

June 20, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Laurie Spear, Michael Flaherty and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz. Absent were members Mary Morgan and Rebekah Pratt.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She announced that the meeting was being taped and broadcast by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. With three members present, she will be taking roll call votes this evening. She asked everyone to join her for the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Fitzgerald, teacher and WEA president, came forward and announced that he was finishing his role as WEA president and over the last six years, he has seen many changes. What hasn't changed is our people. He invited members of the committee to visit our school to see the great things happening.

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Dr. Shaver-Hood thanked Mr. Fitzgerald for his many hours of service and working collaboratively.

Mrs. Chandler came forward to speak about retiree, John Beaulieu, and his longevity of 40 years coming to school with energy, charisma, and positivity. She thanked him for his dedication to our students and schools. Dr. Shaver-Hood presented Mr. Beaulieu with a plaque for his teaching service.

Dr. Shaver-Hood thanked Jamie Read for the last two years serving as student representative and presented her with a gift and certificate.

Mr. Flaherty shared how the teachers in Wareham care and according to students make the extra effort.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated that more than \$400,000 in scholarships was awarded at Senior Awards Night and thanked the donors; graduates walk through at our elementary and middle schools was exciting; thank you again to staff who is having to pack for the move.

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

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of June 6, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea

VOTE: 3-0-0

#### **Update on the Elementary Building Project**

Mr. MacMillan and Dr. Schwamb shared the progress on the elementary building project.

- met with the MSBA board and are working on their comments;

- working on the education plan, adding appendix documents and a draft has been sent to the architect and project manager for their feedback.
- on June 27th the application will be reviewed by the MSBA for its decision
- we will be giving an update to the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday evening

Chair Bacchiocchi acknowledged all of Mr. MacMillan's work and time on this project as this was his last update.

#### **Class of 2019 Request for Senior Prom**

Principal Palladino, Co-Advisor to the Class of 2019 Marissa Smith, and newly elected Class President, Justin Schluter, presented the request for the Senior Prom. The prom is for May 18, 2019 from 6-11 p.m. at Way Point Events Center in New Bedford. With new officers and members of the prom committee, Justin wanted all students to have a chance to make the decision since this facility has limited space at 150 people. No deposit has been made yet and they are hoping to explore other venues.

Principal Palladino stated that it would be difficult to find a facility for a Saturday event if we wait until the fall for School Committee approval.

Mrs. Smith stated that members of the council had been a part of the decision and due to cost and location, this facility was chosen.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood asked Mr. Schluter what if the Class could not find a different venue. Way Point Events Center is not out but Mr. Schluter wants to get the whole class involved.

No vote was taken this evening.

#### **Global Education Presentation**

Mrs. Manning celebrated what the Global Ambassador Club and Team has been doing to make our students successful and able to compete in the economy. She was asked to present at Harvard University on global education in Wareham with our 12 sister schools, over 6 continents and our F-1 program. Wareham is recognized as a leader in the field in global education.

Our F-1 exchange program was a pilot this year. Two students, Paul & Sophie, from China attended Wareham High School for the school year and thrived socially and educationally. We took in \$26,000 in tuition for 2017-18. In 2018-19 we will have 7 full-time students and 1 trimester student from the Netherlands, Norway, and China under our F-1 program for a total tuition of \$93,500. We will be adding one position in guidance at the high school and offset some salaries for the global education staff with this revenue. There are 30 students wanting to contract with us next year from an international school for a potential of ½ million dollars for the district.

We also send our students abroad on two types of study tours – 1) sister school relationship; and 2) short-term exchange program.

Nik Dix, President of Global Education Club, and students Joshua and Jamie shared a video of our students in China and Italy/Greece. Then students Brook, Matt, Dillon, and Indiana with chaperone Principal Chandler shared a

PowerPoint presentation highlighting their experiences in Beijing living with host families. The students thanked the Committee and Boston Ivy for this incredible opportunity to travel abroad.

The Committee members had an opportunity to ask questions of the students.

Global Education falls under Beyond School Time with 25 teachers on the global education team and 12 to 15 students in the club with Colonel Stanton as advisor. Upcoming opportunities for cultural exchanges are some short-term exchanges with students coming to Wareham; April vacation, an Eastern European tour; part I Sidney in June; opportunities are announced in the schools for students interested, informational meetings are held and the high school has global awareness once a month.

#### **Food Service Report**

Rob Shaheen reported that food service is bringing "fresh" back into the cafeteria. Through a summer grant, two organic growing systems were purchased, one for the high school and one for the middle school, to grow vegetables. It is a simple process to cut, wash, and serve. Other Fresh Projects include a growing system for Decas; summer gardens at the Middle School and Wareham Library; local farm products being purchased; new recipe training for staff in the fall; UMass extension program at Decas; working on a \$40,000 fresh fruits and vegetable grant for the fall. Mr. Shaheen thanked his staff. Next year there will be 18 full-time workers and 3 managers in three schools with a budget of a little over \$1 million. Mr. Shaheen will present a more detailed report in the fall.

(Jamie Read left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.)

#### **Athletic Spring Report**

Mr. Rodrigues, AD, highlighted the achievement of the girls' tennis team making the state tournament, individual student awards, and sportsmanship conference awards. Wareham leads the league in sportsmanship. The GPA for spring sports was 89.1.

Based on members questions the fall sign ups went well with our 8th graders moving to the high school and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible for all sports. Currently we have waivers for 7th graders to participate in field hockey and girls tennis in order to make a team. The budget was at status quo and Mr. Rodrigues has a schedule for replacement of uniforms.

There was discussion on community service projects, athletic transportation being part of the athletic budget, and the committee's recent knowledge of the condition of the track.

#### **Vote to Approve WHS Code of Conduct Handbook 2018-19**

Principal Palladino thanked Ms. MacKerron for re-formatting the handbook and Ms. Freitas and the English Department for its review. This is now a user-friendly document. One change was made since the last presentation on page 11 Dress Code 2. J. Language dealing with students wearing IDs would continue.

Mrs. Spear moved to approve the WHS Code of Conduct Handbook as presented, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea

VOTE: 3-0-0

#### **Report of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools**

Annual Analysis Data Update – Dr. Schwamb's report and analysis was on Literacy K-4. She noted how formative assessments inform instruction. The objective is to gather data to effectively inform instruction so that students have the necessary reading skills to read at grade level or above. Her report included proficiency and growth data. In the mid-year report the goal was to reach 90% proficiency. This goal was not met but we are on track to meet 90% next year. The 2017-18 results from January – June were shared as well as growth charts and her analysis of this data.

The Chair opened the floor for comments and questions from committee members.

#### **Report of the Business Manager**

##### State & Federal Grants

Mr. MacMillan shared a summary of state and federal grants.

Mr. Flaherty was assured that cameras are on all in-district regular education buses and we will be leasing four sped vans, which were budgeted in FY19.

Dr. Schwamb explained the Title IV grant funds are used for AP and IB fees for students and is replacing the high school NMSI grant ending this year.

Some of the revolving accounts are showing balances because not all expenses have been paid out yet.

The School Committee thanked Mr. MacMillan for his work.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

Payroll of June 9, 2018 \$895,631.74 and Payroll of June 16, 2018 of \$151,431.07

Bill Warrant of 6/21/18 of \$134,449.97 and Bill Warrant of 6/28/18 of \$230,771.17

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the warrants as listed, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea

VOTE: 3-0-0

Dr. Shaver-Hood thanked all staff for their hard work and dedication as we are coming to the end of the school year and for a safe summer. The committee will be meeting in a new location and day, Thursdays at the Multi-Service Center starting in August.

#### **School Committee Reports**

MASC Nomination – Chair Bacchiocchi asked for a vote to approve Geoff Swett's nomination for MASC Life Membership, which must be submittal by July 1st.

Mrs. Spear moved to approve the nomination of Geoff Swett, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea

VOTE: 3-0-0

Mr. Flaherty reported on his first Cape Cod Collaborative meeting at which time he voted on staff and handbooks. The collaborative meets once a month and will start again in September.

**Any other business**

None

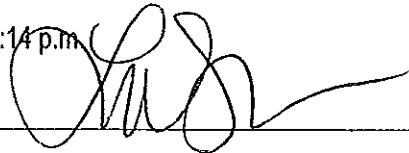
Mr. Flaherty moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea

VOTE: 3-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



**List of documents:**

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

Minutes of the Meeting June 6, 2018

Request from Class of 2019 for Senior Prom

Global Education Power Point Presentation

Wareham Food Services Presentation

WHS Athletic Department Spring Report 2018

WHS Handbook 2018-2019

Assistant Superintendent Monthly Report – End of Year Report and Analysis/Literacy K-4

WPS Summary of Active State and Federal Grants 2018 May

