

April 26, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, and Laurie Spear as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz. Absent was student representative, Jamie Read.

Chair Caporiccio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She asked for a moment of silence in memory of reporter Chris Shott. She announced that the meeting was being broadcast by WCTV and recorded for audio by Mrs. Ruiz.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Three parents came forward to address their concerns with bus transportation increased to 2 miles for walkers next year. There were safety issues and daycare transportation to and from school whereas Minot Forest School is 1.9 miles from the Boys and Girls Club and Decas School is within 2 miles from Little People's College.

Chair Caporiccio thanked the parents for coming forward and stated that the committee would be addressing bus transportation later in this meeting.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

- Recognition of Recipient of the Exceptional Service Award - Superintendent Shaver-Hood announced that Karl Baptiste, our SRO, was awarded the Exceptional Service Award by the Massachusetts Juvenile Police Officer's Association at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual New England School Safety Conference held on April 4, 2017. She sent her congratulations to Officer Baptiste.
- Mrs. Morgan attended the OBA meeting and reported that the Buzzards Bay Coalition is planning activities for our children in Onset and also our Young Adult Program students helped out by packing eggs for the OBA's Easter Egg Hunt in Onset.
- Mr. Swett participated with the Girls' Tennis Team for Clean Up Wareham this past weekend at Lopes Field. He thanked Nora Bicki for leading this effort. He also attended the MASC state house to lobby public education and brought three high school students to meet with legislators.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

#### **Financial Reports**

- Monthly Expenditure - Mr. MacMillan reported on the March expenditures and expects us to be in a good position by the end of the year with 2% difference from the previous year.
- Transfer of Funds - Mr. MacMillan requested the following transfer of funds: \$15,000 from Custodial Salaries (Middle and Central) and \$15,000 from Heating (High, Decas, Middle) to Maintenance of Buildings and Equipment (Middle, High) and a transfer of \$200,000 from Tuition Non-Public Schools to Transportation SpEd Contracted. We will rely on our circuit breaker funds for our tuitions instead of the general fund.

Mr. Swett moved approval of the transfers as recommended by the Business Manager, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

### **Vote on a New FY18 Budget**

Mr. MacMillan reviewed budget votes taken to date:

- December 22nd vote \$29,967,163
- April 5th vote \$28,264,352
- April 26th proposal prior to Town Meeting, the Town Administrator was able to increase our budget by \$115,751

The reason for the additional funds was updated Cherry Sheet information and the charter school tuition estimates were revised with a new charter school postponed until 2018/19.

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended increasing the net school spending by \$35,751 to operations and maintenance for custodial supplies at all schools and increasing the non-net school spending by \$80,000 restoring bus transportation for students living greater than 1 mile. We will also be looking at our current routing practices, consolidating stops, and have students register to ride buses.

The requested budget is:

Net \$26,774,958

Non Net \$1,605,145

Total \$28,380,103

Mr. Swett stated that these budget votes also approve the major account budget numbers.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the district will be looking at bus stops district wide and any safety issues are individually reviewed and the SRO will look at safety for bus stops. There will be no impact on field trips and athletics but the late buses will be eliminated unless the bus run is grant funded, i.e. CARE Program.

Mrs. Morgan asked what the rationale was for placing \$30,000 in operations/maintenance.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that \$80,000 was reduced originally and instead of giving to one school, the increase will benefit all schools.

Chair Caporiccio commented that the budget process is planned early in the fall and formulated based on what funds are available at that time.

Mr. Swett stated the budget increase is simply a case where a school was going to open and take students away from us. Our students are proud to be part of WHS and hear from other students how bad Wareham is but they know otherwise. He hopes the exodus of students from receiving a fine education from Wareham will stop.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the FY18 net school-spending budget of \$26,774,958, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Mr. Swett moved to approve the FY18 non-net spending budget of \$1,605,145, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Mr. Swett moved to approve the FY18 total budget of \$28,380,103, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

### **School Committee Calendar of Meeting Dates**

The Committee reviewed the draft calendar of meeting dates. The gap between January 17 and February 14 was questioned as it related to the budget process.

The meeting dates were set as presented.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants – Dr. Shaver-Hood requested approval of the following payroll warrants: April 8, 2017 \$846,140.87; April 15, 2017 \$138,996.90; April 22, 2017 \$793,916.35

Mr. Swett moved to approve the payroll warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Dr. Shaver-Hood requested approval of the following bill warrants: 4/20/17 \$44,823.49; 4/27/17 \$77,486.03; 5/4/17 \$112,097.18

Mr. Swett moved to approve the bill warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The Superintendent extended her congratulations to Rob Shaheen, Principal Seamans, Principal Noonan, Andrea Colp and Sheila Pierce, who will be at the State House to receive two \$500.00 Healthy Start grants for breakfast participation.

WHS Art Show and JROTC Ceremony tomorrow evening

She extended thanks to Mr. MacMillan, the Town Administrator, the school administrators, the Finance Committee, School Committee and the voters at Town Meeting for supporting the school budget.

Wareham High School was awarded International Baccalaureate (IB) distinction and will be offering IB courses in the fall of 2017.

Mr. Swett stated that a school being awarded IB is such a rare thing and an extraordinary accomplishment. He hopes people appreciate what this really means and sets Wareham apart in the commonwealth.

Chair Caporiccio stated that only three systems in the commonwealth have this distinction.

### **School Committee Reports**

- Committee Assignments – Chair Caporiccio had provided a copy of the committee assignments for 2017-18. Mrs. Morgan suggested a policy to allow each elected members to get an equal chance for all committees.
- Policy Review Committee Recommendations – Chair Caporiccio presented the following policies:  
Residency - recommended by DESE – Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy on Residency as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Legal Counsel, Selection Criteria - no changes – Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy on Legal Counsel, Selection Criteria as written, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Distribution of School Committee Meeting Documents - no changes - Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy on Distribution of School Committee Meeting Documents for the purpose of discussion, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Dr. Shaver-Hood explained that prior to a meeting some documents are posted on the website and after the meeting when documents are ready, these documents are posted.

Mr. Swett noted that there is no reference to this practice.

Chair Caporiccio will bring this policy back to the Policy Review Committee to reflect what we actually do.

Mr. Swett withdraw his motion and Mrs. Morgan, her second.

Public Participation at School Committee Meetings - Chair Caporiccio asked to bring this policy back to the Policy Committee to the review language. Mrs. Morgan asked to consider when public participation is placed on the agenda or give a time on the agenda for public comment.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi did research on other towns and they do not have public participation as suggested by Mrs. Morgan.

Wareham School Committee Meeting Minutes - no changes - Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy Wareham School Committee Meeting Minutes as written, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Request for Hearing with School Committee - changed Forum to Participation - Mr. Swett moved to approve the policy Request for Hearing with School Committee as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Funding Proposals and Applications - changes were made

Mr. Swett moved to amend the policy by stopping the sentence after "employee or vendor." and deleting the rest of the sentence for the last sentences in the 2nd and 3rd paragraphs. No second. The Funding Proposals and Applications policy will go back to the policy committee.

Energy Management Conservation - added head/lead custodian - Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy on Energy Management Conservation as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Naming and Dedication of Rooms/Buildings - no changes - Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy on Naming and Dedication of Rooms/Buildings as written, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

Collections and Fund Raising - no changes - Mr. Swett moved to amend I.B. of Collections and Fund Raising policy by deleting the words "or their designee at the building level", seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Security: Visitors to School Buildings - no changes – Mrs. Morgan moved to accept the policy Security: Visitors to School Buildings as written, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Student Attendance - no changes – Mrs. Morgan moved to accept the policy Student Attendance as written, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Prohibiting the Act of Hazing - no changes – Mrs. Morgan moved to accept the policy Prohibiting the Act of Hazing as written, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Search and Seizure - no changes – Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy Search and Seizure as written, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Child Custody - no changes – Mr. Swett moved to accept the policy Child Custody as written, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Concussion Grades K-12 - page 2 Return to Play was amended to “duly licensed athletic trainer in consultation with a licensed physician will make the final determination relative to the student athlete to return to play.” Mr. Swett was concerned with the liability shift where the physician should make the final determination in consultation with the trainer.

Dr. Shaver-Hood will bring the Concussion policy back to the AD and Principal then Policy Review Committee.

Senior Privileges - request of the principal to remove annual approval  
Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated she was not in favor of this change.

Dr. Shaver-Hood commented that seniors should remain in school for senior year to learn. Now approval is a mere formality. Given clearly defined criteria then an annual approval should remain in the policy.

The Committee asked the Superintendent to meet with the Principal, come to an agreement, and then come back for a vote. This policy was tabled.

**Any other business** - None

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0



The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*[Handwritten signature: Mike Bauhish]*

**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

Press Release Wareham Police Department

Minutes April 5, 2017

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report March 2017

WPS Transfer Requests

Meeting Dates 2017-2018 DRAFT

Wareham School Committee - Committee Assignments 2017-2018

Residency/Residency Regulations

Legal Counsel, Selection Criteria

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