

May 23, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Michael 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 7:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was being taped and broadcasted by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. She led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Mr. Flaherty shared that he had attended the Ford Drive 4 School event and the Addams Family play. The students did a great job.

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced 1) the Wareham Public Schools has a one page ad in Discover Wareham; 2) the girls tennis team is close to making the state tournament, congratulations to all spring sports; 3) the Key Club under Colonel Stanton cleaned up the police sub-station in Onset and acknowledged this group's hard work in the community; and 4) June 7th is the First Annual Art Show and Concert at Wareham Middle School.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi also attended the Ford Drive 4 School event and stated that Ford goes above and beyond to give to the schools. She thanked all businesses in town that help our schools. She also thanked the staff, with many changes going on, for making our #1 priority our students.

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

May 9, 2018 - Mr. Flaherty asked to make the following changes to the minutes.

- Page 7 Any other business - #2 "Mr. Flaherty stated he saw the savings with not as many Assistant Principals, and zero input vetting from the school committee, and he is terribly disappointed."
- Page 6 - Mid-Year Evaluation Update on Goals - "Mr. Flaherty asked if this document was going to be discussed now or at another meeting due to short notice on receiving the progress report."

Mrs. Pratt moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2018, as amended, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

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

#### **Student Advisory Committee**

Principal Palladino thanked student Elisabeth Ruiz for her involvement in the high school and for being honest with him as a member of Student Advisory Committee. This was her last meeting as a Senior.

Miss Ruiz gave the following update: broke ground for outdoor classroom, new furniture in the library, Drive 4 School and Annual Auction for DECA were both successful, and the play was good. The Advisory Committee received student feedback with complaints about the lack of a printer/copier in the library. The high school had 9 copiers available and only given 4 back to place in the most important spots. The students used the library printer and it has been hard for seniors to get portfolios done this year when a printer is not available at home.

Principal Palladino assured the Committee that this problem will be only one more month and then the two printers from Minot will be sent over, one to go to the Library next year. He also noted that the outdoor classroom and new furniture in the library were funded through donations from outside sources.

Chair Bacchiocchi thanked Miss Ruiz for her service on the Advisory Committee.

#### **Update on the Minot Forest Building Project**

Dr. Shaver-Hood provided the Committee members with a letter she had sent to MSBA on May 15th. As per the MSBA request, the grade level configurations were reviewed by the building committee and architects against the educational program and it was voted unanimously for the PreK-4 design.

Wareham has received an invitation from MSBA to meet with them on June 6th to present an overview, and then MSBA will meet on June 27th. The communications group will be meeting to inform the public on its plan and answer any questions.

Chair Bacchiocchi announced the next meeting on May 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center.

#### **Request to Seek Funding from Community Preservation Committee for Track**

Principal Palladino and Chris Gardner, teacher and track coach, sought permission for CPC funds to resurface the track, add security, and improve and add fencing. For the past two years, officials have brought to our attention the condition of our track and we may not have home meets in the future. Mr. Gardner is getting quotes on the project. The track is used all year by student athletes, the community, and for events; i.e., Moving Wall, Relay for Life.

Chair Bacchiocchi asked for the approval of the School Committee to move forward this project to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen and then to the Community Preservation Committee.

Mrs. Pratt moved to approve our support of the track project, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **Approval of Handbooks for 2018-19**

Elementary - Principals Seamans and Chandler presented the changes in the elementary handbook: elementary daily pledge added; MOU with Wareham Police added; group categories for infractions and possible consequences added to make it clearer for parents. The Minot Forest name is being kept to distinguish between Wareham Middle School. The handbook is reviewed yearly with feedback from administration and the school councils.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the elementary handbook as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Middle - Principal Steedman and Assistant Principal Cote stated the handbook involved the school council and changes made are associated with the reconfiguration: page 14 added excessive tardy information; page 38 added Chromebook information; mirrored the high school handbook on pages 41 and 42 to groupings; and updated policies.

The change page should read "Removed Tuesdays from days teachers are available for extra help". There is only one day for extra help now, Thursdays. Other changes noted were references to Deans

removed because there will be no deans next year at the Middle School; Therapeutic Learning Center replaced adjustment program.

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the middle school handbook as presented, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

High School - Principal Palladino stated the handbook was based on survey information from students and staff. A site based decision-making team reviewed the handbook. Changes were: removed charging lunches page 5; removed student ID being worn page 7; updated MCAS dates; wording on Work Permits and hiring updated; added wording for electronic media to allow during passing, but must have one earbud only and shut off at other times except in the cafeteria; added set up a shadow day under visitors policy; updated policies and added MOU with Wareham Police.

Mrs. Morgan asked if Principal Palladino had considered using the cell phone as a motivator for behavior. Principal Palladino stated that he does hold cell phones in his office as a re-entry plan for some students.

Mrs. Pratt asked about the team that reviewed the handbook, which was five teachers across disciplines. She had concerns with grammar and thought we could do better on our handbook and link it to sites on our web page for parents to find information. She also asked the reasoning for the change to remove "student ID cards must be worn." Having IDs is a safe way to identify our students and she would hate to see it go.

Principal Palladino stated that DESE asked us to be reflective in our discipline, we are spending money on ID lanyards, and an added cost with 8th graders next year. Many districts do not require wearing IDs. He would like to take a year off and see our discipline data. A student will still need an ID to come into the school. The intent in requiring students to wear the ID card in school at all times was for many uses i.e., seeing the nurse, getting lunches, taking out library books, etc. but this did not happen due to money.

It was noted that next year with bus passes a student may have two IDs. The penalty for not having an ID starts with a warning, then detention, then in-school suspension, which there has been a significant number of suspensions.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood asked the Committee to approve the content today and at the first meeting in August, Mr. Palladino will present this document to you in a different format and clean up the language.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the content of the High School handbook, no second.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated she will come back to the Committee before we adjourn this summer and asked members to send Mr. Palladino, with a copy to the Superintendent, any changes they wish to make.

District Handbook – Dr. Shaver-Hood stated the handbook reflects changes in policies and updates were made throughout the document.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the district handbook as presented, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

**Acceptance of Gifts**

- 1) Wareham Veterans Association gift of a new stone with a commemorative plaque "Site of Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall August 17-21, 2017 Wareham Veterans Committee", at the entrance to Andersson Field. Dr. Shaver-Hood asked for approval to accept this gift.

Mrs. Pratt moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- 2) Donation of \$4.00 from AT&T YourCause corporate employee giving program to Wareham High School to purchase snacks during MCAS testing dates.

Mrs. Spear moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

### Superintendent's Report

- Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the warrants as listed on the handout, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

Payroll week ending May 12, 2018 \$849,539.36

Payroll week ending May 19, 2018 \$148,098.89

Bill Warrant 5/24/18 \$757.09

Bill Warrant 5/24/18 \$122,305.20

Bill Warrant 5/31/18 \$183,637.74

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

### School Committee Reports - None

### Any other business

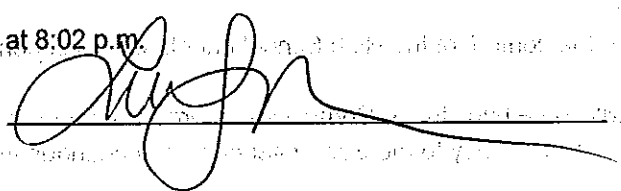
It was announced that the Snack Shack construction was coming along well and tonight is Senior Night for High School Softball.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



### List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy

Minutes of the Meeting of May 9, 2018

Letter to MSBA and Educational Program Minot Forest Elementary School

Wareham Elementary Handbook

Wareham Middle School Handbook

WHS Student Code of Conduct

District Handbook

Proposal for Andersson Field Commemorative Stone & Plaque

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