

Wareham School Committee
September 7, 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, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Dr. Matthew D'Andrea, Dr. Andrea Schwamb, and Jamie Wiksten, recording secretary.

Absent: Brennan McKiernan, Apryl Rossi

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

Public Participation:

No public participation

Good News:

Mrs. Bacchiocchi welcomed the kindergarten students to the school district.

Dr. D'Andrea shared the WMS roof is four days away from completion.
The boiler project is waiting for a few items and headed in the right direction.

Mr. Swett asked if the roof project scheduled for next summer is bigger and questioned the length of the project. Dr. D'Andrea stated that it will take a longer amount of time to complete phase two of the roof.

Dr. Schwamb congratulated Sara Russo, Assistant Principal, for obtaining her doctorate degree.

Student Representative:

Gisella Priestly was absent from the meeting.

SEPAC: Special Education Parent Advisory Council

Dr. D'Andrea thanked Jessie Clements for stepping up and taking on the role as the leader of SEPAC. Ms. Clements shared that she has served on school councils, and served on SEPAC, and is a high school math teacher in another district. Ms. Clements shared the guidelines of the SEPAC committee, including parents of students with disabilities and all interested parties, and highlighted upcoming dates and information:

- Basic rights presentation on Tuesday October 24, 2023 from 6-8 p.m.
- Mental Health Virtual Fair in December 2023.
- There is a hope to have 5 meetings scheduled for the year.
- A survey already went out to families (85 responses)

Mrs. Bacchiocchi thanked Ms. Clements for taking on this role, and asked if there are other parents joining the committee. Ms. Clements responded that she has a community of parents and friends that she will reach out to.

Dr. Schwamb wondered if there is a way to help promote SEPAC and awareness regarding Special Ed students and resources. Ms. Clements responded there is a SEPAC email for parents to reach out.

Principal Reports:

Dr. Bethany Chandler, Wareham Elementary School

937 students:

Grade 4 – 168

Grade 3- 163

Grade 2- 175

Grade 1- 178

Grade K- 174

PreK – 79

Today (9/7/23) was the first day for kindergarten students. There was an additional class opened in preschool. Thursday, September 14th at 5:00 pm is Open House for Grades 1-4 and October 5, 2023 is the Open House for Kindergarten.

Dr. Chandler thanked her secretary staff, custodians, teachers, and paraprofessionals in preparation for the opening of school.

Mr. Swett shared that we had significant issues with the HVAC system last summer, and some of those problems still exist in the building. Dr. Chandler explained that each room has its own circulation. Mr. Swett added that the electric bill is off the charts for the building.

Tracie Cote, Wareham Middle School

410 students:

Grade 5 -139

Grade 6 - 153

Grade 7 - 118

32 students withdrew this summer, and 32 new students enrolled.

Open House was very well attended and had a successful PTA book fair. NWEA testing has begun (establishing a base line). 40% of the building has A/C and the rest of the building has been very warm.

Attendance has been great for the past five days, and there are plans in place to support families with chronically absent students (18 days or more). Last year, 93 students missed 18 or more days of school.

Scott Palladino, Wareham High School

Mr. Palladino stated that having no snow days, allowed for extra days to prepare for the upcoming year. They created a new schedule, and transportation did a great job this year.

The cell phone policy has been revamped, and cell phones have not been out.

The boiler system is a couple weeks away, and the new phone system is up and running. CORE math and ELA classes have returned to the scheduled.

Grade 8 – 164 students

Grade 9 – 122 students

Grade 10 – 118 students

Grade 11 – 78 students

Grade 12 – 90 students

Open House is September 21, 2023.

Mr. Swett was thrilled to hear about the new staff.

Mr. Palladino shared the High School teachers are inclusive, supportive, with an amazing staff who steps up and support its students.

Spring Sports Report 2023:

Mr. Palladino highlighted the GPAs of the sport students and mentioned the softball and tennis team qualifying for State Championship.

Boys Track Team: Two state champions in one year and mentioned Aidan Roberts and Diego Mello shined on the team.

Ms. Bacchiocchi thanked the coaching staff. Ms. Bacchiocchi pointed out a significantly higher amount was spent on baseball the past two years, in comparison to the softball team.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi shared that Booster Club is in need of new parents to get involved.

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent presented the Bill and Payroll warrants: and asked the committee to vote on the warrants as listed in the Superintendent's Newsletter.

Roll Call:

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

Yea-3, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 3-0-0

Report of the School Committee Report:

Alumni profiles have been added to the website.

With no other business, Mr. Swett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi.

Roll Call:

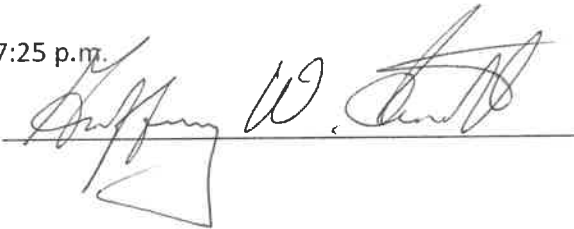
Joyce Bacchiocchi-yea, Geoff Swett-yea, Kevin Brogioli-yea

Yea-3, Nay-0, abstain-0

VOTE: 3-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey W. Swett", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial 'G'.