A virtual meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, April 23, 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 7:01 p.m. Chair Flaherty led the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the meeting was being recorded and broadcast live on WCTV.

Roll Call: Members present were Michael Flaherty, Apryl Rossi, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, and Laurie Spear as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb and Recording Secretary Michelle Ruiz. Student representative, Emily Roberge, signed in at 7:40 p.m.
Others who were signed in were Principals Joan Seamans, Tracie Cote, Scott Palladino and Bethany Chandler, Assistant Principal Robin Murphy, Athletic Director Ed Rodrigues, Teachers John Wilson, Tom Tricker and Elizabeth Dever and student Emma Arcaro.

Minutes of the Meeting
Ms. Rossi moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2020, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

Roll call vote: Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Mrs. Spear – abstain – Ms. Rossi – yea; Mrs. Morgan - yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea
VOTE: 4-0-1

GOOD NEWS
Mrs. Bacchiocchi reported that the Building Committee Chair announced that the Elementary Building project is underway and on schedule.

Dr. Schwamb announced that there was an article in Newsweek listing Wareham High School as #149 on the best high school list in Massachusetts.

Report of the Student Representative
As Miss Roberge was not present at this time, no report was given.

A Day in the Life of
Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the following people have been invited to share:
- John Wilson, WHS Teacher, shared that all his courses were online already but students cannot collaborate, a normal part of his classroom activity.
- Liz Dever, Middle School Teacher, felt it was hard to disconnect after the day. Teachers are missing students and students are missing teachers. The staff is supporting each other.
- Principal Cote had a staff video to share prepared by Ms. Dever and Ms. Brangwynne. Due to sound problems, this video will be placed on the website and edited into the meeting video.
- Principal Palladino introduced student Emma Arcaro, a junior at WHS. Ms. Arcaro stated online learning was smooth sailing for her and that she liked Fridays as make up days. The most difficult is Math because she has no access to a printer. She connects with her classmates online.
- Principal Seamans had a slide show of what it looks like working from home for staff and a few students, which will be placed on the meeting video.
- Tom Tricker, Teacher at Decas, is involved with three first grade classrooms through zoom and finds it hard to teach without interaction. He created draw video lessons and showed his Decas art website.
Principal Chandler complimented Mr. Tricker on his tutorial videos.

The Committee thanked those who shared and teachers for working so hard to make online learning happen. It was noted that Wareham is ahead of other districts and have chrome books for students where some districts don’t.

**Winter Athletic Report**

Ed Rodrigues, Athletic Director, briefly reviewed his winter athletic report.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi congratulated all sports teams and was impressed with the GPA. In response to her question on less ice hockey revenue, Mr. Rodrigues stated that the town of Carver will be sending their check shortly. Mrs. Bacchiocchi was also proud of the community service the teams do and she recognized Dave Brogioli, Girls’ Basketball Coach, for a job well done as retiring coach.

Mr. Rodrigues stated that it is unfortunate for kids with spring season being cancelled. In response to Ms. Rossi question about SNAP, it is an easy fundraiser which has been very successful.

Principal Palladino stated that he appreciates the work of Mr. Rodrigues, as part-time AD, and his secretary, Sandy.

**Assessment Data Presentation - Minot Forest School**

Principal Seamans and Assistant Principal Murphy presented the formative assessment data from the start of this school year until winter. They were pleased with the results and continue to work with CSS Consulting, who provides interventions. The results in math and reading were shared:

- Grade 3 FAST aReading/Growth 67% typical or accelerated from fall to winter
- Grade 3 FAST aMath hoping the scope and sequence set up will help the results for the end of the year
- Grade 3 Math Benchmarks show things are working
- Grade 4 FAST aReading/Growth show a year of growth; the practices are working. Typical or accelerated growth is 70%.
- Grade 4 FAST aMath no risk went up 6%. We looked at the standards for scope and sequence and the results should round itself out by the end of the year.
- Grade 4 Math Benchmarks show 78% scored between 75%-100%

Principal Seamans reviewed the ongoing initiatives and reported that after making it to the second round, Minot was not given the grant for ST Math. Minot Forest was recognized by MA PBIS as a School of Merit.

Ms. Rossi asked how this online learning is going to be incorporated into this fall’s testing.

Principal Seamans stated that September will be an assessment month. Nothing specific has been received from FAST but Mrs. Murphy stated FAST provides programs so the kids can take the aMath or aReading assessment at home which could be a start for us.

Dr. Schwamb stated that we are thinking about what the losses are, but with the PreK-4 changes we had made showing growth, our systems are in place. It won’t be as challenging to meet our kids’ needs but groups may be larger than we now have.
In response to Mrs. Morgan’s question, the interventions happening now include more support in the classroom, OT, brain and body movements, reading, Lexia, Words their Way, games and activities, and writing.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi congratulated the Minot staff on its accomplishments and thanked Principal Seamans for including data from last year, which shows the progress. She asked if there was anything in place this year, she felt made a difference.

Principal Seamans said a combination of things made a difference, but we are more experienced. The idea proposed by the teachers on flexible grouping with 2 groups of teams in both grades 3 and 4 is working. Also noted by Assistant Principal Murphy later lunches and more time at the end of the day made possible with Middle School unified arts moving its schedule.

Dr. Schwamb also stated the Minot staff does a huge amount of work for emotional intelligence.

Dr. Shaver-Hood gave recognition to both Principal Seamans and Assistant Principal Murphy for their leadership.

Chair Flaherty noted even more growth now and asked what defines “typical”. The administration stated that typical is defined under the FAST program as the national norm. Their concern moving forward is what happens from March to the end of the school year.

**Acceptance of Gift(s)**

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of a $2.00 gift from YourCause.com to WHS on behalf of an AT&T employee in their giving campaign.

Ms. Rossi moved to accept the gift as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

**Report of the Superintendent**

- **Approval of Bill and Payroll Warrants**

  Bill Warrants 4/23/20 $46,979.39 & $67,192.00 Minot
  Bill Warrants 4/30/20 $70,734.68 & $427,057.02 Minot
  Payroll Week ending April 11, 2020 $872,803.86
  Payroll Week ending April 18, 2020 $109,948.11

  Ms. Rossi move approval of the bill and payroll warrants as listed, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

  Roll call vote: Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea
  VOTE: 5-0-0

- **Monthly Financial Report**

  In answer to Ms. Rossi’s questions, Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that School Committee Contracted Expenses, $75,000 over budget, was for legal expenses and Business Finance Salary in the red is what was paid out and for the person brought in to help for a month. We are watching closely supply
lines with custodians because of cleaning and purchases but we have lessened the pressure on substitute lines. We are looking at purchase orders and watching the last part of the fiscal year. Shifts in funds can be made according to policy and we will make adjustments in the FY21 budget with supplies we already purchased.

- **COVID-19 Update**
  Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that she recognized the time and effort of all staff and thanked the parents/guardians for their flexibility and support. She reported that the lunch/breakfast program is growing and with the Governor’s decision to cancel school many events are being discussed. We are meeting with students for input and getting out information as soon as we can. Both students and staff will be invited into the buildings to collect personal items when we can safely do so.

The wi-fi hotspots arrived this week and are being programmed for distribution tomorrow or Monday.

Dr. Shaver-Hood will ask Melissa Fay to report on the special education progress at the next meeting to answer Mrs. Morgan’s questions. PASS is up and running progressing well and we are considering handing out chrome books to 1st graders, the ones we have and are cleaning up.

**Report of the School Committee**
Mrs. Bacchiocchi reported that the School Building Committee will meet remotely this Monday and its Chair stated that architect, Dennis Daly, is working with Steve Ruiz to broadcast on WCTV the site progress using drone video footage.

Chair Flaherty recognized Principal Palladino, Indiana Troupe, Assistant Principal Cavicchi and Department Chair Amy Dion for the signs popping up in town acknowledging seniors and thanked the Booster Club for paying for the signs.

**Any other business**
None

Ms. Rossi moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

Roll call vote:  Mrs. Spear – yea; Mrs. Bacchiocchi – yea; Mrs. Morgan – yea; Ms. Rossi – yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea
VOTE:  5-0-0

The next meeting is May 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: ________________________________

**List of documents:**
Correspondence: Superintendent’s Newsletter, Notice of Vacancy, Bill & Payroll Warrants
Minutes of the Meeting April 9, 2020
Minot Forest Elementary School – A Day in the Life of
WHS Winter Athletic Report 2019
Minot Forest Formative Data Mid-Year 2019/20
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