

February 10, 2016

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Geoff Swett, Mel Lazarus, Rhonda Veugen, Cliff Sylvia, Judy Caporiccio and student representative Noah Wambolt, as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

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

**Public Participation - None**

**GOOD NEWS**

- Mrs. Brogioli and students from the Wareham Middle School Student Council shared that this was the Week of Thanks and they had thanked their teachers and staff for helping with the students' education. They also thanked the School Committee for all they do for our schools and gave a card to each board member.

The Student Council then presented Principal Minkle with a \$3,000 check to help the Middle School where needed.

- Mrs. Dianne Murphy and Ms. Cheryl Ikasalo of the Wareham Garden Club spoke about the National Garden Club contest for students to creatively express environmental awareness. Each student who participated will receive a certificate. The contest was open to students in Kindergarten through Grade 9 and Wareham had 183 students submit poems which were forwarded to Massachusetts Garden Club. Wareham had 4 state winners and an honorable mention. These winning entries will now be brought to the National level.

Gr. 2 McKenna Duggan  
Gr. 3 Emma Sylvia  
Gr. 6 Katelyn Trask  
Gr. 7 Emily Roberge  
Gr. 6 Honorable Mention - Amaya Andersen

Emily then read her poem. All the children and their families were congratulated.

- Noah announced that February vacation is coming soon. Also the Honor Society Induction was held and there was an Honor Bowl against Fairhaven and Apponequet - Wareham won.
- Mr. Swett volunteered in Gr. 3 at Minot Forest School for Jr. Achievement to teach about money in the financial literacy program. He gave kudos to the teacher and students.

**Minutes of the Meeting**

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the minutes of January 27, 2016, seconded Ms. Caporiccio.

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

**Request for Student Art Trip to New York City**

Principal Palladino was present to request permission for the 7th trip to New York City on April 15, 2016. He would like to keep this trip as part of the Art curriculum and not come every year for approval.

Art Teacher, Mrs. Dion, stated the all day trip would include a visit to a museum, a Broadway play, dinner in Time Square and that students have been timely and never had a problem.

Dr. Sylvia suggested including the trip in the program of studies. Chair Swett asked Principal Palladino to bring this suggestion to the Superintendent for her review first.

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the 2016 Student Art Trip to NYC, seconded Mrs. Veugen.

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

The Wareham High School Annual Art Fair will be April 28th.

**Food Service Update**

Rob Shaheen, Food Service District Manager, gave an update on the meal counts by breakfast and by lunch and participation by school.

It was noted that health insurance costs were not part of the profit and loss figures.

Mr. Shaheen will include the summer program numbers and after school numbers in the next report.

There were comments on the success of our after school meal program at the Boys & Girls Club and YMCA.

**Acceptance of Gifts**

Dr. Sylvia moved the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the gift of 150 bags of bark nuggets, 70 bags of black rubber mulch, and 100 bags of red rubber mulch from Home Depot of East Wareham to Wareham High School, Wareham Middle School and the CARE Garden Club, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

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

**Financial Reports**

Mr. MacMillan, Business Manager, reviewed the following financial reports:

- Monthly Expenditure - out district costs - accounts with 60-70% remaining balances will be transferred where other accounts are low.  
Guidance/Testing - Substitutes - Professional Development - Pupil Transportation  
Chair Swett stated for the record that he will be voting against any transfers to substitute accounts.  
Dr. Sylvia asked for a report on what and who we are paying for consulting services in professional development and special education.
- Transfer Requests - none

- **Revolving Accounts/Grants** - This report includes where the money is being spent and also includes income eligible payments. The transportation account is for fuel and other costs for these services. The circuit breaker balance does not show encumbered funds. The school lunch account is on a cash basis, not accrual basis, thru January. The West Wareham Academy account balance is offsetting staff costs.  
In answer to Mrs. Veugen questions, there is a slight increase in the number of accounts and all grants must be approved by the Superintendent and/or an administrator prior to submission.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- February 24th Hall of Presidents Decas Cafetorium Gr. 1 students
- Letter of thanks from the Good Shepherd Food Pantry to Mrs. Kimball's class in preparing meal items
- January 27th - MSBA voted an invitation to Minot Forest School to join the grant program funding a reimbursable study for renovation or building an elementary school. MSBA had over 90 applicants and only 25 were approved statewide. The MSBA Accelerated Repair Program certification was received on the Decas Roof and Boiler at 70.1% reimbursement rate.
- Last day of school with one snow day for Wareham is June 16th ½ day now
- Middle School Principal Search began today with 34 applications. There is a 20-member search committee.
- February 19th K Registration packets are available - Registration is set for March 8 & 10 4-7 p.m. and March 9 & 11 9-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the Decas School
- February 1st DESE adopted the new science technology standards - we are looking now to transition to meet these new standards.

#### **School Committee Reports**

- The Policy Review Committee will meet a week from this Monday.
- Chair Swett announced:
  - a) The Superintendent and Chair have been invited to the Board of Selectmen meeting next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the warrant articles
  - b) Mr. MacMillan forwarded the line item budget to members and tomorrow evening the Superintendent's Advisory Budget meeting will be held and will be back to the Committee with a recommendation.
  - c) This Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Cape Cod Collaborative is a Division VII Legislative Update

#### **Any other business**

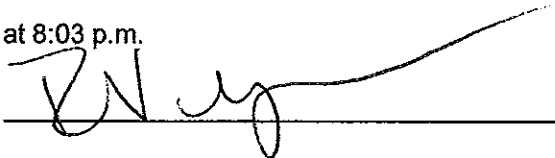
Dr. Sylvia reported he will be having surgery and will be out of commission for a while.

Mrs. Veugen moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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



#### **List of documents:**

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

WHS Art Department

WPS District Food Service Update February 2016

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report 2016 January

WPS Summary of Revolving Funds and Private Grants 2016 January

WPS FY16 Grants Grid January 2016

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