

October 5, 2016

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Melvin Lazarus, Geoffrey Swett, Mary Morgan, Judy Caporiccio, Clifford Sylvia and Jamie Read, student representative, as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

Chair Lazarus opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being taped for audio and video by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

- A win last week for the Boys' Soccer Team
- At a building committee meeting last week a parent remarked how pleased she was at changes made in the Wareham school system
- Full house tonight with young people
- A crucial vote coming up and charter school will not help the school district
- Last Thursday 25th birthday of WHS was celebrated and the Chair was privileged to speak at the program
- The Girls Soccer Team with several victories as well as our football team

Recognition of Student Achievement in MCAS - Students from Minot Forest and High schools who scored at advanced level in one or more of their MCAS tests were recognized. The Superintendent will invite the Middle School students to be recognized at the October 19th meeting.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood thanked the students of Minot and WHS and congratulated them on their success. Principal Seamans and Principal Palladino read the names and students came forward.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2016, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Report on MCAS Results

In addition to the efforts of the students and parents, Mr. Swett applauded the professional leadership for their efforts.

Dr. Schwamb's report included the WPS 2021 Vision and The Problem: Understanding MCAS Measures - Scores are measured in two different ways: Achievement and Student Growth.

To improve student achievement and ratings we must have student growth in every subgroup and student growth and CPI must trend upward for three years. She presented a chart showing CPI, PPI, & Growth for the District in English, Math, and Science.

Principal Palladino and Assistant Principal Freitas along with the Department Heads reviewed the English, Math & Science Achievement Scores for 2014-2016 and CPI showing double digit growth across the board.

There was discussion on intervention plans being added to the improvement plan, the definition of student growth, Wareham's target in English and in Math, all measures are important not just achievement, and the dropout rate and rate of graduation.

Principal Steedman, Assistant Principals Cote, LeFavor & Ponte and Department Chairs reviewed English & Math Achievement Scores and the growth in CPI All English with some dips in subgroups and All Math growth in CPI with some dips in subgroups. The Science Achievement scores decreased 2014-2016. There was growth in English all areas except sped; in Math growth except for Afr American and Multi-race. The Target is 51, which has not been met.

There was discussion on the standards followed last year in Science not fully aligned with MCAS standards, STEAM Academy student scores, cohorts in subgroups, and special education.

Principal Seamans and Assistant Principals Bell, Murphy and Tobin presented the English and Math Achievement Scores for 2015-2016; this year was a timed section in English, new subgroups can change year to year based on parents registration.

All English CPI 72.6; growth 52 target 51

All Math CPI 72; growth 60 target 51

Growth made All English and all subgroups; All Math growth and all subgroups except sped.

Reviewed strategies and programs to address growth.

(Chair Lazarus left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. - 8:18 p.m.)

There was discussion on revising the plan using current data, the strategic plan being a living document, and discussion on sped data.

Dr. Schwamb concluded with Where We Were/January 2013 (DESE Report to WPS, 2013) and Accomplishments 2016 as a result of this report.

(Miss Read left meeting at 8:26 p.m.)

Mrs. Shea reflected on comments made earlier regarding special education and preschool. She will have a complete presentation at the next meeting.

FY'18 Budget Timeline

Mr. MacMillan presented the timeline for FY18 Budget. The budget must be presented to the Town Administrator in early January to meet Town Charter requirements. We will be meeting with the Superintendent's Advisory Committee to review budget objectives.

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced that this budget workshop will be on November 17th with administrators.

Dr. Sylvia stated that in the best interest of the town the Committee needs to address the 8th grade issue.

Chair Lazarus will schedule discussion and a vote on the 8th grade move.

Acceptance of Gift

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of a gift of \$250 from Roby's Propane Gas to the STAGE Backpack program.

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

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

Chair to Release Executive Session Minutes

Chair Lazarus announced the release of the executive session minutes for November 4, 2015; April 6, 2016; and June 8, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent expressed her appreciation to the administrators for their presentations and attendance this evening and to the staff for their dedicated work.

October 10th no school Columbus Day holiday

PTA meeting October 13th Middle School

Picture day at Middle School is October 12th

CARE program begins October 11th

School Committee Report

Mr. Swett asked that the MASC resolutions be on the agenda for the next meeting for the Committee to give him direction as voting delegate.

Chair Lazarus reminded the members that he needed their evaluation of the Superintendent by October 21st for his evaluation composite and report on November 2nd.

Dr. Sylvia moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Correspondence: Newsletter, Personnel List, Vacancy Notice

2016 Official Accountability Data - Wareham

WPS - Every Student Every Day - PowerPoint

FY18 Budget Development Timeline

4-11-2016

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