A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 7:00. p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Laurie Spear, Mary Morgan, Michael Flaherty, and Rebekah Pratt as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary Michelle Ruiz. Absent was student representative Jamie Read.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi, Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being taped for video broadcast and live streaming by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. All rose for the pledge of alliance.

She turned the meeting over to Superintendent Shaver-Hood for the reorganization.

Reorganization of Committee

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked for nominations for Chair.

Mrs. Spear nominated Joyce Bacchiocchi as Chair

Mrs. Morgan nominated Mike Flaherty as Chair

Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Shaver-Hood closed nominations and called for a vote: Joyce Bacchiocchi 3 votes in the affirmative

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Mike Flaherty 2 votes in the affirmative

Joyce Bacchiocchi will serve as Chair.

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mrs. Pratt nominated Mary Morgan

Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Shaver-Hood closed nominations and called for a vote:

All in favor for Mary Morgan as Vice-Chair 5-0-0

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Mrs. Morgan nominated Laurie Spear

Hearing no further nominations, Superintendent Shaver-Hood closed nominations and called for a vote:

All in favor for Laurie Spear as Secretary 5-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

- o Dr. Shaver-Hood announced that the Decas School will hold an Occupational Therapy Night on April 24th.
- Mrs. Morgan welcomed new members Mike Flaherty and Becky Pratt.
- o Mrs. Pratt congratulated two of the WHS softball players who were selected to play on America's team in the Dominican Republic this summer.

o Chair Bacchiocchi welcomed the new members and thanked Geoff Swett for his service. She will invite him to the next meeting for a formal presentation.

Minutes of the Meeting

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Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of March 28, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Spear. ः बटावर रेक्ट्रान्य १, १५५८८ वेस नुस्रात् विर्वे वेसने ११ साल १,५ अस्त स्रीतिकेशको राज्यात्रकः नेतिकार स्वार्य । स्ट्रान्स्यानुस्रात्रका हुन्दित

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 2 (Mrs. Pratt, Mr. Flaherty)

Report of the Assistant Superintendent

Before presenting the FY17-18 Mid-Year Data Report, Dr. Schwamb thanked Geoff Swett for his service on the school committee, working tirelessly and demonstrating his commitment to the schools. She is grateful to call him mentor and friend.

Dr. Schwamb shared FAST, DRA, and Fountas and Pinnell Data, identified proficiency data, growth data and our current status, and showed a video "everyone learns differently", which is extremely important in our success. She discussed the difference between growth and proficiency. The challenges we face are 1) understanding data 2) finding the right strategies and 3) changing practices.

We do well with growth percentile but struggle to reach proficiency. The DRA in K data includes testing of the same students in both sessions. The current Grade 1 data is from those students who were in K last year. She shared the growth chart DRA from fall to winter 2017-18 for K and for first grade and a two-year period K to first grade 2016 – 2018. In September, Dr. Schwamb stated that her goal was at 90% proficiency by end of school year. We are now at 90% for K and 83% for first grade. professional per another time in a could be been a considerable

We need to shift our thinking about data and consider it like the beginning of our story. Data is only one factor.

Discussion and questions from the members included how the cohorts were chosen; those students in the grade 1 cohort started last February in K; the other districts interested in coming to Wareham are Mashpee and Silver Lake; 50-60% of K students have been behind for the last three years and if we do not mitigate this, they will get further behind; and research states if children can read well, all subjects become easier to access

Mrs. Morgan asked for the following data: how the other students are doing which were not in the cohort for K and first grade and what the data indicates on academics for the group of K students due to the change in the cutoff date for entrance.

Vote on FY'19 Budget

Mr. MacMillan reviewed the budget priorities and the budget that was agreed to with the Town Administrator:

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Net \$26,982,844 Non Net \$1,817,835 He provided the committee with the budget by major accounts based on Minot closure, a list of reductions, and if Minot is not closed, other possible reductions. Town Meeting is scheduled for April 23rd and the warrant has the requested budget approved by the Committee in December and a balanced budget.

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Questions from the members:

How are we paying for portables? Through capital funds over ten years.

Have the concerns with the fire department in moving students to Decas been addressed? The Fire Department met with the Superintendent and we are within building capacity with the portables.

Will it cost money to make sure items are up to code at Decas? Plans are underway and we had a meeting with the building inspector. If the portables are attached to the building we will need to meet specific items, if not and we have a covered walkway, it is considered a standalone. The portables must be approved at Town Meeting, correct? What if Town Meeting says no? Is there a plan C? The budget is based on closing Minot and if town meeting does not approve the portables, we will have to come back to the Committee with other recommendations. There will be two start times at WMS - Gr. 6 / 7 with high school bussing and Gr. 4 / 5 with elementary bussing.

The \$29,413,679 budget does not close Minot but does it have significant reductions in FTEs but? Yes, the FTE loss would be 20+.

Mrs. Morgan stated she feels the people in Wareham will come to Town Meeting to defend the school budget to get what is best for the children of Wareham.

Chair Bacchiocchi stated this budget was developed with the town over the last six months and there is no more money to get.

Mr. Flaherty had line item budget questions regarding the \$170,000 savings in transportation. Even with this savings, there is still an increase from this year due increases to transportation contracted services for Homeless and Out of District. He asked if this budget ensures everyone working in the school district is at minimum wage or he will vote no on this budget.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated we would work out the pay scales for various groups and see if adjustments need to be made,

Mrs. Pratt stated she had deep disappointment in letting down the people who work for us by making cuts.

Dr. Shaver-Hood presented the following scenarios:

#1 vote the proposed budget tonight

#2 not vote the proposed budget and go to town meeting with a budget of \$29,413,679

#3 just vote the budget of \$28,800,679 and then decide how the committee will meet this number

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the net school-spending amount of \$26,982,843, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 2 (Spear, Bacchiocchi); nay - 2 (Flaherty, Morgan) - abstain - 1 (Pratt)

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the non-net amount of \$1,817,835, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 3; nay - 1 (Morgan); abstain - 1 (Pratt)

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the total budget amount of \$28,800,679, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 2 (Bacchiocchi, Spear); nay - 2 (Morgan, Flaherty); abstain - 1 (Pratt)

The committee may have to schedule another meeting prior to Town Meeting.

Vote to Approve New Grade Structure for the New Minot Forest Building per MSBA
The new Minot Forest Building involves changing grade structure and we need approval for the PreK-4 grade configuration in one elementary school.

Mrs. Pratt moved to approve a change in grade configuration from grades Pre-K, 3, 4 and K, 1, 2 in separate schools for the Wareham Public School District students to grades Pre-K through 4 in one elementary school to reduce the number of transitions in the early years and overall, and to better address the students' social emotional growth and their academic performance as described in the educational program, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0.

<u>Update on Minot Building Project</u> – Chair Bacchiocchi stated that an update on the building project will be on each agenda. Their community outreach committee will be at our next School Committee meeting. The next Minot Forest School Building Committee meeting is April 30th.

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Superintendent's Report

Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

The committee agreed to waive the reading of the warrants as stated in the superintendent's newsletter and added the following warrants:

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Bill warrant 4/19/18 \$54,166.99

Bill warrant 4/19/18 \$3,034.79

Payroll warrant 4/7/18 \$152,916.14

Mrs. Pratt moved to approve the bill and payroll warrants as stated in the superintendent's newsletter and as presented, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0

April vacation begins next week.

School Committee Reports

Members to serve on Onset Women's Club Scholarship

We need two members to serve and will be required to attend a meeting on April 26 at 3PM at WHS – Mrs. Pratt and Mrs. Bacchiocchi

Members to serve on Unit B Negotiations

Mrs. Morgan and Mr. Flaherty

Any other business - None

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter

Minutes of the Meeting March 28, 2018

Monthly Report of the Assistant Superintendent - April 11, 2018

Draft FY2018/19 School Budget Supporting Information from M. MacMillan, Business Manager

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