

October 11, 2017

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Judy Caporiccio, Geoff Swett, Joyce Bacchiocchi, and Laurie Spear as well as Assistant Superintendent Dr. Andrea Schwamb and recording secretary Michelle Ruiz. Absent was Mary Morgan and Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT - None.**

#### **GOOD NEWS**

Mrs. Bacchiocchi shared that she joined Best Buddies for a friendship walk in Plymouth and thanked Dr. Steedman for the presentation the Middle School put on last week for parents.

Mr. Swett commented that Assistant Principal Ponte, the teachers, and the students were outstanding in the presentation last week for parents. He thanked the Scotty Monteiro Foundation for putting on two Rachel Challenge programs last week.

#### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of September 20, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of September 28, 2017, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

#### **Report of the Director of Student Services**

Mrs. Fay shared exciting news in student services this month. A team of 10 special education faculty members will be attending the Special Education South Summit; 5 psychologists and social workers will be attending the Behavioral Health Symposium. Students from Minot Forest, Decas, and Middle schools participated in the Special Olympics held at Tabor Academy with their students. Our high school students Best Buddies program had two events - Best Buddies Walk and planting 500 bulbs in the community; SEPAC met with new offices and bylaws voted. The Council will be holding a workshop for parents of OT related topics in November.

There were comments and questions from Committee members.

### Report of the Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Schwamb's report included the areas of curriculum, community involvement, instruction/evaluation and assessment. The development of curriculum will continue on ½ day in-service days for curriculum alignment. Links have been provided for parents, guardians, and community members to help students be more literate in PreK-4. The first day of professional development was overall successful and we have conducted 255 Walk-Throughs by evaluators. We are using Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST) for students in K-8. This data is given to teachers and strategies are being taught.

In response to questions from members defining "best practice" is carefully identifying the needs of the individual student and interventions are then personalized. Understanding by Design is developing curriculum by the end goal. The goal of professional development is to make it work for all 250 professionals. The difference between RTI and interventions we are making now is the interventions are embedded in the curriculum and a teacher focuses on groups of students – they are all our students. The goal for K-4 is that 90% of our students will reach grade level or above by June. Assessment information is transferred to teachers by a cvs file and is cumulative. Teachers can also earn pdp's during professional development and all information is connected to Teach Point. A teacher can download, scan, and send this data to DESE for licensing. The teacher's goals are on Teach Point as well.

### Report of the Middle School Principal

Principal Dr. Steedman and Assistant Principals Sandi Ponte and Tracie Cote shared information about the Viking Block. This is a time of day set aside to accomplish academic intervention, enrichment and a Viking time lesson. During this 57-minute block a teacher has autonomy to run the intervention and work on relationship building. Dr. Steedman gave the focus subjects for intervention and the enrichment programs being offered. During Viking Time held once a week, a lesson is provided to teachers weekly focusing on behavioral expectations and "Viking Strong" - respect, responsible, thoughtful.

The members shared comments and questions. Mrs. Ponte stated that the Intervention Block also mitigates the loss of late buses.

Dr. Steedman stated that the administration has seen changes in positive behavior with clear expectations and our teachers permeate the positive Viking Strong in the entire building.

### Approval of Obsolete Equipment List

Mr. MacMillan presented a list of obsolete equipment, which requires School Committee approval and then Selectmen approval for disposal. Most items listed are for trash and no re-sale value; a few items we will try to sell and people to bid for them. We will place an ad in the newspaper and on the website.

After a brief discussion, Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to accept the items for the obsolete list, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Schwamb recommended acceptance of the following gifts given to Mrs. Lasorsa's classroom project "Classroom Design for Learning" from donations through DonorsChoose.org:

10 Honey-Can-Do Portable Lap Desks

1 Intex Quick-fill AC Electric Air Pump

Mr. Swett moved to approve these gifts, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Report

##### Approval of Bill and Payroll Warrants

Payroll 9/23/17 for \$134,735.71

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Payroll 9/23/17 added amount \$115.00

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Payroll 9/30/17 \$836,220.51

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Payroll 10/7/17 \$132,346.50

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Bill 10/5/17 \$117,141.83

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Bill 10/19/17 \$104,466.99

Mr. Swett moved to approve, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **School Committee Reports**

Chair Caporiccio asked to change the February 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Swett moved to change the meeting dates in February from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **MASC Resolutions**

Mr. Swett stated that MASC is a legislative advocacy. These resolutions were moved forward from a Resolutions Committee and approved by the MASC Board of Directors. Now they will go to the general assembly and be the work of MASC for the following year. As the delegate Mr. Swett wished to receive feedback from members.

**#1 Movement of the Chapter 70 Funding Enrollment Date to March 15 - House Bill 2846 Unfunded**  
Student Reserve Fund in essence instead of using October 1st enrollment for foundation budget recommending March 15<sup>th</sup>. Wareham is highly unlikely to have 100 new students and this resolution may not affect us. Consensus in favor

**#2 Reform of Circuit Breaker Funding - Consensus in favor**

**#3 Litigation for Fair School Finance - McDuffy case has been left open by the Supreme Court. MASC should use its own financial resources to support this litigation – Consensus in favor**

**#4 Privatization of Public Education and the Oversight of Public Schools, including Small and Regional Districts - Don't use state funds for private schools. Consensus in favor**

**#5 Use of Federal Funds - trying to prevent administrative overhead calculations from the state - Consensus in favor**

**#6 Foundation Budget - reconvene the commission and make further recommendations as necessary - Consensus in favor**

**#7 Affordable Care Act and Medicaid - we provide the services and we should get the money; money goes to the town general fund and distributed out by the town. Mr. Swett stated that there may be an amendment on the floor to clarify - Consensus in favor**

**It was the consensus of the Committee to support all resolutions as presented.**

**Adult Education Survey Update** – Chair Caporiccio gave the results of the two surveys - college level courses and adult education courses in Wareham. There were 106 responses for college level courses with the highest being business. Other courses were English, math, finance, social science, history, economics, science, and foreign language. Weeknights 6-9 p.m. was the most popular time. Our senior citizens expressed interest in computer courses on Saturday mornings.

The results for offering some courses for adult education included dance, core conditioning, decorating, mahjong and interest included computer technology, nutrition/wellness, foreign language, boating safety, yoga, business/finance, culinary arts, arts & crafts and gardening.

For those not ready for college courses interest indicated Basic Math, Pre-Algebra, Basic Writing, and SAT prep.

The next step is to look at sources of funding, colleges, and having satellite schools in Wareham. Chair Caporiccio will report further with more developments.

**Policy Review Recommendations** – Mrs. Bacchiocchi, Chair of the Policy Review Committee, presented the recommendations.

**Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest** – added a new paragraph

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Network Acceptable Use** - updated with the new link at the end of the policy

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Network Acceptable Use policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Domestic Violence Leave** - changed to reflect changes made by MASC

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Domestic Violence Leave policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Internship Site** -added "therapists and counselors"

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Internship Site policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

**VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0**

**Any other business**

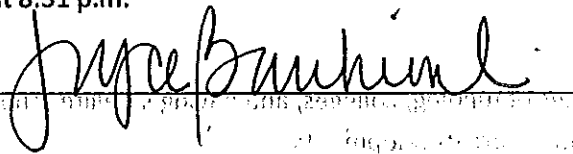
**Mrs. Bacchiocchi announced that on October 21<sup>st</sup> DECA is having a Mattress fundraiser from 10-5 at the High School.**

**Mr. Swett moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Spear.**

**VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted:**



**List of documents:**

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

**Minutes of the Meeting September 20, 2017 & September 28, 2017**

**WPS Office of Student Services Monthly Report October 2017**

**Assistant Superintendent Monthly Report October 11, 2017**

**Obsolete List – October 2017**

**DonorsChoose.org Gifts**

**Report of the Resolutions Committee MASC**

**College Credit Course Opportunities & Continuing Education Surveys**

**Staff Ethics/Conflict of Interest**

**Network Acceptable Use**

**Domestic Violence Leave**

**Internship Site**

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