

Wareham School Committee Meeting  
June 15, 2023

There was a School Committee Meeting held at the Multiservice Center on June 15, 2023 at 48 Marion Rd. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Attendance:**

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

The Chair lead the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Participation:**

No public participation.

**Good News:**

Mrs. Bacchiocchi acknowledged the graduation of the Class of 2023, and the following week the District celebrated the incoming Kindergarten students, and the PASS graduation.

The Chair announced that the CYE is hosting a Basketball Tournament this Saturday with three games including a game with the 2010 Wareham SCC Champions vs. 2023 Wareham SCC Champion teams.

Mr. Swett shared the Tennis Team also played an alumni game this past Monday.

The Chair announced that the School Committee was planning to recognize Bob White at this meeting. Bob White was employed by WCTV in 2013 and was the Government Liaison ensuring public access for the all meetings. The School Committee recognized his years of service and will be missed by the School Committee.

**PASS Report:**

Jane Fondulis, Principal updated the School Committee on the PASS Graduation. She provided the following information: 14 graduates completed their requirements with an age group of 16 years – 19.5 years old. Ms. Fondulis shared some of the programming students participated in as part of graduation requirements.

Mr. McKiernan asked if the finance program could be shared with High School students beyond the PASS program. Ms. Fondulis responded that she is meeting with the Superintendent at the end of the month and will discuss upcoming programs for next year.

The Chair asked about enrollment. Ms. Fondulis responded that there are 24 students returning, and will begin recruitment in August.

#### Curriculum and Instruction Report and Summer Programming:

Ms. Fondulis announced the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant programs - CARE, SAIL, and secured other grants for Accelerated Summer Academy for Middle and High School for at risk students in Math or English, and in the afternoon participate in CARE and SAIL. There is also a BOOST program for elementary students.

There are 10 college interns and 10 high school interns. High School Interns also receive 5 elective credits.

There are 87 staff members: Coordinators, Teachers, Paras, Secretaries and 264 elementary students, and 110 students at the High School.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi asked how the students are identified and asked about BOOST. Dr. Schwamb responded that after COVID, the BOOST program was extended beyond Grade K.

Mr. Swett asked about the ratio of students to staff. Ms. Fondulis explained that the students have 6 classes per week, with two staff members in each class, free to families, and fully grant funded. Student Academic Youth Outcome (SAYO) report are used to measure student growth scaling the students 1-5. Due to funding, we can only service a certain percentage of students.

Ms. Rossi feels that using MCAS scores to recommend students for the summer programming is unfair.

Melissa Fay, Director of Student Services, shared that she struggled to get staffing but currently has 49 staff members, and 89 students who will participate in the program. Ms. Fondulis explained that some students participate in the ESY program, and can possibly participate in the CARE/SAIL program in the afternoon.

#### Summer Projects:

Erik Trahan presented the Boiler and Roof projects and both projects will begin right away with the boilers. The main construction will take three month and fire the boiler around October, followed by a possible punch list. The boilers have been delivered. The kitchen is working all summer at WHS, the kitchen will be out of water for a day or so.

Mr. Swett asked about the priorities of the project.

Mr. Trahan responded that the Middle School Roof Replacement will begin next week. They will work on Section F of the roof, followed by section J and K, and working on the remaining roof the following year.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi circled back to the boilers and asked if the absence of boilers effect the air conditioners. Mr. Trahan responded that the air conditioners are run by condenser units fed electrically. The high school air conditioning in the cafeteria is tied into the cafeteria.

The Wareham Elementary School: There is outside air coming into the building, and the project will require and outside and inside project and needs to be repaired this summer.

There will be a Fire Alarm System Evaluation System the following summer (2024) and Mr. Trahan shared some of the information for the future project.

#### Obsolete Furniture:

Mr. Trahan explained that obsolete furniture is donated when possible. Ms. Rossi asked if we are able to sell items if the school could share a profitable list.

Mr. Swett asked the process of deeming furniture obsolete.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to deem the list obsolete, seconded by Mr. McKiernan.

#### Roll Call:

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### Designing for Learning Loss and Pandemic:

Dr. Schwamb read her report to the School Committee on the measures that were conducted in 2021-2022 (pandemic) at WES, and the results of 2022-2023 assessments, NWEA Map Growth and scores.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi asked if a first-grade teacher is hired by Wareham, do we instruct the teachers how to facilitate the instruction that is in place, and is there consistency with the teaching of all of our teachers? Dr. Schwamb responded yes.

Dr. D'Andrea shared that teachers are taking the data from the assessment calendar and putting students in groups based on the needs, and using BOOST as extra interventions. The survey that we put out showed that our teachers really appreciate the collaboration that is built into their schedules.

Dr. Schwamb shared oral reading results. Mr. Swett questioned why the data doesn't reflect the higher grades. Dr. D'Andrea shared that literacy is complex and more challenging for students as they progress through the grades. Mr. Swett asked if the data that was shared

on the screen included student Special Education Students. Dr. Schwamb responded that some Special Ed students were included in the data, but not all.

Mr. Swett felt there wasn't a correlation between the two columns. Dr. D'Andrea provided clarification.

Ms. Rossi asked how many students opt out of MCAS. Dr. D'Andrea responded that there were not any opt-outs this year, and the Commissioner states there is no opt-out.

Dr. Schwamb stated that Wareham has a lot of work to do.

Mr. Brogioli asked Dr. Schwamb to share the documents that were not included in the School Committee packet with the committee.

WMS: The Middle School rating rose from the 2019 school year. WMS uses NWEA and has done a number of things to address learning loss.

Dr. Schwamb presented WMS data. MCAS results will be released in August.

Dr. Schwamb stated that she was not been invited to the School Committee meetings the past two years to present. She has been busy applying for grants for Wareham High School.

WHS: The High School received a \$480,000 grant. The grant will support two teachers (accelerated learning) and two High Quality Instructional Programs for Grades 8-9-10. She has purchased Math, English, and Effective Solutions working with students, all supported by these new grants. There is also a partner grant with Buzzards Bay Coalition for science and art.

Dr. D'Andrea stated that Dr. Schwamb has been working with the State and excited about what we are doing. Planned changes for the High School should give us results that will push us in the right direction.

Mr. Swett stated that pre-covid the English Department had excellent results, and the Math Department turned themselves around and had really good numbers as well. He asked why do we need to replace the curriculum when we were doing so well prior to covid?

Dr. D'Andrea responded the additional resources give the teachers what they need to do their job.

Dr. Schwamb shared that we generated 1,854 forms for teacher evaluation.

#### Professional Development:

Dr. D'Andrea shared that the work Dr. Schwamb does for Professional Development is terrific. She puts the time in well in advance to put PD together for the district.

#### Financial Report:

Kristin Flynn reported on the expenditures for the month of May. Ms. Flynn stated the budget is frozen. Principals and Directors had to sacrifice for their schools and departments. The total budget is 83%, and will change significantly tomorrow.

Budget Transfer:

Payroll closes tomorrow with the summer five checks. Erika Kauranen, Payroll Bookkeeper, has done a great job managing the payroll for the year. The budget transfers will benefit the salaries for the final payrolls of the fiscal year.

C.N.As now have their own category and allocate their salaries where they need to be.

Resignations that may or may not have been filled impacted the need for transfers as well.

Dr. D'Andrea added the budget was categorized. When Ms. Flynn arrived, in Wareham, she kept positions where she found them. She needed to make the math work in the budget and the transfer is a result to balance the budget.

The non-salary transfer is in facilities and transportation which is difficult to budget for.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the transfers, seconded by Mr. McKiernan.

Roll Call:

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Swett asked if the ESSER funds have changed. Ms. Flynn explained that there will a \$20,000 cushion and we can use it in the FY 2025 budget if possible.

Dr. D'Andrea stated he froze the budget in December and Kristin has done such an amazing job since that time.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent asked for an approval of the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter.

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

Roll Call:

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Gifts:

\$1000 from Smithers to the CARE Summer Program to support the costs incurred for summer students to participate in offsite field experiences including but not limited to museums etc.

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

Roll Call:

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Dr. D'Andrea brought forward the Parks Scholarship from the previous meeting: \$689,692.06 has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Parks for scholarships for our students. The Town Treasurer will hold the account and the school will expend the funds for this purpose.

Mr. Swett explained we don't have control of how it is invested and asked if the School Committee could take a look at this.

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

Roll Call:

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

School Committee Report:

The Chair announced the Alumni Sub-Committee is looking for alumni to feature with their initiatives.

MASC is offering a workshop in July.

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

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

Yea-5, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Brogioli", is written over a horizontal line.