

September 16, 2015

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Melvin Lazarus, Judy Caporiccio, Rhonda Veugen, and Noah Wambolt, Student Representative, as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz. Absent was member Clifford Sylvia.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Swett at 7:02 p.m.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**GOOD NEWS**

Noah reported a win for the Varsity Football Team.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the minutes of September 2, 2015, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Transportation Report**

Mr. Jeff Tatro reported that due to the summer plans in place there was a smooth start to the school year. We implemented the one mile walking distance which eliminated two buses. We are using six outside vendors for out of district students at this time.

A synopsis of the bus inspections done in August was provided. Buses are inspected every three months. Twelve inspections had something failed, seven of which were repaired and passed that same day. The maintenance fleet plan is modified now working with municipal maintenance.

Questions/comments school committee:

Mr. Tatro responded that additional resources and staff have been gained with the move to municipal maintenance.

Mrs. Veugen asked to keep the expectations up front on bus safety for students.

Mr. Tatro confirmed Chair Swett's statement that with the McKinney Vento funds in October of \$50,000, a surplus will be created in the revolving account to purchase buses.

Mr. Tatro shared that he now has a Twitter account which gives updates on routes and/or delays and will let people know who the staff are in the Transportation Department.

**Coordinated Program Review Update**

Mrs. Shea gave an overview of the findings from the program review, which happens every six years with the Department of Education. Their review includes on-site inspections, interviews, visits to classrooms, and review of files to determine compliance.

Areas found not in compliance:

- Procedural on missing forms for IEP meetings
- Timeline not always being met for meetings
- All general education teachers must be fully informed of IEP services
- PAC does not feel a strong partnership with the schools

- Monday PTA meeting at Decas a 6:30 p.m. but at 6:00 p.m. a sign dedication in memory of Melissa Drake from the fundraiser
- Dr. Schwamb will review curriculum initiatives in the district at the next school committee meeting
- Video shown on the first days of our school year

**School Committee Report**

- Policy Review – The first meeting will be held in October once we have staff and parent volunteers.
- The Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee on Tuesday, September 15 was postponed by the town..
- Self-Evaluation by the Superintendent was emailed. Chair Swett will review the evaluation procedures at the next meeting.

**Any other business**

Mrs. Veugen asked the Chair to re-send members' committee assignments for this year.

Mrs. Veugen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

**List of documents:**

Correspondence: Notice of Vacancy, Personnel List, Superintendent's Newsletter  
Transportation Report – September 16, 2015  
Summary of Findings from the Coordinated Program Review  
Building Public Relations Stipend Positions