

April 27, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Friday, April 27, 2018 at 5:15 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Mike Flaherty, Rebekah Pratt and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being videotaped for broadcast by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jessee Clements, parent, was concerned with the location of the extended school year program and with the transitions of teachers and therapists. She asked to keep the same team where possible.

Dennis Wilson expressed his concerns about closing the Minot Forest School just to get 85% reimbursement for a new school. 3rd graders with 8th graders is horrible and the committee should be ashamed.

Jamie Pelletier, paraprofessional at Wareham Middle School, reviewed the numbers of students in the buildings under the two proposals. She then proposed - WHS 7-12; Middle upper elementary Gr. 3-6 and Decas lower elementary PreK-2 would have numbers that are more equitable.

Discussion and Vote to Confirm the Closing of Minot Elementary

Chair Bacchiocchi opened the meeting for questions from members and acknowledged that this has been a difficult process.

Mrs. Pratt was not in favor; however, if an option is to close an old, aging, antiquated school to save jobs, she will vote to do it. It does not mean it is the best decision. Her concern was with class size and saving as many jobs as we can with the least amount of disruption to students.

Mrs. Morgan had concerns still about the Decas building condition and children will be in portables with a cover way, which is not a good learning environment.

Mr. Flaherty would love to vote no to close Minot but needed a viable plan; otherwise, he would be voting yes.

Mrs. Morgan suggested voting no and going back to the drawing board and figure out other avenues.

Mr. Flaherty stated that before the election he did not hear from the principal so he called Principal Seamans to get her opinion and it came down to class sizes as the lesser of two evils. Mr. Flaherty then read an excerpt from a teacher's email (M. Lefrancois) in favor of closing Minot.

Chair Bacchiocchi stated that the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee explored every option.

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

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

Grade Alignment Vote as a Result of the Vote in #3

Dr. Shaver-Hood reviewed the two options:

Option 1

8th grade - High School

Grade 3 and 4 to Wareham Middle School

Pre-K to Decas Elementary

Option 2

8th grade - High School

Grade 3 to Decas Elementary

Grade 4 and Pre-K to Wareham Middle School

There was a brief discussion on Mrs. Pelletier's option to place grade 7 in the high school but the structure of the high school cannot segment just 7th & 8th grades. Having an upper elementary/middle grades together benefits older kids and the computer labs and science labs cannot be changed in the high school to make a classroom.

Dr. Shaver-Hood reviewed the cost savings with one option over the other:

- utilize staff more efficiently
- engineer to look at moving the location of the playground at Minot
- savings on purchasing portables with Option #1

Regarding the 8th grade graduation, Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that we would continue to have 8th grade step up time for students. The Middle School has a spaghetti dinner this coming Wednesday night and will open its doors to the other grades. Having a smooth transition for students is a high priority.

Since this vote is a temporary situation, the Committee will not be discussing a name change to Wareham Middle School at this time.

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the grade alignment Option 1, 8th grade to Wareham High School, Grade 3 and 4 to Wareham Middle School, and Pre-K to Decas Elementary, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

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

Any other business

Mrs. Pratt wanted to reassure parents of grade 3 and 4 students that the older kids would be role models and feels this grade structure will turn out to be very positive. She asked parents to keep the ideas coming and to realize our kids are looking at us. This is a community effort.

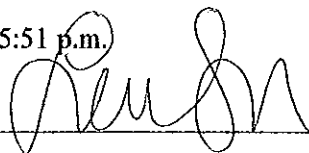
Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that students in Grades 3 & 4 will remain on the elementary schedule, the district has purchased security cameras on the buses we now have, and security cameras will be on any newly purchased buses.

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Pratt.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:


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$\|f\|_{\infty} = 1$ and $\|f\|_1 = 2$. The function f is not in $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ and $L^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^\infty(\mathbb{R}) \neq L^1(\mathbb{R}) \cup L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$.

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