

September 6, 2018

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, Room 320. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Michael Flaherty, Rebekah Pratt and student representative Emily Roberge as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb, and Recording Secretary Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Bacchiocchi welcomed Dr. Andrea Schwamb to the table. She and the Superintendent had agreed to invite Dr. Schwamb to the table but member Mike Flaherty thought this should be a discussion for the whole committee so the discussion will be on the next agenda.

The Chair also announced that the meeting was being taped by WCTV for video and an audio recording was being made by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

Superintendent Shaver-Hood announced that Wareham High School was named to the MIAA sportsmanship honor roll for the 2017-18 school year and extended her congratulations.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi attended the Back to School Nights at Decas and Minot and thanked the PTA for its contribution in making this happen. It was a great opportunity for the families.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of August 23, 2018, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Update on Elementary Building Project

Principal Seamans along with teachers Nancy Newton, Tom Tricker, Jacqui DeGrace, and Marie Jacinto updated the committee on their roles in the project, which included being part of the visioning workshops; imagining wonderful state of the art rooms; spaces to collaborate with other teachers; working with the architects who thought of everything including art room flooring, sinks and a kiln.

Mrs. Morgan asked if the group was confident there was enough space in the school to prevent losing the specialty rooms should enrollment increase.

Enrollment was looked at and MSBA has strict guidelines for space.

Mrs. Pratt thanked the teachers for being part of the planning for the project.

Principal Seamans stated that the website newschool.warehamps.org has information and a Q & A. Community Forum dates are coming and will be listed.

Miss Roberge stated she can't wait to see how the STEAM program is incorporated into this school.

Report of the Director of Student Services

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the Director was unable to be present this evening and her report will be scheduled on the next agenda.

Report of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Schwamb updated the committee on the beginning of the 2018-19 school year with an extremely successful opening including two workshop days for new staff for ALICE Training and Management Training. All staff training was August 27 & 28 to review spring assessment data and Kindergarten teacher training. FAST is up and fall assessments have begun.

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has informed us it will be here for a District Review. The last review was done in 2012 with a written report in 2013. Our team will be collecting data to be upload by November 21st and the onsite review is December 10-13. The School Committee will be involved in the leadership and governance standard. She reviewed each of the standards with indicators.

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended the following gifts:

\$6,050 from the Daniel Taber Golf Tournament for YES Builders Club, STAGE at Wareham Middle School and \$58.45 from K-12 Licensing LLC and YourCause.com to be used to offset the cost of snacks for students during MCAS at WHS.

Mr. Flaherty moved acceptance of the gifts as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Pratt.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Adoption of New Policies

Chair Bacchiocchi stated that at our last meeting we discussed new policies and now she is asking to a vote of approval.

- School Committee Member Ethics – Mr. Flaherty would like to state the protocols are non-binding and to attach the protocols to the policy.

Mr. Flaherty moved to add the word “voluntary” before School Committee/Superintendent Operating Protocols, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 2 (Flaherty/Morgan); nay – 3; abstain - 0

Mrs. Spear moved to approve the policy as written, seconded by Mrs. Pratt.

VOTE: yea – 3 (Pratt, Bacchiocchi, Spear); nay – 2; abstain – 0

- School Committee Policy Development – Mr. Flaherty thought this policy was redundant and suggested merging it with Policy Adoption. Chair Bacchiocchi stated she felt there was enough in each policy to keep them separate.

Mrs. Spear moved to approve the policy as written, seconded by Mr. Pratt.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- Policy Adoption – Mr. Flaherty stated the policy infers three separate meetings with three steps. The Committee agreed to combine #1 and #2 as step #1. There was discussion on section #2 of a report from any ‘advisory’ committee.

Mr. Flaherty suggested deleting the Note bold section at the bottom of the policy as an emergency is addressed in the policy.

Mr. Flaherty moved to adopt the policy by deleting the bold at bottom and combining #1 and #2, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- Policy Revision and Review – Mrs. Pratt moved to approve the policy as written, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- District and School Family Engagement – Dr. Schwamb stated that this is a required policy by DESE as a Title I district.

Mr. Flaherty moved approval of the policy as written, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Report of the Superintendent

- Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants
Payroll Week Ending August 25, 2018 \$114,022.77
Payroll Week Ending September 1, 2018 \$828,845.71
Bill Warrant 9/6/18 \$137,453.88
Bill Warrant 9/13/18 \$56,102.08
Bill Warrant 9/13/18 \$13,730.00

Mrs. Pratt moved to approve all five warrants, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- **Back to School**

- Decas Fun Friday tomorrow when members of the local fire union volunteered to clean up the outdoor classroom and it is the first day of PreSchool and Kindergarten. Busses may be delayed and we will keep parents informed.
- Joint PTA meeting Monday evening
- Middle School STAGE program is looking for slightly used backpacks to be dropped off at WMS Office
- Tonight was Minot Forest School open house
- A band demonstration for all 4th graders is tomorrow
- Seniors pictures will be September 10th
- Monday PASS program begins
- A Public Safety Event will be at the Wareham Track September 8th
- Students will be receiving bus passes on Monday and 734 students have yet to complete their forms. If a student does not have a pass, the student will be handed a form to be filled out and returned by September 11th – then their name will go on a waiting list.
- Enrollment today is 2,193 and does not include those students not in the system yet. We expect to go over 2,200.
- 36 Wareham students and 15 school choice students are in the PASS Program with Wednesday as the cutoff date.
- Emily Roberge asked if childcare was available at the first PTA meeting? The Honor Society at the High School would be willing to help.

Report of the School Committee

Mr. Flaherty reported that the Cape Cod Collaborative's first meeting is September 13th.

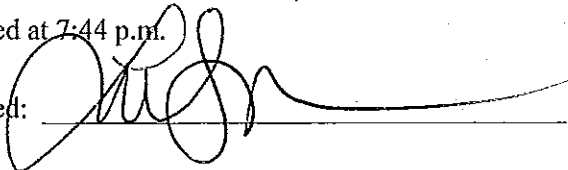
Any other business

Chair Bacchiocchi announced that Wareham Athletics Boosters' next meeting is Thursday, September 13 at 6pm at WHS and all are welcome to participate.

Mrs. Pratt moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy, Bill and Payroll Warrants

Minutes of the Meeting August 23, 2018

Special Education Report September 2018

Daniel Taber Memorial Golf Donation

School Committee Policy Development
Policy Adoption
Policy Revision and Review
School Committee Member Ethics
District and School Family Engagement

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