

Wareham School Committee
Thursday, April 7, 2022

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on **Thursday, April 7, 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, Mary Morgan, 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.

The Chair lead us in the pledge of allegiance

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship:

The John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients were recognized. The Scholarship will cover tuition at state school colleges.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

Good News:

Mr. Swett shared that the tennis team is 3-0, and won their first conference match today. The Chair shared she was privileged to help at the home unified track meet yesterday and there is one more home meet for Unified Track.

Report of the Student Representative:

Adrienne Padden updated the Committee:

- Dr. Schwamb is looking for artwork for the Strategic Plan.
- The Pep Rally is scheduled on April 29 and will be class color day.
- Spring Sports has started.

High School Handbook:

Mr. Palladino shared the changes for the handbook.

Ms. Rossi asked about the dress code. Mr. Palladino responded that most students know when their outfit is in violation, and offer to wear a sweatshirt if the attire is addressed.

Mr. Swett quoted “students are expected to dress respectful of the educational environment” and now we have to articulate all of the things you can’t do.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Wareham High School Handbook, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

5-0-0

Wareham Middle School Handbook:

Ms. Cote shared that very few changes were made to the handbook, and made some changes to the clothing and deleted an item addressing bus conduct.

Ms. Rossi asked about the wording “too tight”

Ms. Cote explained that during warmer weather we have some issues with certain clothing items. We have the counselors handle this concern, which makes it a gentler approach.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Wareham High School Handbook, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Mary Morgan

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Wareham Elementary School:

Ms. Chandler shared that the School Council went through the handbook with a fine tooth comb and changed Decas and Minot to Wareham Elementary School throughout the handbook.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Wareham High School Handbook, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

5-0-0

District Handbook:

Joan Seamans shared there are policies that need to be looked at before a change can be made in the Handbook.

The Chair suggested that there could be a vote to collectively change “Wareham Elementary School” throughout the District Policies.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to table until all of the policies are updated with the name “Wareham Elementary School”, seconded by Mr. Brogioli.

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

5-0-0

Safe Routes to School:

Bethany Chandler, Sara Russo, Nichole Rich, Robin Murphy

The Department of Transportation will conduct a free review for the District.

On January 4, 2022 there was a lot of traffic due to the opening of the new school on Minot Ave.

A report was conducted, and recommendations were made:

- Continue dismissing bus riders before students being picked up in a family vehicle
- Continue encouraging parents to park in the middle of the basketball courts to maximize the space
- Consider publishing a circulation map on the school website
- Consider carpooling

Ms. Russo shared they allow drop off at 8:15 a.m. to help alleviate the drop off, and greet the children the way they would like to. Students are dropped off by 8:35 a.m. and head to their classrooms.

Dr. Rich-Byrne shared there are so many sets of eyes during drop off and pick up, children are as safe as can be.

Ms. Rossi asked when the study was conducted. Ms. Chandler responded the observation was created on January 20th and they received the report back mid to late February.

Ms. Chandler included that we still have the same amount of cars, but staff and parents know and understand the new drill at the new school.

Ms. Seamans shared that Mrs. Chandler has cut down the bottle neck, and there are grants available once or twice a year that could help with the roads.

The Chair shared that there was a traffic study conducted during the MSBA study.

The more people who use the bus, the less problems we have, and we applaud the changes that have been made. Mr. Swett asked how we are feeling about the upper area parking and is it safe. Ms. Chandler shared that it is busy and congested, but yes, it is safe. My original idea was families arrive after the buses, but the families are anxious to arrive during the pick-up.

Ms. Rossi asked if we have utilized this free service at WMS and WHS. The Superintendent responded that she would have the principals look into it.

Minutes of the meeting - December 2, 2021

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

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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MSBA Announcement and OPM Announcement:

Erik Trahan, Facilities Supervisor

Mr. Trahan announced the Owner's Project Manager for the MSBA project is Leftfield LLC (Boston) for both the Boiler and Roof project. Mr Trahan continues that we are in the beginning stages, and the next task is to have the OPM contract executed by April 19, 2022.

They conducted a site visit, and we are right on target.

If everything goes well, we should be complete by Summer of 2023. The main focus will be the roof repair while children are not in the building.

Dr. Shaver-Hood added the schematic design information and informed the Committee we should receive the cost by September 1st. Then, we would take it to the fall town meeting. If everything falls in place with an approval at the Fall Town meeting, we can move forward.

Mr. Swett asked if there is a ballpark number of what this would cost.

The Superintendent responded that what we would be responsible for is the OPM and designer contracts. Mr. Swett shared that John Foster should be included with the numbers, with an anticipation around 75%.

Obsolete Furniture:

The Superintendent shared that the District will be able to return the Decas cafeteria tables back to Decas, otherwise we will be bringing back to the School Committee as obsolete furniture if necessary.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to deem the furniture obsolete, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

5-0-0

Report of the Superintendent

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

Ms. Rossi approved the warrants, seconded by Ms. Morgan

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

5-0-0

Budget Transfers:

The Superintendent presented transfers, as substitute lines are drastically in need of a transfer.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the transfer, seconded by Ms. Morgan

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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Staff Lunch Increase

The Superintendent shared with the Committee the recommendation from the Food Service Director to raise school lunch: from \$4.00 to \$4.50 for staff lunch, students are still free. This cost raise is in compliance with recent guidelines recommended to Mr. Russo.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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Report of the School Committee

Mr. Brogioli shared that the Superintendent Search Committee began with 19 candidates and narrowed down to three (3) candidates, but unfortunately one candidate dropped out. The candidates are:

Dr. Matthew D’Andrea, Martha’s Vineyard

Dr. Andrea Schwamb, Wareham Public Schools Asst. Superintendent

Finalists interviews are scheduled for April 12 (Dr. Schwamb) and April 14 (Dr. D’Andrea).

Staff will have the opportunity to meet with the candidate from 2:45 – 3:45 p.m. on the day of the interviews, and community members can meet with the candidates between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

The Chair asked the community to forward questions to the committee. The Chair thanked the search committee for their hard work.

School Committee Meeting Dates:

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the calendar as is, seconded by Mr. Brogioli

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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Policy Review:

The changes were presented to the School Committee.

After a discussion regarding the Facilities Stewardship, Mr. Swett made a motion to approve the four policies, seconded by Mr. Brogioli.

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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The next school committee meeting will be held at the Wareham Town Hall on April 28, 2022 in Room 27.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Morgan.

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Sett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Mary Morgan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain – 0

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The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Agenda

Superintendent's Newsletter

Budget transfers

District Handbook

WHS Handbook

WMS Handbook

WES Handbook

Policies for review/vote

Meeting Minutes December 12, 2021

John and Abigail Adams Scholarship

MSBA SOI

Obsolete Furniture

MSBA Designer Contract

Personnel and vacancy list

Safe Routes to School Observation