

June 8, 2016

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Mary Morgan, Cliff Sylvia and student representative, Jamie Read. Absent was member Mel Lazarus. Also present was Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

Vice-Chair Judy Caporiccio chaired the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She informed the public that the meeting was being taped for audio and video by WCTV and an audio recording only by Mrs. Ruiz.

She asked for a moment of silence for WHS student Trey Miranda who passed away last Sunday evening.

She then introduced Jamie Read, our new student representative.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Morgan, as former Wareham Public Schools employee, voter, taxpayer, and resident of Wareham referenced an anonymous letter she received regarding the writer's fear about coming forward with concerns in the district. The letter states the district is a culture of fear and lack of morale. She was here today to validate this letter and respectfully ask the board to take it seriously and respond appropriately.

Makayla Cannata, a junior at WHS, spoke about the petition her classmate presented at the last meeting for Ms. Stouffer to keep her job. She stated that Ms. Stouffer cares about teaching the material but more than that. Ms. Stouffer sat down with her to review nursing schools/colleges and thinks she is very valuable to our school.

Mr. Swett stated that he admired her courage and thanked the student for being here this evening.

Mrs. Morgan again stated that she worked with Ms. Stouffer and totally agrees with everything said by Makayla.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Jamie Read announced the athletic teams which made it to state tournaments, the key clubs community service, graduation/scholarships, underclassman awards tomorrow night, and the loss of a classmate, Trey Miranda.

Mrs. Morgan shared that she had attended the graduation ceremony of the Cooperative School.

Mr. Swett was privileged to attend the Southern Mass Heptathlon event in Track and was impressed how extremely well the students represented Wareham.

Dr. Sylvia congratulated the high school administration and Superintendent Shaver-Hood in giving WWII veteran, Mr. Clemishaw, a diploma at the graduation ceremony.

Ms. Caporiccio attended the pizza party for visiting Chinese students and spoke of the friendships these students made with Wareham students.

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Swett moved approval of the minutes of May 25, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

### **Acceptance of Gifts**

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of a \$142.90 donation from Target to WHS to be used to purchase snacks during MCAS testing.

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of \$100 from Tracie Williams and her son Josh for the STAGE Backpack program at WMS.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of \$100 from Jack & Mary Ann Silva for the STAGE Backpack program at WMS.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

### **Annual Authorization of Principals/Designees for Student Activity Checking Accounts**

Mr. MacMillan stated that one of the changes to the policy is the annual School Committee approval of staff authorized for the student activity checking accounts. Recommended staff members for approval were:

Principal and designee Tom Tricker - WHS

Principal and designee Sandi Ponte - WMS

Principal - Minot

Principal - Decas

The Committee discussed discretion in controlling these funds with some large cash outlays. Mr. Swett was not comfortable if only one signature is needed to cash a check.

Mr. MacMillan will get this information for Mr. Swett.

Dr. Sylvia moved to authorize the principals and designees as recommended for student activity checking accounts, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

**Membership Approval of School Building Committee for the Minot Forest School Project**

Mr. MacMillan stated that MSBA requires a membership list. He had met with Derek Sullivan for recommendations from the town. Any changes to this membership list, once voted by the School Committee, must be submitted to MSBA.

Mr. Swett stated that he was grateful to volunteers on being part of this major project.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the membership of the School Building Committee for the Minot Forest School Project as presented, seconded Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced the following:

- June 9th - underclassman awards
- June 15 - 8th grade promotion
- Makepeace Awards were given to teachers Sean Brown and Janice Barton
- \$10,000 Eastern Grant to BST program and global education

**School Committee Reports**

None

**Any other business**

None

Mr. Swett moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of executive session minutes and negotiation updates, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Swett - yea; Dr. Sylvia - yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Ms. Caporiccio - yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

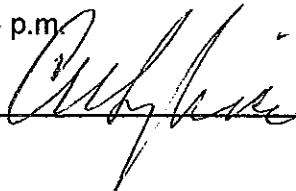
Mr. Swett moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

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The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. H. H.", is written over a horizontal line.

**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Notice of Vacancy, Personnel List, Superintendent's Newsletter  
DRAFT MSBA Membership List Minot Forest School Project

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