

May 23, 2019

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 320 at the Multi-Service Center. Members present were Michael Flaherty, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Joyce Bacchiocchi, and Apryl Rossi as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb, and recording secretary Michelle Ruiz. Absent was student representative Emily Roberge.

Chair Flaherty called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. He announced that the meeting was being taped for broadcast by WCTV and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz. If anyone is recording, please let the Chair know.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

Ms. Rossi had attended the DECA Auction which was fun. The auctioneer was a former Wareham graduate and the kids did a great job. She also shared that our track team was recognized for its work with the unified track team.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi attended the Unified Track Meet at Bourne High School, where unofficially Wareham came in first. She also attended the Minot program earlier this evening for incoming 3rd graders.

Dr. Schwamb attended a grade 4 event where students were asked to speak on being the principal.

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced that today and tomorrow 8th grade students will be collecting data at Woods Hole; she received notice that Ryan McSherry was selected as the 2019 Globe's Scholar-Athlete Award recipient with a ceremony on June 16th.

Chair Flaherty also attended the DECA Auction, the Athletic Awards ceremony and the WHS Drama play "Little Shop of Horrors".

Report of the Student Representative - None

Minutes of the Meeting

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the minutes of May 9, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 1 (Mrs. Spear)

CARE Program Students - Youth Empowerment Club

Janice Barton, teacher, and three students from the Builders Club shared what their club has done this past school year:

- Installation Day – membership into the Kiwanis Club

- Work with hands, mind and heart “Helping Hands” logo
- Wareham Free Library invited the students to be a focus group to get ideas of young adults/teens
- Participated in Freestyle clothing program, supported the “Don’t Trash Wareham” group, continued the STAGE (Students Taking Action for the Good of Everyone) Backpack program, served at a local soup kitchen
- They thanked the volunteer helpers and announced they are working on a website.

The committee members suggested a link on the website to the donation form. There are 8-10 students in the club.

Student Advisory Council

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that since the students were not able to come this evening, they sent a message to read. She shared the progress on the outdoor classroom, outdoor eating area; a copy station in the library for students; more time for bathrooms to be open; improving options for lunch; bottle filler in cafeteria/gym; message board in the cafeteria; June survey on improving the learning environment.

Vote on New Policy Minimum Wage

Chair Flaherty stated that he introduced the new policy, Minimum Wage, at the last meeting and asked if members had any questions, comments, or amendments.

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the policy on Minimum Wage as presented, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Acceptance of Gifts

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

- \$100 from Pearl Barrows to Decas School for classroom needs of Mrs. Allen’s class
- \$1,400 & \$436 from School Mall program to Decas School
- \$1,440.54 & \$508.02 from ASD.com to Decas School
- \$1,636 from Lifetouch to Decas School
- \$15 from Dolores Dernier to Decas School
- \$500 from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care to WHS track and volleyball teams
- School supply appreciation gift basket from Staples to Middle School
- \$2,445 from WCTV for renewal license of Adobe Creative Suite to the Wareham Public Schools

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved approval of all gifts, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Report of the Business Manager

Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Owen reviewed the summary from July 1, 2018 through mid-May with no significant differences. 74% of the budget has been spent; remaining balance is \$7.4 million of which \$4.2 is encumbered for salaries.

She explained the accounts in the red: tuitions regular education final year of an agreement with a parent; Business/Finance major staff turnover office needs; HS supplies was cut deep and not enough funds were budgeted with new 8th grade; HS building utilities is for HVAC.

Report of the SuperintendentApproval of Bill and Payroll Warrants

Payroll week ending May 11, 2019 \$876,226.66

Payroll week ending May 18, 2019 \$149,690.39

Bill Warrant 5/30/19 \$147,497.15

Bill Warrant 5/23/19 \$331.62

Bill Warrant 5/16/19 \$686.30

Bill Warrant 5/30/19 \$121,670.33

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to approve the warrants as stated, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Comprehensive District Review – Dr. Shaver-Hood had sent the 2012 and 2018 comprehensive district review reports with a comparison to the members. The 2018 report will be on the DESE website tomorrow.

Chair Flaherty asked that the complete report be placed on the agenda for another meeting.

Mid-Year Evaluation Goals Update

Dr. Shaver-Hood shared highlights and the members asked questions and commented.

Goal #1 All students have access to a challenging and engaging instruction

- Walker Review was chosen to best meet our needs. The review did not go through student files. It looked at meeting the needs with programs and services we have and help identify some weaknesses. We are waiting on the report done by a separate agency for the related services. ELS will be the second part and once we get the report we will share it with the Committee.
- Alternative classroom at Middle/Minot. The teacher designated to work with students in mindfulness and goal setting while continuing with regular classroom work; extra support for students; successful classroom and we will continue next year.
- Student data is reviewed with principals weekly - discipline, attendance, visits to nurses, counselors, grades – to help identify the needs and if we are meeting the needs of our students. Looking to see if matching disabilities for a level playing field for the student to be successful; meeting accommodations; sent requests to parents for feedback. The

student support teams consistently are reviewed for effectiveness so the IEPs match the disability

- Student voice is through attending programs, supporting opportunities, initiated a project with the student body and after a survey, there was consensus to use the funds for a water bubbler fill station in the gym.

Goal #2 – District’s Capital Plan

- HS Bleacher replacement and upgraded softball field; Palmer Field needs some fencing first.

Goal #3 - Improve academic performance

- Counseling support year round services are provided in the summer by Gosnold
- Examples of expanding programs are next year WHS gaming, coding courses; purchased electric car for students to build; looking at PASS expansion and if move location we can offer courses to access equipment in the high school; exploring middle school but limited space i.e. foreign languages into the curriculum; elementary drama introduced this year; PASS night program will be in the summer and we received a competitive grant from the state to hire a social worker for the program.
- Outreach to parents/guardians are communication website, messages, social media, surveys, notices, invites to parents into the schools
- We quantify academic performance during the year through FAST and other assessments. At the Middle School we are offering field trip experiences and clubs.

Goal #4 - Outreach to the community

- Area Preschools - Dr. Shaver-Hood will get Mrs. Morgan the list.
- School/town connection with partnerships working collaboratively to move ahead; very supportive police chief; various meetings on new school and town departments being pro-active; Superintendent is visiting Finance Committee on a quarterly basis for reports and increased communication
- Working on a new website to be launched in the summer

Chair Flaherty stated he had spoken with the Superintendent about moving the mid-cycle review to January/February and have the Superintendent present her goals by the end of September with a workshop meeting beforehand. No objections from members.

Report of the School Committee

Committee Assignments 2019-20 – Chair Flaherty distributed a copy of the assignments. The Superintendent Advisory Committees are chosen by the Superintendent. It was determined that the Curriculum/Technology Advisory Committee would consider new curriculum for feedback. The Superintendent will set her meetings with the members.

The Policy Review Committee sets a calendar and usually meets on Mondays. Others meetings are established when needed.

Onset Women's Club Scholarship – Mrs. Bacchiocchi reported she had attended a meeting to review the WHS Seniors who applied for scholarships. Information was given and applications were reviewed. Awards will be made at Senior Awards Night. The recipient of the Onset Women's Club Scholarship must be someone from Onset.

Any other business

Ms. Rossi announced that a HS student was accepted to Harvard this year.

Dr. Shaver-Hood update the members on the Minot project - abatement to be finished by June 6th for demolition; Elementary teachers are invited to the Middle School on June 3rd to hear the progress on the building project.

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced that bus applications are coming in and information is on the district website with another announcement going out today.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy, Bill & Payroll Warrants

Minutes of the Meeting May 9, 2019

WMS Builders Club 2018-2019

Minimum Wage Policy

WCTV Donation

FY19 WPS Financial Review July 1, 2018 – May 16, 2019

Mid-Cycle Review 2018-2019 Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood

Wareham School Committee 2019-2020 Committee Assignments