

School Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 19, 2022

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on May 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was recorded by WCTV and streamed live.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Kevin Brogioli, Apryl Rossi, Geoff Swett and Brennan McKiernan. Also present, Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, Assistant Superintendent, and Jamie Wiksten, Recording Secretary.

Good News:

Mrs. Bacchiocchi congratulated Geoff Swett, who was recognized as Tennis Coach of the Year. Also, Mrs. Bacchiocchi also added that she attended an end of year ceremony for the Student Athletics Award for Class of 2022.

Ms. Rossi shared that the pictures of the prom were released, and heard it was a great event.

Mr. Swett shared good news about the Girl's Tennis Team undefeated season.

WPS 2026 Strategic Plan Logo Winner:

Dr. Schwamb shared that the new strategic plan offers a platform for student voice, and asked the art teachers to create a lesson creating a logo. The student council created a way to have all schools vote for a winner..

Dr. Andrea Schwamb celebrated Scott Crites, Grade 6, as the logo winner for the strategic plan.

School Nurse Recognition:

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared that the last two years have been challenging, the job the nurses have done and the endless hours they have put into making everything run smoothly during the pandemic.

The principals recognized the hard work of the school nurses, Susan Akins, Sheila Braley, Danielle Ambrose, and Marianne Iacobucci.

Ms. Rossi commented that there are four nurses in the district, and feels they do the work of 100 nurses.

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared that last week, during the recognition, we missed one retiree, Patty Bazinet. Ms. Chandler spoke on behalf of Ms. Bazinet's career and her dedication to the district.

School Choice Policy:

The Superintendent addressed the committee regarding a new policy introduced at the last meeting. The Chair recommended adding one more additional phrase, “with the exception of the PASS program”.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the policy as amended, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

District Handbook:

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared the changes to the 2022-2023 District Handbook.

Mr. Swett addressed the dress code during student activities and asked if a sports team goes shirtless during a practice, is that allowed. The superintendent confirmed that sports activities are governed under school policy and during sports activities backs should be covered.

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

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Report of the Superintendent:

The Superintendent asked for approval and recognition of gifts, donations, and mini-grants as written in the Superintendent’s Newsletter

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the gifts, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Superintendent asked the Committee to accept the Payroll and Bill Warrants as listed in the Superintendent’s Newsletter

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Superintendent recommended the Committee vote to make the district a school choice again for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve School Choice for the 2022-2023 school year, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Superintendent asked the committee to change the wording of the Middle School Student Activities Account from “Band” to “Extra Curricular Instrumental/Choral”, including the activity objective.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the language, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Report of School Committee:

The Chair announced the upcoming sub –committees for the school committee.

He also mentioned that the selectmen created an audit committee, and there will be a Public Relations subcommittee to improve the school website and will be mentioned at the next meeting.

School Committee Meeting Schedule 2022-2023.

The Chair asked the committee to amend the start time of the School Committee meetings. The Superintendent shared the administration would be grateful for an earlier start time.

Ms. Rossi is concerned that an earlier start time might be difficult for some of the members.

The Chair wants to be certain we have the ability to be flexible.

The Chair asked for a consensus. There was a discussion between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m.

The Chair announced the meeting start time will be 6:30 p.m.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the Superintendent's Contract for Matthew D'Andrea.

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Any other business:

Ms. Bacchiocchi shared that the following Monday at 5:45 p.m., there will be a softball field dedication.

Ms. Rossi mentioned there will be a ribbon cutting for WES on June 11th. Dr. Chandler added that there will be tours, food trucks, the fire department in attendance - all beginning at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote: Chair Brogioli – yea, Ms. Bacchiocchi – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain –0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



List of Documents:

Agenda

Superintendent's Newsletter

School Choice File JFBB

Meeting Dates 2022-2023

Logo Design and winner

District Handbook and Change List

Student Activities Account List