craig Berriault will be honored at the 2016 Partners in Excellence Awards for their work in AP

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- Last evening the Superintendent and Mr. MacMillan presented the town meeting articles on the Minot Forest and Decas projects to the Board of Selectmen and appreciates the town's support
- Dr. Peter Steedman has accepted the Principalship of the Middle School with a start date of July 1st and she will introduce him to the Committee when he arrives in June. She thanked the search committee for their hard work.

School Committee Reports - None

Any other business

Mr. Tricker announced the WHS Art Show on April 28th.

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

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____



List of documents:

Correspondence: Notice of Vacancy, Personnel List, Superintendent's Newsletter
WMS Highlights/Events
WPS 2021 Strategic Plan Process
WHS Athletic Department Winter Report 2015-2016
WPS FY17 Budget Proposal
Press Release Gateway Tavern

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