

March 14, 2019

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 320 at the Multi-Service Center. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Geoff Swett, Michael Flaherty, Laurie Spear, Mary Morgan and student representative Emily Roberge as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb, and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and announced that the meeting was being taped by WCTV for broadcast and an audio recording by Mrs. Ruiz.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

Mrs. Morgan announced that 140 children have registered for Kindergarten for next school year.

Mr. Flaherty shared that he attended the WHS Drama Play "The Other Room" and learned about autism. He also announced that the late bus for all students started.

Mr. Swett announced that the spring sports season starts Monday and thanked Principal Palladino and AD Rodrigues for their efforts with the tennis team.

Dr. Shaver-Hood invited three high school students to share their experiences in the Wareham Public Schools - Renneanna Dillen, Coleby Paling, Nicholas Dix. All three students were 8th grade dual enrollment students.

Renneanna shared that she is in the IB Diploma Program, which is more vigorous with independent research. She also is involved with the Key Club as President and 51 members of the club volunteered at Camp Sunshine in ME working with terminally ill kids and their families.

Coleby spoke about the opportunities he has had including college dual enrollment for both his junior and senior year, the Drama Club, Ice Hockey team, Chess Club captain, going to DECA nationals this year, the Model UN club, went to Boys State and Scotland/Ireland trip with the school.

Nik shared that he took both AP and IB classes, is involved in drama, global education, working with the non-profit music academy, President of the Honor Society and National Organization Women's Club, and recently travel to the Model G Summit in Beijing, China.

There was an exchange of discussion between the Committee members and the students including academics (IB, AP, Dual Enrollment) and the community culture in Wareham and the school district.

Report of the Student Representative

Emily Roberge announced upcoming events: Spring fling; spring sports; MCAS dates

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

WHS Student Advisory Committee

Jasmine Black & Maya Brown of the Student Advisory Committee gave the following update:

- Water Bubbler in Cafeteria to fill up water bottles
- Excited about late buses
- Reviewed the Survey results - 100 responses
- Outdoor eating area - getting tables and a fence - \$3,000 has been given for this purpose
- Coleby qualified for nationals and Jasmine is going in a leadership spot
- DECA Home & Living Show this weekend

Chair Bacchiocchi stated that the student council survey and presentation had a lot to do with bringing back late buses.

Concerning the student voice goal, Jasmine feels student voice is heard in Student Council, in DECA and in IB classes.

Request for April Vacation 2020 Global Ambassadors Trip

Students Brooke Chandler, Indiana Troupe, Nicholas Dix, and teacher Joe Franco had a power point presentation for their request for a trip to Benelux (Belgium Netherlands Luxembourg) and Paris. The students picked where they wanted to go through a process. Chosen was the trip through Lingo Tours in April 2020 for 10 days at \$3,397 per person all-inclusive. Students can earn money through working for the CARE program, doing fundraisers, and global education scholarships to help offset this cost. The trip is open to all students in the school system; however, 7th grade and younger need to be accompanied by a parent/guardian. There is a maximum of 30 people for the trip with a 10:1 student/chaperone ratio. The two teacher chaperones are free and parents pay.

It was noted that there is nothing being paid from the school budget for this trip.

Mr. Swett moved approval of the Global Ambassadors Trip as presented, seconded by Mrs. Spear.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Class of 2020 Request for Senior Prom and Senior Class Trip

Class Officers Joshua Flaherty, Joselyn Hendricks, Jasmine Black, and Brian Gallagher with Michelle Amo, Class Advisor, requested the Senior Prom be held at Cape Club in Falmouth on Saturday, May 16, 2020. There will be 8-10 chaperones. The capacity of the venue is 210. The promenade will be at WHS from 4-5:00 p.m. and tickets are \$65-70 to cover all expenses.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the Senior Prom as requested, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The officers then presented their request for a Senior Trip to Disney World in Orlando, FL during April 2020 vacation at an estimated cost under \$1,200. The estimated number of students is 30-50 with 5-6 chaperones. The class is having fundraisers to offset the costs of the trip, prom, and class dues.

It was noted that students attending the dual enrolled program at Bridgewater State will miss a couple of days in school.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Senior Trip as requested, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Update on Elementary Building Project

Chad Crittenden, Project Manager, of PMA and Dennis Daly, Architect, of Mount Vernon Group shared a power point presentation on the elementary building project.

Design Phase

Overall site plan with security and access to site worked on with the local police and fire departments

First Floor Overall Plan - central core with two academic wings

Second Floor Overall Plan - innovation hub with art rooms and STEAM with access to rooftop area

Lowest Level Overall Plan - preschool/K area

View of exterior

North Side of School Main Entrance View and views from each angle

2019 Early Site Prep

Bid package next week for abatement & demolition

Bid package for site clearing and grading

Project Schedule

Design development and submission to MSBA and bids due in February 2020

Project cash flow chart indicates on target, paid to date \$1,462,088

In answer to members' questions, the building will have new playground equipment and the current playground equipment at Decas School may remain at that site depending on what the town wants to do with the building. Security engineers had a meeting today and another meeting is scheduled for April 2nd with the working group. This presentation will be uploaded to the school site. The name Decas School at Minot Forest is being used by the Board of Selectmen on the warrant but it is the responsibility of School Committee to name the building. We now know the layout of the building but it is being refined i.e., we moved offices to each wing for administrative support. We are also making sure we keep the 2% extra reimbursement associated with energy efficiency. The systems in the walls need to be determined as well as decision on colors.

The next School Building Committee meeting is Monday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of following gifts:

- \$9 from YourCause AT&T to WHS
- \$125 from the Wareham Police Association to STAGE Backpack Program
- \$125 El Mariachi to STAGE Backpack Program
- \$25 Julio & Juliette Roderick to STAGE Backpack Program
- \$125 Bracken Engineering to STAGE Backpack Program

Mr. Swett moved to accept the gifts, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Report of the Business Manager

Monthly Financial Report – Ms. Owen stated that the financial report covers July 1 through the end of February with a comparison to FY19. 54% has been expended. The balance remaining is \$13,295,512 about \$8,000,000 is encumbered for salaries or through purchase orders or utilities/leases. The

Jr/Sr.Coop was budgeted in FY19 at \$119,000 and only used \$10,000. This will be an area for a budget transfer this year.

The committee discussed transportation accounts, fees, expenses, and cost per student compared to other districts. Other areas questioned were:

Decas maintenance repairs was for generator preparation. The Superintendent will look into the expense for a heating system.

Minot cost was for phone re-wiring to separate Minot from Middle with PA systems.

High supplies/materials was reduced substantially last year.

ELL over expended last year due to the number of students so there is additional salary for a teacher.

Student Activity Accounts – Ms. Owen reported at the end of January all student activity accounts were moved from the town to the school side. Balances in the accounts need to be vote annually. Decas is over in its checking account but plans for a field trip soon will bring the balance within the maximum of \$5,000. The High School has many activities using the savings balance including \$15,000 from the Class of 2018 for an outdoor project.

There was discussion on the term Maximum Balance and the superintendent agrees that the schools have more oversight now and we are working on a manual to review with the principals. A monthly statement must be sent to the business office. It is her preference to stay with the maximum balances as voted by the School Committee but would like to develop a holding system for a deposit if it brings the student activity account over the maximum balance. The Principal has the authority and the checkbook but the Business Office is looking at procedures and the policy.

Report of the Superintendent

Approval of Bill and Payroll Warrants

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked for approval of the following warrants:

Payroll Week ending March 2, 2019 \$875,030.52

Payroll Week ending March 9, 2019 \$150,890.14

Bill Warrant 3/7/19 \$1,357.48

Bill Warrant 3/14/19 \$91,337.47 & \$593.70

Bill Warrant 3/21/19 \$329,275.10 & \$562.68

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the warrants as listed, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Announcements

March 19th 8th grade parent meeting next year's dual enrollment

March 21st Global Ed International Night at Decas

March 21st Faculty Basketball Game WHS vs WMS

March 27th Drama Presentation Middle School - sold out

March 16th & 17th DECA Home & Living Show at WHS

Report of the School Committee

Recommendations from Policy Review Committee (Mr. Flaherty briefly left the room and then returned.)

- Purchasing - new language added – Mr. Swett moved to approve the Purchasing policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Disposal of Obsolete Equipment - only change is reference to MGL – Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the Disposable of Obsolete Equipment policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Motor Vehicle Idling on School Grounds - Mr. Swett moved to approve the Motor Vehicle Idling on School Grounds policy, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Measuring Body Mass Index – Mr. Swett moved to approve the Measuring Body Mass Index policy, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Goals Statement – Mr. Swett moved to approve the Goals Statement policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Curriculum Adoption - minor changes were made. Mr. Flaherty questioned the last sentence of the policy requiring a School Committee vote. What is the definition of extensive alteration, need clarity?

Dr. Schwamb explained the Anti-Bias Approach is when you look through a lens considering different people around the world when choosing curriculum.

Mr. Flaherty moved to table the Curriculum Adoption policy until the meeting of April 25, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Home and Hospital Instruction - only change is to the form that comes from DESE – Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the Home and Hospital Instruction policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Online Instruction: Courses for Students – Mr. Swett moved to approve the Online Instruction: Courses for Students policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Movies and Films in the Classroom – changed Grade 8 to Grade 7 – Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the Movies and Films in the Classroom policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Discriminatory Harassment – Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the Discriminatory Harassment policy as amended, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited - update to language per law – Mr. Swett moved to approve the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited policy as amended, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Legislative Letter

Chair Bacchiocchi had sent out to the committee by email today a legislator's effort to push forward increasing Chapter 70 minimum per pupil increments up to \$100. She felt the schools need to be specific. She will be reaching out to Representative Susan Gifford with her support of this letter and if we agree, she will communicate our support to her from the School Committee.

Mr. Flaherty stated the \$100 amount is arbitrary. DESE should take away the mandates or fund the schools.

Chair Bacchiocchi stated with the specific amount Wareham could receive an additional \$194,000.

Mr. Swett stated that things are happening K-12 in public education budgets but it is more complex than just a dollar amount.

The Committee supports the non-binding resolution of Representative Cutler's proposal for \$100 per student for 2020 budget.

Any other business – None

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

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

Minutes of the Meeting February 28, 2019

The Benelux and Paris Trip – Trip Planning Form, Lingo Tours Brochure & Power Point

Class of 2020 Senior Prom and Senior Class Trip

Financial Review July 1, 2018 – February 28, 2019

Student Activities Accounts

Purchasing

Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

Motor Vehicle Idling on School Grounds

Measuring Body Mass Index

Goals Statement

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Legislator's Cutler Letter Ch. 70 Pupil Increment