

May 10, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Dr. Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Caporiccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was being taped by WCTV for live broadcast and recorded by Mrs. Ruiz for audio.

The Chair asked for a moment of silence in the loss of Michael Kennedy, Wareham student and Clement Spillane, former teacher and coach in Wareham.

#### **Recognition of Service Awards & Reception**

The School Committee awarded certificates and pins to staff members in recognition of 20 and 30 years of service and plaques to retirees for their service in the Wareham Public Schools.

WHS Principal Palladino introduced his staff being recognized for 20 years of service.

Rene Nascimento - Head Custodian, not present

Christine Cinelli - Teacher/Dean

Cindy Sylvia - Teacher/Department Chair

Lorraine Gregoire - Paraprofessional

Middle School Principal Steedman introduced his staff being recognized for 20 years of service and retirees.

Ed Batterton, Custodian, retiree, not present

Elaine Johnson - Secretary

Valerie Johnson - Teacher

Jolaine Mooney - Paraprofessional, not present

Beth Geary - Teacher to retire

Sharon Burbidge - Teacher to retire, not present

Janis Campagnone - Teacher to retire, not present

Minot School Principal Seamans introduced her staff being recognized for 20 years of service and retirees.

Jennifer Conlon - Teacher, not present

Lesley Reid, Paraprofessional - retiree, not present

Joan White, Teacher, retiree, not present

Anne Marie Fillion - Teacher

Tina Coughlin - Paraprofessional

Cristine Raimonde - Paraprofessional

Robyn Hennigan - Teacher, retiree

Joanne Spiro - Secretary, retiree

Decas School Principal Noonan introduced her staff being recognized for 20 years of service and retirees.

Helen Bakeman - Teacher

Marie Jacinto - Teacher

Patricia Nelson - Teacher, not present

Patricia Bazinet - Paraprofessional, not present

Sally Cattabriga - Paraprofessional  
Jackie Covel - Paraprofessional  
Ellen Osborn, Teacher, retiree  
Barbara LeBlanc, Paraprofessional, retiree

Business Manager MacMillan introduced the technology staff being recognized for 20 years of service.  
Pamela Hall, Technology Specialist  
Teresa Vicente-Griffin, Secretary, not present

Transportation Manager Andrews introduced his staff being recognized for 30 years of service.  
Laura Atwood, Bus Driver

Chair Caporiccio presented Melvin Lazarus with a plaque for his service on the School Committee.

The meeting was recessed for refreshments and resumed at 7:23 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Bacchiocchi attended the unified track meet today at WHS.  
Mrs. Morgan shared about the amazing job done by volunteers on the Minot Forest playground.  
Mr. Swett personally thanked Dr. Steedman and his faculty for the two 7th graders on the girls' tennis team this year - one had a comeback win.

Dr. Steedman, Principal recognized the achievements of the Middle School students who participated in the Massachusetts Regional Science Fair:  
Carlisle Beach - The Effects of Games on the Body  
Makayla Seminao - Is bottle water worth it?  
Autumn Coste and Ayla Andrews - Crazy Bots  
Emma Arcaro - Salt Water vs Fresh Water - received Honorable Mention

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

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of April 26, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

#### **Requests from Class of 2018**

Ms. Santos, Class Advisor, and Class Officers and the Prom Chair requested the following:  
Senior Prom - Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Lebaron Hill Country Club, Lakeville. Multiple locations were looked at as to size of the venue, food, driving distance, affordability, and police detail.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Class of 2018 Senior Prom as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Senior Class Trip - April vacation 2018 Universal Studios Orlando, FL, 4 days 3 nights

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Class of 2018 Class Trip as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

### **Request for Pilot Clubs for 2017-18 at Middle and High Schools**

Principal Palladino had requests from three students for pilot clubs next year.

1. Jamie Read - Random Acts of Kindness Club and Melissa Albert, SpEd Team Chair, to volunteer as advisor to the club. This club will make students think globally and make our school a better place. There is no fee to join, just fill out an application form.

Mr. Swett asked that she report back annually on the happenings in the club.

Mr. Swett moved approval of the Random Acts of Kindness Club as a pilot club for next year, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

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

2. Madison Hough - NOW Program, National Organization for Women, at the high school level. This club is devoted to women's rights and both females and males can join.

Student Representative Jamie Read supported that club and wished to join. There were other positive comments from members.

Mr. Swett stated in his observations routinely female achievers are in Wareham. He was concerned with separating out people instead of all people's rights. He admired what Miss Hough stands for but will vote against the club.

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the NOW Club as a pilot club for next year, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 1 (Mr. Swett); abstain - 0

3. Tyler Litchfield - Model UN Club - This is a national student organization active in schools in the area and offers valuable real life debate skills, current affairs, Robert's Rules of Order. It operates similar to the UN with general assemblies and chosen countries by each student who will have two weeks to prepare for an issue. It is free to enter and may have fundraising for pins and shirts.

There were comments and questions from committee members.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the UN Club as a pilot club for next year, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Principal Steedman had a request for a Safe School Alliance pilot club for next year at WMS. Student Mikiya Smith would like to follow the high school and create this club for LGBTQ support and socialize.

Students Andy Sandoval and Genevieve Phillips along with Melissa Hokanson, Guidance Counselor, were present. Mr. Sandoval stated he has been exploring interest and went to a training meeting.

Principal Steedman stated that the students feel empowered where students can come together by creating these clubs.

Mr. Swett stated he felt saddened and concerned hearing that respect is not happening.

Mrs. Morgan stated that this is a support club where people come together with a common interest and build an awareness.

Mrs. Spear thanked the students for taking the initiative.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Safe School Alliance pilot club for WMS for next year, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

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

Chair Caporiccio commented on the clubs, especially NOW, and her personal research on child brain development between girls and boys.

### **Dropout Report Presentation**

Principals Palladino and Fondulis reviewed the dropout data and what is being done for students so they do not drop out. There are meetings with guidance and the assistant principal; students are given other options/programs including GED; meetings every week with Deans to review discipline and grades; increasing communication between home and school; use the courts for attendance; talk with other districts; mail out paperwork/letters/information to family.

The data included the 4 Year Graduation and Dropout Rate 2016 and the 4 Year Adjusted Cohort Graduation and Dropout Rate 2016.

Principal Palladino stated that 3 or 4 students per year don't respond to our outreach efforts. Wareham also has increased our graduation requirements.

The Committee members expressed concern on tracking these students, identifying the special education students in the cohort, and what can we do more to make these kids stay?

Principal Fondulis stated that Beyond School Time was awarded the 320 Grant focusing on having adult advocates for students. We have hired two social workers to target the 41 identified high-risk students. This year they have done home visits and now 24 students are in line to be promoted to the next grade, the others perhaps will be promoted with 5th quarter summer school and/or on-line courses. We have applied for additional summer funds for up to 30 8th graders at risk. We also offer a teen pregnancy/parenting group so students stay in school.

There was discussion on the data being worse, comparison data from the state, the data being cumulative and includes alternative students, and the process of identifying kids at risk.

(Jamie Read left the meeting at 8:34 p.m.)

Mr. Swett asked for an annual report to the committee on the progress.

**Chair to Release Executive Session Minutes**

Chair Caporiccio announced the release of the October 19, 2016 executive session minutes as public.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Approval of Bills and Payment Warrants**

**Bill Warrants:**

4/29/17 \$148,455.90

5/6/17 \$838,945.16

Mr. Swett moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

**Payroll Warrants:**

5/11/17 \$223,035.55

5/18/17 \$285,870.39

Mr. Swett moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

**Summer Food Service Grant**

Wareham was awarded \$9,058 from the Office of Food and Nutrition for expansion, access, training and startup of its summer food service to increase the number of free nutritious meals during summer vacation. Two more sites will be added this summer and we will offer students meals during summer practice for fall teams. Dr. Shaver-Hood applauded Rob Shaheen and the food service crew.

**School Committee Reports - None**

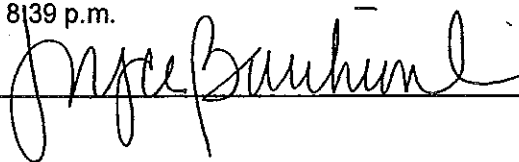
**Any other business - None**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

WSC Recognition Night

Minutes of April 26, 2017

Class of 2018 Requests for Senior Prom and Senior Class Trip

Request for Pilot Clubs WHS - National Organization for Women; Random Acts of Kindness; Model UN Proposition

Request for Pilot Club Middle School Safe Schools Alliance

Graduation and Dropout Rate 2016

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Award Letter Summer Food Service Program

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