

Wareham School Committee
Workshop Meeting
August 3, 2023

There was a meeting of the Wareham School Committee Meeting at The Multiservice Center, 48 Marion Rd., Wareham, MA. The meeting was recorded by WCTV, and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

Attendance: Kevin Brogioli, Brennan McKiernan, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Apryl Rossi, Dr. D'Andrea, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, and Jamie Wiksten, recording secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Public Participation:

No public participation

Good News:

Ms. Bacchiocchi mentioned the work conducted on the Middle School roof, and Dr. D'Andrea added the boiler project at the High School is also going well.

Minutes:

Mr. Swett noted in the minutes of 2/2/2023 a change is needed from "Mrs." Swett to "Mr." Swett.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept all of the minutes listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter with the suggested change for the 2/2/23 minutes, 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

Superintendent Goals Workshop:

Dr. D'Andrea presented his proposed goals, and submitted these goals to the School Committee for their consideration.

Goal #1: Student Learning (Year 2) implementation of Year one of the action plan – the addition of the skillful teacher, continue with empowering writing, IB Task force with a recommendation by December, student attendance and discipline.

District Improvement Goal #1: Special Education staff classroom, paperwork and meetings to be defined. It is important to have our most qualified teachers working with our students.

Ms. Rossi asked what would the potential solution be with the information obtained?

Dr. D’Andrea responded that teachers are required to attend meeting, and look at how we can increase class time of our teachers.

Ms. Rossi requested a second year for this goal for an implementation year for a solution for the information obtained in year one.

Mr. Swett asked for more information regarding the sub-separate classrooms and the many adults in the classroom, and supported Ms. Rossi’s request.

District Improvement Goal: #2 Revise ELA curriculum.

Mr. Swett asked what provoked this goal? Dr. D’Andrea responded that it is time to do it, and bringing in new programs at the elementary and high school level, and a resource for teachers to use across the grades.

Dr. Schwamb responded that the district has been looking at the science of reading and wants to provide all schools with the resources to accelerate in reading. All grant funded.

District Improvement Goal #3:

Determine core reasons for families deciding to school choice out of Wareham Public Schools and develop a plan for addressing these concerns. Analyze school climate.

Ms. Rossi feels that “reputation” based on old information that she feels a community initiative or focus group to help change the reputation of the schools.

The Chair added that this would be a great job for the communications sub-committee.

Professional Practice Goal:

The administration will identify focus indicators for the teaching staff, working with the administrative team and union that will have the greatest impact for our students.

The Superintendent thanked Ms. Bacchiocchi and Mr. Swett for their support on the Superintendent Evaluation Sub Committee.

School Committee Report:

A draft of agenda items for the 2023-24 school committee meetings was shared. The Chair suggested a template for the principal reports. Ms. Bacchiocchi suggested not to have the report in writing, but a template for a verbal report. The Chair will compile a list with the committee for subject matter.

Dr. Schwamb requested the School Committee make clear what information the School Committee is looking for in her reports.

Mr. Swett asked when the NWEA data is available for meeting dates. Dr. Schwamb suggested March would be a good month for her presentation.

Protocols of the School Committee: The Chair feels the protocols from last year are still relevant for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Rossi does not support #10, but feels the rest of the protocols are in line of the School Committee vision.

Mr. Swett stated the #5 does not preclude a school committee member from responding.

Mr. Swett also referenced #2, and Dr. D'Andrea responded that the Superintendent is held accountable by the School Committee to sustain day to day operations.

Ms. Bacchiocchi requested to have the protocols listed on the website.

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

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

MASC Delegate, November 2023

Mr. Swett made a motion to nominate Apryl Rossi, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

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

The Chair made a motion to nominate Mr. Swett as an alternate, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

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

Any other business:

The Chair announced Dr. Schwamb invited two members of the school committee to the two-day leadership meeting on August 21 and August 22.

Mr. Swett and Ms. Bacchiocchi agreed to go. The Chair offered to attend if there is an absence.

Ms. Rossi announced that the Policy Review Sub Committee begins in October.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to adjourn, 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

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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