

June 21, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 6:50 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear and student representative, Jamie Read, as well as Superintendent Dr. Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Caporiccio called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being taped for live broadcast by WCTV and being recorded for audio by Mrs. Ruiz.

Recognition of Retiring Staff Members

Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Seamans presented their retiring staff members with plaques.

- Shelly Jenson, retiring as Grade 4 Teacher at Minot, was not present
- Paul Gould, retiring as Head Custodian at Minot after 24 years of service
- Diana Quaranto, retiring as Paraprofessional at Decas

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

Recognition of Student Achievements

Dr. Shaver-Hood invited Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Seamans to congratulate their students.

- Emma McWilliams, 4th grader at Minot Forest - 3rd place for her short story in the Eversource contest
- Posters for the Wareham Garden Club - Decas students Maggie Avilla, Grade 2; Olivia Mello, Grade 2; and Andrew Evora, Grade 2
- Emmett Buckingham, Decas Kindergartener - 1st place for Eversource poster contest

Mr. Swett shared that the WHS Graduation was outstanding and congratulations to Principal Palladino and his staff.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Appointment of Director of Student Services

Dr. Shaver-Hood invited Melissa Fay to come forward. Mrs. Fay shared about herself including her experience and education and the Committee had the opportunity to ask her questions.

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended the appointment of Melissa Fay to the position of Director of Student Services effective August 1, 2017.

Mr. Swett moved the recommendation of the Superintendent, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Spring Athletic Report

Ed Rodrigues, Athletic Director, highlighted his spring athletic report including a new unified track team and a GPA of 89.1 for the athletes.

There were a few questions and comments from members. Mr. Swett stated that Mr. Rodrigues did an extraordinary job getting all the events scheduled with the weather we had this spring.

Strategic and School Improvement Plans

Dr. Shaver-Hood thanked the administrators, principals, assistant principals, teachers and Dr. Schwamb for their hard work.

Dr. Schwamb stated that the Wareham Public Schools' Strategic Plan 2021 is on the website. Tonight the principals will be sharing where we currently are with each school's improvements, what has been accomplished, and what is next. A rubric was created for the School Improvement Plan and a google form was created for professional staff indicating the stage they are in - Planning, Building, Transforming.

Wareham High School Principal Palladino thanked all for their feedback. He reviewed the current stages and the Skills & Strategies for the following: Scholarship (Learning) Connecting to Real World, Action Steps; Scholarship (Teaching) Pedagogy & Learning, Action Steps; Scholarship (Assessment) Staff Knowledge and Readiness, Action Steps; Leadership & Citizenship (Culture) Distributed Leadership, Action Steps.

The accomplishments for 2016-2017 included IB Program, one-on-one technology, F1 school through Homeland Security for foreign exchange students, dual enrollment with middle school, student advisory committee; electronic portfolios, Viking Cafe through culinary arts, Cooperative School into the high school.

Questions from members included: What were the specific school goals and input from the surveys of parents and students in the Plan; Is the data useful from exit interviews of graduating students; What is the IB enrollment for this coming year and how many of these students have an IEP?

In September, Dr. Shaver-Hood will give an overview of the School Improvement Plans in the format sent to DESE with the survey data and goals.

Wareham Middle School Principal Steedman thanked all for their feedback and reviewed the current stages and the Skills & Strategies for the following: Scholarship (Learning) Connected to Real World and Anytime/Anywhere, Action Steps; Scholarship (Teaching) Pedagogy & Learning, Action Steps; Scholarship (Assessment & Accountability), Planning & Implementation, Action Steps; Leadership & Citizenship (Culture), Building a Collective Vision, Engaged Supportive Community, Action Steps. The accomplishments in 2016-2017 included students taking MCAS on the chrome books, humanities academy, outdoor classroom/cranberry bogs, clubs and activities.

Comments from members included a discussion on PBIS Focus Academy working with the University of Connecticut research vetted and IB MYP (Middle Year Program).

Minot Forest School Principal Seamans thanked members who came out for support. Their focus is on student voice, pedagogy and learning, staff knowledge and readiness, leadership & culture.

She reviewed the Skills & Strategies for Scholarship (Learning), Student Voice, Action Steps; Scholarship (Teaching) Pedagogy and Learning, Action Steps; Scholarship (Assessment) Staff Knowledge and Readiness, Action Steps; Leadership & Citizenship (Culture) Distributed Leadership, Action Steps.

The accomplishment for 2016-2017 included PBIS training, NAEYC Accreditation, OWLS, full day peer models, MCAS on line, social worker, MSBA Feasibility Study, partnership with Chinese, common planning time.

Questions and discussion included PLC and modules for special education students, teaching more student centered, and the use of chrome books for MCAS.

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked people to view the video on Garden Tower Projects and vote for Ms. Ottaviano's video <http://wshe.es/5B9HYdii> also on Minot's Facebook page.

Mr. Swett asked for a report this year on former PreSchool students now in Grade 3 and their MCAS results.

John W. Decas School Interim Principal Chandler and her team of assistant principals and some staff presented the areas of focus.

Scholarship: Learning - connection to real world, anywhere/anytime, student voice - action steps

Scholarship: Teaching - pedagogy and learning - action steps

Scholarship: Assessment & Accountability - purpose and beliefs, planning and implementation - action steps

Leadership & Citizenship: Culture - builds a collective vision, creates policies and practices structure - action steps

The accomplishments for 2016-2017 included PBIS, Focus K-2, team teaching, 1:1 technology Gr.2, successful family events, telephone communication system, roof and boiler complete.

Mr. Swett asked how do we meet the goal to the transforming stage.

Dr. Schwamb provided an overview slide of the district's accomplishments with a brief discussion.

Literacy/Data Presentation

Dr. Schwamb presented early literacy data on Decas School Kindergarteners, which showed a significant amount of incoming students below the norm. The DRA fluency results were presented by # students and % of students.

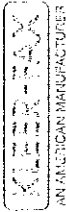
(Jamie Read left the meeting at 8:59 p.m.)

Testing with DRA was conducted in February and then intervention groups based on this data were set up. The students were then retested in April, intervention again and retested in June. Those students now struggling are in a 5-week program this summer to be ready for Grade 1. The professional development is embedded in everyday learning with diagnosis and strategies.

There was discussion by committee members.

Acceptance of a Gift

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended accepting \$500 from the members of the culinary arts classes/club that was raised and deposited in the student activity account to the Trey Miranda Scholarship.



Mr. Swett moved approval of the donation, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Superintendent's Report

Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

Payroll Warrants

June 10 \$159,306.37

June 17 \$3,311,725.75

June 17 \$168,713.30

Mr. Swett moved approval of the payroll warrants as stipulated by the superintendent, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Bill Warrants

June 22 \$109,025.07

June 29 \$121,598.93

Mr. Swett moved approval of the bill warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

School Committee Reports

MASC Nominations – Chair Caporiccio presented two nominations as follows:

Lifetime Achievement Award – Dr. Clifford Sylvia for his lifetime career in education and commitment to students of the town, a volunteer in the town serving on many boards and committees, attending many conferences and established the DECA program at WHS. He was a coach and advisor and received his doctorate in education and leadership from Johnson & Wales University.

Mr. Swett moved to nominate Dr. Clifford Sylvia for the MASC lifetime achievement award, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

2017 All State School Committee - Geoffrey Swett who has served on numerous committees in the town. She gave his occupational and educational background, his community involvement, conferences he has attended and currently the Division VII Chair and listed other activities.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to nominate Mr. Geoffrey Swett to the 2017 MASC All State School Committee, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 1 (Mr. Swett)

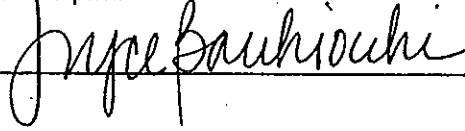
Any other business - None

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



List of documents:

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

Minutes of June 7, 2017

Resume of Melissa (Deyo-Silvia) Fay

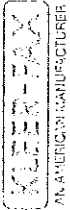
WHS Athletic Spring Report 2017

Building Your Own Roadmap to 21st Century Learning

2017 Annual Update Strategic & School Improvement Plans

Decas Elementary School Kindergarten

Culinary Arts Gift



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