

April 23, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wareham High School Library. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Michael Flaherty and Rebekah Pratt as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood. Absent was recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The meeting was recorded by WCTV to be played at a later date and recorded for audio by Dr. Shaver-Hood and by member Michael Flaherty.

#### **FY19 Budget Discussion and Vote**

Chair Bacchiocchi stated she would be looking to take two votes this evening. One on the FY19 Budget and the other on closing Minot Forest School.

Business Manger MacMillan gave the following presentation:

- a) Reviewed budget priorities
- b) Reported an additional \$220,060 in state funding is available to the schools as a result of less students anticipated in attending the new charter school in Plymouth. These funds will be used to restore two teaching positions (math and special education) and bring all staff to at least state minimum wage
- c) Total budget is now \$29,022,739 (net \$27,204,904 & non net \$1,817,835)
- d) Budget by major accounts net increase of 2.26%
- e) Option A to close Minot and Option B Minot remains open
- f) Line item budget

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the FY19 net school spending budget of \$27,204,904, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 1 (Mrs. Pratt); abstain - 0

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the FY19 total budget of \$29,022,739, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 1 (Mrs. Pratt); abstain - 0

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked to close Minot in order to meet budget cuts. She will send out more information on the grade configuration for the next meeting. She reviewed the two options -- previous one 8<sup>th</sup> to high school, 4<sup>th</sup> and preschool to middle school and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Decas; another option is 8<sup>th</sup> to high school; grades 3 & 4 to middle and preschool to Decas. Both options running an elementary schedule at middle school. Neither of the options are ideal.

Mr. Flaherty stated he did not believe this vote should be taken this evening, as it was not posted on the agenda as such and the public has no idea we are voting on this tonight. He will follow up with the Attorney General's Office to see if this vote in in order.

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Chair Bacchiocchi stated that closing Minot was part of the budget discussions.

Mrs. Pratt stated she was not prepared to vote this evening on closing Minot.

Mrs. Spear moved to close the Minot Forest Elementary School for the fall of 2018, seconded by Mrs. Pratt.

Mrs. Morgan stated she feels closing Minot will be detrimental to the Town and she has concerns with the conditions at Decas so she will not be voting in favor.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 1 (Mrs. Morgan); abstain - 0

Any other business - None

Mrs. Pratt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

**List of documents**

FY19 School Budget 4/23/2018

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