

January 24, 2019

A joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at the Multi-Service Center, Room 320.

School Committee Members present: Joyce Bacchiocchi, Michael Flaherty, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear

Board of Selectmen Members present: Alan Slavin, Patrick Tropeano, Peter Teitelbaum, Anthony Scarsciotti, Mary Bruce

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bacchiocchi at 7:00 p.m.

Each of the three candidates was given five minutes to speak and then answered questions from all members.

**Interviews/Appointment to fill vacancy of School Committee member until the April 2, 2019 election**

7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Bailey - Ms. Bailey introduced herself including her experience and stated why she was applying for the position.

Questions from members were on the following topics:

Experience, school budget, public participation, keeping students in Wareham, running for office in the upcoming election, discipline issues, funding issues, vocational school and support to make presentation to students, retentions.

7:25 p.m.

Apryl Rossi - Ms. Rossi stated that she was seeking the interim seat and the two-year seat. She introduced herself giving her experience in schools and volunteerism in Wareham along with her objectives in being a member of the School Committee.

Questions from members were on the following topics:

Policy on open forum at the beginning of the meeting, strengths and challenges in the district, encouraging students to come back to Wareham, vocational support to make presentation to students, retentions, school budget review and budget experience, policies requiring analysis and change, discipline issues

7:58 p.m.

Geoffrey Swett - Mr. Swett's introduction of himself included his service in Wareham, his passion towards education, why he is applying for this vacancy, what he has learned while serving on the school committee, his experience at the state level, and where he can add value as a member of the committee.

Questions from members were on the following topics:

Strengths and challenges in our schools, getting students back or preventing students from leaving Wareham, short-term goals for the next two months is the budget process, retention, public participation support more involvement, vocational support to make presentations to our students, reviewed current school budget, discipline issues in the schools

8:43 p.m.

Each member was polled as to his or her choice as follows:

Mike Flaherty - Apryl Rossi

Mary Morgan - Geoff Swett

Laurie Spear - Geoff Swett

Joyce Bacchiocchi - Geoff Swett

Patrick Tropeano - Geoff Swett

Peter Teitelbaum - Apryl Rossi

Mary Bruce - Apryl Rossi

Anthony Scarsciotti - Geoff Swett

All three applicants came back into the meeting room. Chair Slavin announced that since Geoff Swett had five votes, a majority, he is the appointed candidate. Chair Slavin thanked all three candidates and stated that the board members voted individually with no discussion. The majority was for Geoff Swett for the two-month vacancy.

Chair Bacchiocchi also thanked all three applicants for their interest in serving on the School Committee.

Mrs. Spear moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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

**List of Documents**

Application for Jennifer Bailey

Application for Apryl Rossi

Application for Geoffrey Swett