

September 20, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Caporiccio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being taped for broadcast by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Swett shared that our Vikings football team has scored 40+ points in the last two football games. Chair Caporiccio sent her congratulations to Dr. Cliff Sylvia on being selected as a MASC Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of September 6, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0

2017 Beyond School Time Summer Program Report

Jane Fondulis reported that the district ran a summer club, summer camp, and SAIL program. 275 students were enrolled and 57 in the BST Summer Club. The focus was service learning - HATS - Honor Achieve Through Service. This theme became personal with the lockdown on the first day of the summer programs.

Rick Paling, Deanna Semple, and Jolaine Mooney gave an overview of one of the 6-week programs under CARE. These teachers also presented the program at a state meeting.

Healthy Alternatives To Substance Use/Abuse - HATS - 13 students were in this program. The Project Overview included:

- Goals of the program
- KIDS Framework used to create the service learning model by Define Service-Learning; Discover Needs/Problems; Investigate Problems; Research Solutions; Decide on A Project using a decision matrix; Plan the Project creating an action plan.
- The children also participated in Field Trips for team building - Hiking Myles Standish State Forest; YMCA Rope Course; Clay Chick Pottery Studio; Patriots Place; TD Garden
- Celebration on accomplishments and public awareness of the project working with the Brent Hastings Foundation
- Implement the Plan included a trifold pamphlet was created and over 200 pamphlets were passed out during the CARE Fair; the students working on the Fundraiser; and students performing the skit
- Sharing Photo Voice was very powerful
- The service project met curriculum objections with a pre- and post-test
- Reflection piece done by students; evaluate impacts on the community; students became advocates
- Implications for Teaching and Learning: Connections to Service Learning

The project raised over \$230 for the Brent Hastings Foundation.

Questions from the Committee included how were the 13 students selected, can these students bring back to their school what they learned, and can we follow through with these students through high school for data.

Mrs. Fondulis stated that she created the schedules based on the registration forms submitted and all 13 students are in Wareham Middle School. They would like to perform their skit at the school for their fellow students. The Department of Education was amazed at what was accomplished in 6 weeks and the project being student driven.

(Jamie Read left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.)

Report of High School Principal

Principal Palladino stated that Wareham High School is a comprehensive high school and he shared the following information:

Elective Offerings can drive student choices for their futures. Some electives are Virtual AP; Woodworking; Ceramics; Video Production; JROTC; Art; Zoology; Engineering; Intro Dramatic Arts; and Astronomy. Some electives are requirements i.e., SAT Prep as a Junior; full year of business and art. He then described how electives are scheduled by grade. The high school also offers dual enrollment programs and distance learning. This school year there are two foreign exchange students enrolled.

Based on questions from committee members, it was noted that the high school offers core classes, a School-To-Career course for students to work in local childcare centers, some electives for four years, challenging virtual high school offerings, and some Chapter 74 courses.

There is a presentation for 8th graders at the Middle School by our Guidance Counselors on the course offerings and shadow days in late fall.

The Dual Enrollment transportation grant at Bridgewater State was not available but we are writing other grants to get funding for transportation. Principal Palladino stated that Wareham is standing by the program.

Chair Caporiccio asked Principal Palladino to send members the link to the on-line courses being offered to our students.

Report of the Business Manager

- Monthly Financial** – The report was for expenditures through August. Mr. Swett asked about the savings in the transportation budget compared to last year and if Mr. MacMillan could share his answer with each member. Tuition Payments for Bristol Agricultural HS are done in two payments but a PO has encumbered the complete tuition. Mr. MacMillan had attended the Finance Committee earlier to address the two articles submitted by the School Committee - McKinney Vento and Stabilization Fund.
- Transfer of Funds** – The transfers are requested to correct account lines and in Professional development, the transfer is requested for a shift in focus.

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Mr. Swett moved approval of the transfers of funds as presented, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- **Vote to Establish a Special Education Stabilization Fund**
Technically the School Committee must approve the establishment of the special education stabilization fund.

Mr. Swett moved approval of the establishment of the special education stabilization fund for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Mr. Swett stated that each year the committee, the superintendent and the business manager need to work on placing more funding into this account, up to \$500,000.

It was noted that there is a limit of the funds that can be placed into this account - 2% of the annual required net school spending of the total budget.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended:

- a) 1 high top table and 5 stools valued at \$1,195 from Cardi's Furniture Store in East Wareham to the Wareham Middle School
- b) A \$1,500 grant from Cape Cod 5 Foundation to the Wareham Public Schools for Literacy at the preschool to help purchase 4 SMART televisions and cabling.

Mr. Swett move acceptance of the gifts as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared the ingenuity of our teachers and staff on the high top table being painted with white smart board paint so students can write on it. Also shower wall backboard was cut and put on tables for students to use with white board marker.

The SMART televisions will stream with our computer system to allow for student interaction as there is an electrical capacity issue at the Minot Forest School.

Superintendent's Report

Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants

Payroll 9/9/17 \$125,038.55 & Payroll 9/16/17 \$860,606.99

Bills 9/21/17 \$62,084.34 Bills 9/28/17 \$52.25 and \$196,165.42

Mr. Swett moved approval of the payroll and bill warrants as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

October 5th at 6PM in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium the Superintendent will hold a public meeting to talk about our transitions between elementary and middle school and share opportunities that await your child in the upcoming school year.

Wareham Historical Society is holding a golf tournament at Little Harbor to raise funds for a history scholarship for a WHS Senior.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recognized the efforts of students on collecting goods for Harvey Relief.

School Committee Reports

- MASC Official Voting Delegate

Mrs. Spear nominated Geoff Swett as the MASC Voting Delegate, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Spear nominated Joyce Bacchiocchi as Alternate Voting Delegate, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- Mr. Peter Balzarini was re-appointed to be on the Nye Scholarship Selection Committee.

Any other business - None

Mr. Swett moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy

Minutes of the Meeting September 6, 2017

WPS HATS Healthy Alternatives To Substance Use/Abuse

WHS Elective Offerings

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report August

WPS Financial Report: Transfer Requests

Cape Cod 5 Foundation Grant

Approval of Gift Middle School

Payroll & Bill Warrants

MASC Official Delegate Form

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