

Wareham School Committee  
August 31, 2023

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. using zoom technology.

The Chair called the meeting to order. The Chair announced that the meeting was being recorded by WCTV and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

Roll Call: Geoff Swett, Kevin Brogioli, Apryl Rossi, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Matthew D'Andrea, Andrea Schwamb, Kristin Flynn, Jamie Wiksten, Recording Secretary.

Late Arrival: Brendan McKiernan

**Public Participation:**

No news

**Good News:**

Dr. D'Andrea celebrated the great work of the CARE summer program, and thanked the transportation department for their hard work.

Dr. Schwamb welcomed all of the new teachers and thanked the Central Office staff for their work in the hiring process of the many new employees.

Ms. Bacchiocchi thanked the Administration for inviting her to all of the opening meetings for the new school year.

**Minutes of the meeting: 5/16/2023, 6/15/2023, 7/13/2023, 8/3/2023**

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Swett.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yea.

4 yea –, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

**Student Representative Report, Gisella Priestly**

Ms. Priestly shared her report. WHS welcomed the new 8th graders to the building. The new schedule moved the lunch block later in the day, all of the grades had their class meeting, and there is a new cell phone rule in place. Student Council begins soon and the theater department will have their auditions.

The Chair asked about the new phone rules, Ms. Priestly responded there is a more rigorous policy, and consequences in place.

*(Brennan McKiernan joined the meeting and exited meeting due to technical difficulties)*

**Director of Finance Report, Kristin Flynn**

Ms. Flynn presented the Student Activities Accounts. Ms. Bacchiocchi was surprised to see the senior class with such a small balance.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Student Activities for the 2023-24 School Year, seconded by Mr. Swett.

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

4 yea —, nay — 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 4-0-0

*(Brennan McKiernan reentered the meeting)*

Mr. Swett asked why Stacey Lattin is appointed at the high school instead of an Assistant Principal. Ms. Flynn provided the details of Ms. Lattin's role as Student Activity Accountant for Wareham High School.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the Student Activity Designees, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— abstain, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea — 4, nay — 0, abstain - 1

VOTE: 4-0-1

Maximum Checking accounts:

Annually, the School Committee will vote on the established maximum balances for all student activity accounts.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the maximum balances, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea — 5, nay — 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Budget Transfer FY23:**

Ms. Flynn presented the Financial Report for June 2023 and the budget transfers for the close of FY23.

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the budget transfers, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brendan McKiernan– yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Budget Transfer FY24:**

Ms. Flynn presented the Financial Report for July 2023 and the budget transfers. Mr. Swett asked for an explanation of utilities at WES. Ms. Flynn answered with details provided by Erik Trahan, Facilities Supervisor.

Ms. Flynn also provided information regarding journal entries for the fuel costs to the town.

Ms. Flynn explained in an effort to be more efficient with the mailing and postage system, it would be helpful to have one postage account, with an administrative cost center, transferring funds from the schools and offices to fund their share of this one account with a \$5000 starting balance.

Mr. Swett made a motion to approve this transfer, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brendan McKiernan– yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Ms. Flynn also included an update of the revolving accounts for the School Committee.

**Professional Development, Dr. Schwamb**

Dr. Schwamb presented the Professional Development for the 2023-2024 school year. Dr. Schwamb explained the new model. The teaching staff will be trained in collaboration with colleagues and aligns with the evaluation system. A survey was put out, and the results are used to coordinate for future PD planning.

The course catalog was streamlined, and allowed the teachers to choose their training based on grade, subject etc.

Dr. Schwamb shared some of the collaborations, and pilot programs.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi shared that with her work at Cape Cod Collaborative, Dr. Schwab's work is well noted regarding Wareham's evaluation system.

Mr. McKiernan asked about the negative comments included in the survey. Dr. Schwamb responded that the negative comments align with NEASC.

Information was asked about teacher licenses and the mentoring requirements. Dr. D'Andrea responded that it is the teacher's professional responsibility to track their license- but we do keep track of license expirations.

### **Superintendent Report:**

The Superintendent asked the committee to accept three gifts: Adobe License from WCVR, \$250 scholarship dollars from YMCA, and safety vests.

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the gifts, seconded by Mr. McKiernan.

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea — 5, nay — 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Superintendent asked for approval of the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter.

Mr. Swett made a motion to approve the warrants, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea — 5, nay — 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Dr D'Andrea asked for the School Committee to deem one skillet from the Middle School kitchen to be declared obsolete.

Ms. Bacchiocchi made a motion to deem the item obsolete, seconded by Mr. McKiernan.

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Superintendent Goals:** The Superintendent added the suggested changes to his goals and presented the revised goals to the School Committee for consideration.

Professional Practice: he would like to work with the evaluation sub-committee and revise this goal.

Mr. Swett made a motion to approve the goals with the caveat of revisions for Professional Practice, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brendan McKiernan– yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

#### **School Committee Reports:**

The Chair mentioned the alumni sub-committee and encouraged the community to read the profiles listed on the website.

#### **Any other business?**

Mrs. Bacchiocchi asked for a moment of silence for former teacher Carol Holmes Costa.

After the moment of silence, Dr. D’Andrea added that the alumni page is “awesome”. Mrs. Bacchiocchi gave credit to the Chair for his hard work.

Mr. Swett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brendan McKiernan– yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Joyce Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



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