

School Committee Meeting

Thursday August 5, 2021

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on August 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., 48 Marion Rd in Wareham. The meeting was recorded by WCTV, streamed live, and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Present: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Kevin Brogioli, and Geoff Swett. Also present, Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Superintendent, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, Assistant Superintendent, and Jamie Wiksten, Recording Secretary.

Absent: Apryl Rossi and Mary Morgan

Mr. Brogioli shared that Peter Coville, former Minot Forest Principal, passed away recently and conducted a moment of silence.

Public Participation:

No public participation.

Good News:

Mr. Brogioli shared how nice it was to meet in person with the School Committee.

Mr. Swett shared accolades for volleyball team member, Fredi Gakidis.

2021-2022 School Calendar:

The Superintendent asked the committee to amend the school calendar, recognizing the Juneteenth holiday.

Kevin Brogioli made a motion to approve the amended 2021-22 calendar, seconded by Geoff Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

WEA Unit B Contract:

The Superintendent shared that she met with Unit B and they have ratified the new contract for the Assistant Principals.

Mr. Swett questioned the days permitted for Assistant Principals to work from home.

Dr. Shaver-Hood explained that if a Unit B member is building a school schedule, the Assistant Principal could conduct this work from home.

The Chair thanked Unit B for their work during negotiations.

Kevin Brogioli made a motion to approve the Unit B contract, seconded by Geoff Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

WEA Unit D Secretaries:

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced that Unit D had ratified a three-year contract.

Ms. Suckow shared with the committee that keeping in line with Unit A, the longevity payments were adjusted to a 2.5%, 2.5%, 2.75% increase over the three-year period.

Mr. Swett asked how many members work under the Unit D contract. Ms. Suckow answered there are 23 members.

Kevin Brogioli made a motion to approve the Unit D contract, seconded by Geoff Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

Bus Drivers:

Dr. Shaver-Hood publicly urged anyone interested in becoming a bus driver to please apply. She continued that Wareham Public schools employs a great group of bus driver personnel who do an outstanding job, and the district wanted to attract more drivers with the new contract, without outsourcing for out-of-district drivers.

Mr. Brogioli shared that during negotiations, he was taken back by the proactive group, loyal to Wareham Public Schools, and noted they do a very difficult and responsible job for the district.

Geoff Swett made a motion to approve the Bus Drivers contract, seconded by Kevin Brogioli.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

Report of the Superintendent:

The Superintendent recommended the committee accept the following gifts:

- 52 Care package kits gifted to Minot Forest Elementary School from Wareham Staples courtesy of Staples customers giving back to the local community. Kits containing tissues, pump hand sanitizer, and two bottles of hand sanitizer.
- Kawai Piano Model PN-100 to Wareham Middle School from Michael Secor of Onset, MA. The piano is 10 years old, \$1500 value, and in excellent condition.
- \$12.00 remaining balance from the Class of 2020 to Wareham High School Gifts Account.

Kevin Brogioli made a motion to approve the gifts and donations, seconded by Geoff Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

Bill and Payroll Warrants:

The Superintendent asked the committee to accept the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent's newsletter.

Geoff Swett made a motion to approve the bill and payroll warrants, seconded by Kevin Brogioli.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

Elementary School Update:

The Superintendent shared that the new building is beautiful, but received unhappy news that there is a delay with the furniture delivery, setting the project back to the original date of January 2022.

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared she continues to look at the administrative structure and moving forward, there will be one principal named at the new elementary school, along with the Decas and Minot Forest Assistant Principals. The other Principal will move into Central Office. The announcement of who the principal is will be announced soon.

Other Business:

Mr. Brogioli asked about mask requirements for the upcoming school year. Dr. Shaver-Hood responded that she would share any mandated changes at the next meeting. Mr. Swett noted the governor only has issued a *strong recommendation* for mask wearing.

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared that she sent out a survey to the staff, and has already received several responses and will share with the committee at a later date.

The Chair announced that the August 19th meeting has been moved to August 26th, so the committee could discuss the latest guidance regarding covid.

The chair asked the committee for a motion to adjourn.

Kevin Brogioli made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Geoff Swett.

Roll Call Vote: Chair Bacchiocchi – yea, Kevin Brogioli – yea, and Geoff Swett - yea

yea – 3, nay – 0, abstain – 0

VOTE: 3-0-0

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mary Morgan", is written over a horizontal line.

List of Documents:

Agenda

Superintendent's Newsletter

2021-22 School Calendar - draft

