

Wareham School Committee Meeting
July 13, 2023

There was a School Committee Meeting on July 13, 2023 using zoom technology. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Kevin Brogioli, Apryl Rossi

Absent: Brennan McKiernan. Dr. Andrea Schwamb

Also present: Dr. Matthew D'Andrea and Jamie Wiksten, recording secretary.

Minutes of the Meeting: 11/8/2022, 11/10/2022

Ms. Bacchiocchi made a motion to accept the minutes of 11/8/22, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

Joyce Bacchiocchi-yea, Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea, Apryl Rossi-abstain

Yea-3, Nay-0, abstain-1 (Ms. Rossi absent from the 11/8 meeting)

VOTE: 3-0-1

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the 11/10/2022 minutes, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

District Calendar:

Dr. D'Andrea explained that March 8, 2024 was previously scheduled as a Professional Development Day for staff. Recently, the District learned that MCAS make-up testing has been scheduled on this day, and the state does not offer flexibility.

The Superintendent recommended changing the Professional Development Day from March 8, 2024 to March 15, 2023. Both the Administration and the Union reviewed and approved the suggested change.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to amend the District Calendar for 2023-2024, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Director of Finance:

Ms. Flynn presented final budget transfers for FY 23 payroll.

Mr. Swett complimented Ms. Flynn for her work.

Mr. Swett also added his concerns regarding the \$350,000 the School Committee never agreed or voted on to pay to the town and this should have not happened without the Committee's approval, when the prior Superintendent made this agreement, and asked where we stand on future payments on this agreement.

The Superintendent responded that he met with the Derek Sullivan and next year there will be no payment. The agreement is null and void after the first year, and was a one-time event.

The Superintendent also added he would never create such an agreement without the approval of the School Committee.

The Chair asked if the budget freeze helped with the unexpected and what was unbudgeted for with the agreement mentioned.

Ms. Flynn responded that the freeze helped reserve funds for this unexpected expense.

The Chair asked for a motion for the transfers presented by Ms. Flynn.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the budget transfers, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent asked the Committee to approve the bill and payroll warrants as presented in the newsletter.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Discriminatory Harassment Policy File: JFAA

The Superintendent explained that an update/change is needed in paragraph one, for protective class groups. On July 26, 2022 Governor Baker signed the Crown Act classifying hair texture and hair style – and added it to the list of protected groups. Recently, it was recommended by the Town of Wareham and Dorene Allen-England to amend the policy and include this recommendation.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to amend this policy in preparation for the upcoming school year handbooks, seconded by Mr. Swett.

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

Any other business:

The Chair announced the next meeting is a workshop meeting and the Superintendent's Goals and School Committee Protocols would be discussed.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call:

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

Yea-4, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken B. Li", is written over a horizontal line.