

June 18, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted using zoom technology.

Call meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chair Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Chair Flaherty led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was recorded by WCTV for live broadcast and streaming.

Roll Call: Members present were Michael Flaherty, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Apryl Rossi, Mary Morgan and student representative Emily Roberge as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb, Director of Student Services Melissa Fay and Recording Secretary Michelle Ruiz. Absent was member Laurie Spear due to her work schedule.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no interest for public participation from the remote email.

GOOD NEWS

- Mrs. Morgan stated it was good we made it through the school year.
- Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated that Town Meeting was a different experience and she appreciated the introduction done by the Town Administrator on the step-by-step process.
- Mr. Flaherty stated that he saw Mrs. Stahmer conducting Live Bingo on Facebook.

Minutes of the Meeting

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the minutes of June 11, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

Mr. Flaherty asked to amend the minutes under Re-Vote of FY21 Budget, page 4 as follows:

*Insert sentence after VOTE: 2-3-0, "Mr. Flaherty proposed using all of the CARE Act funds."

*Insert sentence after paragraph starting with Dr. Shaver-Hood expressed her concern...

"Dr. Shaver-Hood described how the money should not directly be used for staff but from some creative transfers, the committee was assured that the money would be used to re-hire staff on a dollar to dollar basis."

Mrs. Morgan moved to amend the minutes as suggested by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

Roll call vote: Ms. Rossi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – nay; Mr. Flaherty – yea

VOTE: 3-1-0

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the minutes as amended for June 11, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote: Ms. Rossi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – nay; Mr. Flaherty – yea

VOTE: 3-1-0

Report of the Student Representative

Ms. Roberge stated that the students pulled through the school year and thanked the teachers and staff for their resourcefulness. The Seniors were celebrated, given the circumstances and she was looking forward to next year, her Senior year.

Members of the Committee thanked Ms. Roberge for her input while serving on the Committee as this year's student rep.

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

\$675.32 from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards 2020 program to the John W Decas School

\$581.80 from Stop & Shop A+ Rewards 2020 program to the Minot Forest School

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to accept the gifts, seconded by Ms. Rossi

Roll call vote: Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

Report of the Superintendent

- Approval of Bill and Payroll Warrants – Ms. Rossi moved to approve the warrants as listed, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

Payroll Week Ending June 6, 2020 \$912,173.22

Payroll Week Ending June 13, 2020 \$112,602.16

Bill Warrant 6/4/20 \$1,242,763.26 (Minot) & \$200,920.29

Bill Warrant 6/25/20 \$78,644.00

Roll call vote: Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea

VOTE: 4-0-0

- Update on tentative summer and fall return – Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the Commissioner of Education plans to give the districts some direction very soon on the fall opening of schools, but we do need to have PPE materials and supplies on hand. We have several committees of staff members giving input on a return to school. The summer programs will be remote for extended school year and CARE, but small groups driven by parents will meet under the CARE for activities, i.e. Buzzards Bay Coalition kayaking. There will be no students in the schools this summer.

The Committee discussed the survey sent out to all families with some varied responses and the PPE and sanitizing protocols asked of the school districts.

In response to Ms. Rossi about grants or additional state aid for this fall, Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the COVID-19 monies were for PPE and she does not believe there is any more funding available.

Mrs. Morgan asked to re-visit the COVID-19 funds, but Dr. Schwamb stated the committee voted these funds last week to go to rehiring staff. Mrs. Morgan suggested a meeting this summer to come to a decision on what to do.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that PPE is coming from supply accounts within the budget and \$200,000 to recall staff already per the directive of the Committee.

Ms. Rossi stated that if school is remote this fall this could be a moot point, everything is fluid.

- FY20 Budget Transfers

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved the recommendation of the superintendent to transfer the sum of \$85,572.89 from SpEd Tuitions Private Schools to School Committee Contracted Services, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

Mrs. Fay explained that we have several cases in the settlement stage and an attorney is needed to support us when parents file for hearings.

Chair Flaherty asked if more budget transfers would be coming, as it is the end of the fiscal year. Dr. Shaver-Hood stated there would be more once the Town Accountant returns from vacation.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Morgan – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty - yea
VOTE: 4-0-0

Report of the School Committee

Chair Flaherty announced the retirement of Michelle Ruiz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, after 40 years of service. Members thanked Mrs. Ruiz for her service to the district and to each of them on the committee.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi announced that people signed the vinyl to be placed on the beam at next week's Beam Ceremony. She also reminded people to go to the website and view the webcams.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi acknowledged the hard work of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent through the budget process with no Business Manager this year.

Chair Flaherty mentioned that the Committee would be having a new member after next Tuesday's election. He would like to schedule a meeting just to vote for officers. He will let members know.

Any other business

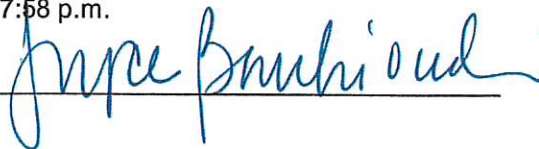
None

Ms. Rossi moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Morgan – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty - yea
VOTE: 4-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Bill & Payroll Warrants, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy
Minutes of the Meeting June 11, 2020
Budget Transfer FY20