

Wareham School Committee
October 20, 2022

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multiservice Center, 48 Marion Rd.

The Chair called the meeting to order and lead the meeting in the pledge of allegiance. The Chair announced the meeting was being recorded by WCTV and audio recorded by Jamie Wiksten.

Good News:

Mrs. Bacchiocchi commented on the Wareham Free Library and the wonderful relationship the school has with the library and wanted to share her thoughts after some discussion and opinions from the previous meeting were shared.

AP Qualifying Scores received by Wareham High School students were recognized by the School Committee.

Student Representative Report:

Indiana Troupe reported that Spirit Week has been a big hit, seniors are in the lead for spirit week, and the pep rally is Friday. The School partnered with Damien's Pantry and are collecting cans. Tonight there was a D.C. meeting for the Grade 8 class.

Foreign Language Trip:

Mr. Palladino shared that this trip was previously approved prior to the pandemic. Mr. Palladino shared the itinerary and authentic French trip planned by Elena Myrtankina, French Teacher, in Quebec City No school days will be missed and the price point is affordable. For every six students there is one chaperone and a bilingual tour guide.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi inquired about insurance. Mr. Palladino explained there are different levels, and will make sure there will be the same waiver form used for insurance as the Europe trip.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to approve the trip, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett— yea, Kevin Brogioli —yea, Brendan McKiernan— yea, Apryl Rossi — yea, Chair Bacchiocchi — yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Financial Report:

Ms. Flynn shared the September Monthly report. Mr. Swett asked if the School Committee should be worried about the Administration and Operation lines. Ms. Flynn responded only to the operations line.

Mr. Swett asked about the tuition for other districts. Ms. Flynn responded that the money has been reserved for these tuitions.

MCAS Report, Dr. Schwamb

The Chair shared the intent of sharing the scores reported tonight, is not to attack scores, or to look for resolutions tonight.

Dr. Schwamb presented the ELA scores, and noted there was significant growth in Middle School. The non-low Income students were presented as a sub group, Math scores were presented, followed by non-low income students math scores.

DART DATA (DARTs are school districts DESE finds Wareham compatible with.

The Next Generation MCAS test was given in 2017 for the first time, and followed the cohorts beginning from the 2017 test.

Dr. Schwamb shared that while the data is concerning, it is not a surprise. The pandemic created challenges, but the new Superintendent is supportive.

Mr. Rossi asked about the chronic absenteeism and asked if Dr. Schwamb believes it has to do with covid protocols?

Dr. D'Andrea responded that the covid protocols schools have to follow are still impacting attendance, and as far as pulling the data, it would be probable but an incredible amount of effort to do that.

SGP (Student Growth Percentile) is how a student is calculated and tabulated for growth. 50 and above is typical growth. It indicates that staff is working hard for our students.

The Chair asked about Grade 10 ELA, and is writing an issue. Dr. Schwamb responded that it is an issue with the entire state.

Mr. Swett asked for Principals to join Dr. Schwamb.

Dr. D'Andrea shared that Dr. Schwamb worked very hard to put the presentation together.

Dr. D'Andrea also added that we want our students proficient in math and literature, and we are in the middle of the pack of "like" districts. We will look at these numbers over the coming months with student improvement, using the data tonight as a guide.

Mr. Swett spoke of the Wareham demographics, and noted that $\frac{3}{4}$ of students have greater needs.

Mr. Swett asked about the positions we added, and did it make a difference. Mr. Palladino responded that we currently do not run our core classes because we cut them at the High School level.

Ms. Rossi pointed out that perhaps the impact of social-emotional needs has taken precedents.

Mr. Swett pointed out the Alternative Assessment was a great report, and gives great hope for this population. Ms. Rossi pointed out that Alternative assessments went from 8% to 1%. Mrs. Cote acknowledged the hard work of the elementary school with the ALT scores.

Mrs. Cote and Mr. Palladino shared their concerns that when there are cuts, it will be significant and something we have not seen in years.

Mrs. Chandler integrated that “love” was lost and relationships with students and families. Volunteers are back and making huge strides with the hunger for love.

The Chair thanked everyone for telling it like it is, and rolling up their sleeves to fix it. He does not like teaching to a test, but does believe in teaching to standards.

The Superintendent’s Report:

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the bill and payroll warrants as listed in the Superintendent’s Newsletter, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

The Superintendent offered a Transportation Update: the bus drivers are meeting over the weekend to ratify their contract, with hopes to bring the MOA to the next meeting.

Superintendent Evaluation 2022-2024:

In an attempt to bring unity around focus indicators, Dr. D’Andrea shared the sub-committee recommendations, allowing school committee members to sight indicators in the evaluation process.

Ms. Rossi thanked the subcommittee and appreciates the work and time the sub-committee put into the evaluation process.

Ms. Rossi made a motion to accept the Superintendent’s Goals to be evaluated by the School Committee, seconded Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mrs. Bacchiocchi addressed the timeline of the evaluation. Moving the evaluation to the end of April, the election cycle will not impact the term of a school committee member who is evaluating.

School Committee Report:

Ms. Rossi presented the policies reviewed by the Policy Review Sub-Committee:

Student Activity Accounts:

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the policy as suggested by the SCPRSC, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Facilities, Governing Use of

Ms. Bacchiocchi made a motion to accept the policy as suggested by the SCPRSC, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mrs. Bacchiocchi asked if the fee schedule was reviewed for the Facility Use. The Superintendent responded that he would be happy to look at the fee schedule now that the new Elementary School has been established as a facility that would be rented.

Empowered Digital Use

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the policy as suggested by the SCPRSC, seconded by Mr. McKiernan
Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Internet Safety

Ms. Rossi explained the policy was added into the language of Empowered Digital Use and would need a motion to suspend the policy.

Mr. McKiernan made a motion to accept the policy as suggested by the SCPRSC, seconded by Mr. Swett
Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Collection and FundRaising:

Ms. Rossi explained that crowdfunding language was added.

Mr. Swett asked if crowdfunding is enforceable.

Mrs. Lasorsa responded that we cannot track crowdfunding and shared that she would block “Go Fund Me” from students.

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept the policy as suggested by the SCPRSC, seconded by Mr. McKiernan
Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Social Networking for Staff (tabled)

Report of the MASC Resolutions:

Mrs. Rossi responded that she will vote in support of the resolutions the school committee votes upon.

Resolution 1: Regarding Sanctuary Laws For Transgender Students

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. McKiernan

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution 2:

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution 3:

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution 4:

Preserving Local Governments of Massachusetts Schools

Mr. Swett made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution 5:

Personal Financial Literacy Education

Mr. McKiernan made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Bacchiocchi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Resolution 6:

Mr. McKiernan made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Swett

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

No further discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Swett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Rossi

Roll Call Vote:

Geoff Swett– yea, Kevin Brogioli –yea, Brennan McKiernan – yea, Apryl Rossi – yea, Chair Bacchiocchi – yea.

yea – 5, nay – 0, abstain - 0

VOTE: 5-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Brogioli', is written over a horizontal line.