

September 21, 2016

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Mel Lazarus, Mary Morgan, Geoff Swett, Judy Caporiccio and student representative Jamie Read as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz. Absent was member Cliff Sylvia.

Chair Lazarus called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being taped for video and audio by WCTV and being recorded for audio by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parent came forward to speak on behalf of his child, who is a student at Minot Forest School, regarding emails and telephone calls about the driver of Bus #712. He did not identify himself due to the confidentiality of his daughter. He explained the incident which took place on the first day of school and that there has been no resolution. This week a resolution was put forth to the child's mother to come in and have a meeting with the bus driver and another staff member with the possibility of an apology. He asked for any advice or recommendations the School Committee could give him as a parent?

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that the situation is a personnel issue so we cannot share how the situation is being handled but invited his ex-wife to a meeting and she was willing to meet with the father to resolve the issue with his daughter and explore options as well.

Mr. Swett stated the School Committee can advise and make opinions.

Chair Lazarus stated that due to confidentiality we cannot address this issue about the driver in a public forum.

GOOD NEWS

Superintendent Shaver-Hood invited Meghan Greene and her siblings, Kenneth, Kristen, and Melissa, to make a presentation on the 30 boxes of school supplies they donated through a fundraiser in memory of their mother, Marie Auld. The boxes included tissues, hand sanitizers, erasers, notebooks, and other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gift with great appreciation, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Chair Lazarus announced that next Thursday at 3:00 p.m. in the foyer of the high school there will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of Wareham High School and all are invited to attend.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved approval of the minutes of September 7, 2016, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

IB Presentation

Ms. Ashlie Yates-Paquin, Coordinator, gave an update on the progress of IB. She showed a video and announced that WHS recently was approved for IB Middle Years Candidate Program. On November 8th

there will be a workshop for staff and the 12 staff members who have been trained will run courses next year.

The following teacher and students shared their experiences in the IB style of teaching:

Carolyn Gomes-Vieira, teacher

Brett McSherry, student

Nate Lunetta, student

Principal Palladino stated that IB and AP will run parallel next year. Students can take one or both programs.

Ms. Yates-Paquin stated that October 1st is the deadline to finalize the application and a visiting team will come. Once the application is approved full status will be given.

FY16 Food Service Report

Mr. Shaheen, District Cafeteria Manager, reported on what programs the Wareham Public Schools offer:

- National School Breakfast and Lunch
- After School Snack
- Child and Adult Care Program
- Summer Food Service

He reviewed the meal counts chart for all schools over the last three years; the breakfast average participation rates; the lunch average participation rates; and the food service revenues and expenditures for 2014-15 and 2015-16. There is a positive balance the end of June 2016.

Food Service Grants and Financial Assistance Programs

- Summer Food Service from USDA
- Eos Foundation
- Project Bread
- New England Dairy Council
- Action for Healthy Kids
- Equipment Grant from USDA
- Entitlement

Food Service Projects this coming year

- Breakfast in the Classroom at Minot Forest School
- UMass Extension at Decas
- High School Renovations
- Smarter Lunchrooms (High School)
- Menu Software Installation
- Updated Wellness Policy (October/November)

(Jamie Read left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.)

There were questions and comments from Committee members.

Annual Approval of Student Activity Accounts

Mr. MacMillan, in line with state recommendations and school committee policy, asked for approval of this year's student activity accounts at the Middle and High schools. He added an account for Drama Club fundraising at the middle school and Class of 2019 and Global Education at the high school and at the high school took out Class of 2014, Marine Awareness, Track Fees, and Young Adult Program-SM.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the student activity accounts as presented, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. MacMillan presented the expenditure report through the end of August, which did not include school year payroll yet. He included a notes column on the report and with the reorganization of leadership changed budget numbers; renamed Pens/Pencils/Paper to General Supplies, K12 Department Head Salaries to Instructional Coordinators and Team Leaders and also combined Principal's Office and Principal's and Assistant Principal's Office into one function School Leadership – Building.

The committee members had questions on the administration account, summer school/home instruction and contracted service accounts and asked for information on out of district costs.

Transfers

\$6,000 instructional technology to technology office
\$17,104 networking and telecommunications to technology office
\$22,000 programs with other systems in MA to employee separation costs
\$5,000 maintenance of building to maintenance of equipment
\$7,173 general supplies to maintenance equipment

Ms. Caporiccio moved to accept the transfers as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Decas Roof and Boiler Project Update

Mr. MacMillan announced that the contract has been awarded to replace the boiler and part of the roof to Nadeau Construction. The project manager and architect had a meeting and identified the subcontractors. At this time the project will cost the town less than originally budgeted but he was not sure how the project will play out with contingencies.

Acceptance of Gifts

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

A \$25 anonymous donation to the STAGE Backpack Program

Ms. Caporiccio moved acceptance of the gift, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

A \$1,000 donation from MA Children's Relief Fund to WHS Best Buddies Program

Ms. Caporiccio moved acceptance of the gift, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Four U.S. Flags, one for each school, from Dino Pimental, Dunkin Donuts West Wareham and Franklin Flags

Mrs. Morgan moved acceptance of the gift, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

MCAS results will be released shortly and a report will be on the next agenda.

WHS Student Advisory Committee will meet briefly with the Committee at an upcoming meeting

School Committee Reports

Mr. Swett stated that the Wellness Committee met with Rob Shaheen as the Chair, and includes teacher Nichole Stahmer, school nurse Sue Akins, assistant principal Marc Bell, teacher Tina Clark, student Indiana Troupe, and himself as school committee rep. The committee will be asking principals what fitness programs we now have and student access to soda.

Chair Lazarus reported that tonight the Superintendent gave out her self-evaluation. Last year we had a workshop with school indicators. He would like to schedule an Evaluation Workshop on October 12th at 5:00 p.m. and at this meeting Mr. Swett will explain the scoring system. Member's individual evaluations are due October 21st to the Chair and on November 2nd the Committee will conduct the Superintendent's evaluation in a public forum.

Any other business

Mary Morgan was asked from a retired teacher about the partnership the district has with China and what are the benefits that Wareham is receiving from this partnership, why is staff traveling free on China's expense, and how is it going to close the achievement gap in Wareham? She also asked if the memorandum could be shared and perhaps a Global Education report.

The Superintendent will have a report at a November meeting.

Mr. Swett moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

WPS District Food Service Update
Student Activity Accounts Wareham Middle School
Student Activity Accounts Wareham High School
Monthly Expenditure Report 2017 August
Financial Report: Transfer Requests

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