

Wareham School Committee  
May 18, 2023

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Geoff Swett, Kevin Brogioli, Brennan McKiernan, Apryl Rossi, Matthew D'Andrea, and Jamie Wiksten, recording secretary. The meeting was recorded by WCTV and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

Absent: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Andrea Schwamb

The Chair lead the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Participation:

"Jiji the Penguin" was present at the meeting, and the Superintendent announced that Jiji attended STEAM Night tonight and is the mascot of the math puzzle games conducted at WES and WMS. The math games contribute to an increase in learning, and students in K-6 have been learning with Jiji for the S.T. Math program. Wareham Public Schools won the Jiji mascot costume out of 95 schools that participate.

Good News:

The Superintendent announced he just attended STEAM NIGHT (Art Show). The event was well attended, with a lot of involvement by the community and families.

Apryl Rossi announced the Track Team will be participating at a conference this weekend.

Student Representative:

Indiana Troupe announced that there will be a car wash in West Wareham for the Class of 2026 and the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual DECA Auction this Saturday.

Wareham High School had the Spring Concert with a Hawaiian Theme and the WHS Art Show was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> (Fairy Theme).

National Honor Society inducted new members this past week. New class officers have been inducted this past week as well. Prom was the past weekend and was a huge success. The Senior Car Parade is next Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Graduation is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Indiana Troupe announced this was his last meeting and announced that Gisella Priestly will be the new representative next year.

The Chair presented Indiana Troupe with a certificate of recognition and thanked him for a job well served as the Student Representative of the School Committee.

Director of Finance Report:

Ms. Flynn presented the month of April Financial Report and announced that we are getting close to the year-end balance. We have a deficit of \$350,000 in salaries, and will need to cover that with other funds.

Mr. Swett pointed out that the category that had the most transfers “in” was pupil services, and asked Ms. Flynn how this happened. Ms. Flynn responded that pupil services are transportation of students that are a part of student services and athletics.

Budget Transfer – Ms. Flynn presented the transfers including Sped in/out of district, and athletic director and coach salaries. Officials and employees working at athletic events also created a deficit.

Mr. Swett stated the high school is using more than its budget. Mr. Swett asked if absenteeism is the factor to this. Ms. Flynn answered that there are a lot of factors.

Mr. Swett stated that perhaps we should hold our staff to the same standards that we hold our students to.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the budget transfers.

Ms. Rossi made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call:

Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Brennan McKiernan-yea, Apryl Rossi-yea

Yea – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0

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Ms. Flynn also presented the revolving accounts. Ms. Flynn took each revolving fund and gave greater context of the expenses and revenue of these accounts.

The Middle School and High School projects feasibility and town article funds are also listed for MSBA prior to entering into the MSBA funding.

Global Ed – Ms. Flynn explained that she has to pay a fee to continue on.

Apryl Rossi asked for a breakdown regarding the HR salary. Ms. Flynn is not sure, and Ms. Rossi asked if there are other departments within the town who are paying part of the HR salary?

Ms. Rossi asked if other districts have their own school HR department. The Superintendent responded that he is the HR department and uses the resource from the town when needed, but the Superintendent is the one who handles all of the HR duties.

Ms. Rossi pondered that it might have been necessary at one point, and wonders if it is no longer needed now to pay a portion of this salary.

#### Health and Wellness Report:

Mr. Russo and Mrs. Seamans presented on behalf of the Health and Wellness Committee. The committee put together a plan to rejuvenate the committee and policy. The policy was reviewed and updated for review. After assessment, there were a lot of gaps, and decided what was needed.

Mrs. Seamans shared that the committee met five times this year. WellSat 3.0 and the WellSat-I were included and were used as tools and scored the school's program. The principals, health teachers, and physical education teachers were interviewed, and one of the criteria is to update the School Committee on the health and wellness in the district.

Mr. Brogioli asked if the schools are having discussions regarding the recommended amount of time, and creating goals to meet the health and wellness in each individual school.

Indiana Troupe asked if there is an opportunity to include a student to serve on the committee.

#### Director of Student Services Report:

Melissa Fay presented and stated that she used a google form, as the form could be accessed on a cell phone, and tried to keep it focused on customer services for parents and guardians. There are 591 families who have active IEP's – and Ms. Fay only received 69 responses.

Our goal is parent satisfaction and working collaboratively with parents.

Ms. Fay read the five questions, and shared the results of the survey.

Ms. Rossi asked if there is a way to track who did not receive the survey. Ms. Fay responded that there were only seven (7) emailed that bounced back undelivered.

Mr. McKiernan stated that he took the survey, it was very easy and suggested including the survey with the report card.

#### Superintendent Report:

Dr. D'Andrea congratulated Indiana Troupe as an exemplary representative of the student body.

The Superintendent asked the committee to approve the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Brennan McKiernan-yea, Apryl Rossi-yea  
Yea – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0  
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John and Betty Parks Trust. The Superintendent explained that John and Betty grew up in this area, passed away a few years back, and donated a significant amount of money, and Wareham High School is the recipient of \$624,864 dollars as scholarship funds for our seniors. The interest rate is 4%. The Class of 2024 will be the first recipients, and asked the committee to vote and accept the scholarship money.

Ms. Rossi asked about the criteria, and found when it is in memoriam, the donors and legacy should be considered to create and keep the integrity of the donation.

Dr. D'Andrea shared that Mr. Parks was knowledgeable on flight, loved animals, and agrees that more research can be done.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. McKiernan.

Mr. Swett asked if the motion to accept will move the control from the town treasurer, to the control of the School Committee?

The Superintendent responded that the money was donated specifically to Wareham High School.

Ms. Rossi asked if we should rescind the vote. Dr. D'Andrea said he would work with the district's lawyer, establish an account, and the new account would need a signatory adjusted.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to rescind the vote, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Brennan McKiernan-yea, Apryl Rossi-yea  
Yea – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0  
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School Committee Report:

The Chair presented the School Committee Meeting Calendar for 2023-2024. There are the same number of meetings.

Ms. Rossi asked if we can add the MASC conference dates on the calendar.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Public Meeting dates, with a calendar that also lists the MASC Conference dates, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call:

Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Brennan McKiernan-yea, Apryl Rossi-yea

Yea – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0

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School Committee Sub-Committees:

The Chair presented the sub-committees.

Mr. McKiernan will serve of the Cape Cod Collaborative.

A Wareham Alumni sub-committee has been added as a focus on graduates with the intent to feature the success of past students in Wareham Week.

Any Other Business:

Seeing no other news, the Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call:

Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Brennan McKiernan-yea, Apryl Rossi-yea

Yea – 4, Nay – 0, Abstain – 0

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Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'K. Brogioli', is written over a horizontal line.