

April 25, 2019

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Thursday, April 25, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Service Center, Room 320. Members present were Michael Flaherty, Joyce Bacchiocchi, Laurie Spear, Mary Morgan, Apryl Rossi and student member Emily Roberge as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, Assistant Superintendent Andrea Schwamb, and recording secretary, Michelle Ruiz.

Chair Flaherty opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and announced that anyone recording the meeting needs to go through the Chair. Recording the meeting is Mrs. Ruiz, Recording Secretary, and WCTV. Student Samari Auguste led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Flaherty quoted Martin Phillips. "The difference between tried and triumph is a little oomph."

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

GOOD NEWS

The following coaches and students spoke about their season, the team accomplishments and their individual accomplishments.

Raschel Pratt, Coach Cheerleading with student Alexis Perry.

Steve Faniel, Coach Boys Basketball with students Taylor Carlson, Samari Auguste, Devin Gonsalves - team won the South Coast Conference – seniors are leaders on and off the courts - Taylor Carlson with 1,000 points and league MVP

Rich Valatkevicz, Coach Ice Hockey- Bryan Gallagher and Quirino doCanto - best year team has had and played in State Tournament - program is building and fan support

David Brogioli – Coach Girls Basketball - Ryann McSherry Sr. Caption – the team won the MIAA Community Service Award, and Ryann won the MIIA Sportsmanship Award, SCC and Standard Times Sportsmanship Award and NIAAA Scholar/Essay Award for Massachusetts out of 60 students.

The School Committee thanked the coaches and students for coming this evening and sharing. Mrs. Bacchiocchi also thanked the voters at town meeting for approving to resurface the track and to Coach Gardner, Superintendent Shaver-Hood and CPC for their efforts in this endeavor.

Report of the Student Representative

Emily Roberge shared that the Viking Theater Company will be performing Little Shop of Horrors and DECA is holding a Dinner & Auction.

Minutes of the Meeting

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the minutes of April 11, 2019, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Winter Athletic Report

Ed Rodrigues, AD, stated this was the best overall winter season with a winning record in the league. He was pleased with all the accomplishments of both coaches and students.

There was discussion on the amount of money spent for boys vs girls teams, the rotation schedule for purchasing uniforms, the costs with wrestling and ice hockey with Carver, fundraising and the Boosters Club.

In response to Dr. Shaver-Hood's question if there is anything we need to provide our athletes that we haven't in the budget, Mr. Rodrigues stated facility needs i.e. replacing gym bleachers.

Chris Gardner, Coach Winter Track - students Jillian Rawding, Izak Salim - increase in participation - GPA highest in Girls Track - Jillian ranked 16th in all state

Mid-Year Attendance Report

Dr. Shaver-Hood reported on student attendance from August 29, 2018 - February 28, 2019 by school attendance rate, % of attendance and the mid-year attendance by tardies, absences, ADM and % of attendance. She provided a second document comparing current attendance, 2019 if it was the same grade configuration, and 2018. It was noted that 8th grade makes the difference in absences and tardies. The Middle School has made an effort to reduce tardiness and absences.

Dr. Schwamb explained the state requirements for attendance focusing on chronic absences. We must reach the target in certain groups. Our focus is on those students with chronic absences to provide additional support with conversations and follow up.

It was noted that the attendance was not affected by the couple of hundred children we are not bussing this year.

Principal Palladino addressed the 8th grade attendance with weekly CRA (Child Receiving Assistance) filings in court for habitual attendance, missing more than 8 classes in a term, and hopes to work through these problems before the GPA starts for these students in ninth grade.

January 1st School Attending Report

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the report submitted to DESE does not include PreK, Choice, State Wards, or Homeless. There is a breakdown by various schools and then by grades and also historical data.

There was a discussion on the protocols on handling homeless students with regard to vaccinations, procedures for any outbreaks, providing families with resources and keeping a student stable in the community or moving to the new community.

Chair Flaherty stated that he and Ms. Rossi and some high school students will be attending the MASC Day on the Hill on May 1st and he will be asking these questions to our legislators.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi noted the jump in middle school years from last year to this year and is hoping to see a change for next year with things happening now at the middle school.

Ms. Rossi stated that there are now eight people interested in the focus group for school choice. Any interested person wanting to join this focus group should email her for dates and times.

Dr. Schwamb stated that our choice numbers are also rising and she will report back on these numbers how many of these students require special needs services.

Report of the Business Manager

- Monthly Financial Report - July 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019 current budget, expenditures, ending balance, % expended with 65.39% expended compared to 62.02% last year. An

estimated \$4.1 million is available through the end of June

- Grants – federal and state grants compared FY18 and FY19 with amount expended
- Revolving and Donations - FY19 compared to FY18 - State Wards account is in deficit, waiting for monthly deposit from state for March

The money for daycare is deposited in the PreS Tuition Office BST account.

The \$6,000 in AdCare Education is a grant from Mass Department of Health applied by our previous food service director for the wellness committee.

The School Surplus account is from sales of surplus equipment/materials from Minot.

Fuel Up to Play 60 has not been utilized this year. Student Indiana Troupe reported that the new Food Service Director is meeting to determine the best plans for these funds, i.e. food for school lunches, PE equipment, etc.

Mrs. Morgan suggested including the name of the overseer of each grant.

Ms. Owen reported that the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee discussed that minimum wage voted to take effect on July 1st be made retroactive to January 1st.

Chair Flaherty suggested having a policy that all staff will receive at least minimum wage.

Report of the Director of Student Services

Mrs. Fay gave the following report:

- Held the Mental Health Awareness Forum and unfortunately only a dozen people came. Another forum is scheduled in May and will reach out on social media. Ms. Rossi suggested inviting other surrounding towns.
- Tonight was the second installation for Occupational Therapy Month providing PreK/K writing readiness for parents and staff through a grant.
- Sponsoring SEPAC meeting the end of May
- Best Buddies fundraiser through Shaw's Supermarkets

Mrs. Morgan asked if the Box Kids program is still being done with younger kids. Mrs. Fay will report back.

Vote on FY20 Budget/Town Meeting Action

Ms. Owen provided the members with a FY20 Line Item Budget; the major account summary for FY17, FY18, FY19 and FY20 for an increase of 1.41%. The new FY20 budget is

Net School	\$27,609,312
Non Net	1,821,425
Total	\$29,430,737

The additional money was added to supplies/materials throughout the district.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi and Mr. Flaherty served on the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee. The budget process started in October and focused on the committee's priorities with collaboration with the town. It was noted that no layoffs are slated. The FY20 Budget will be available for public view on the district website.

Mrs. Bacchiocchi moved to approve the FY20 Net School Spending amount of \$27,609,312, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Ms. Rossi moved to approve the FY20 Non Net Spending amount of \$1,821,425, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Morgan moved to approve the total FY20 Budget of \$29,430,737, seconded by Mrs. Bacchiocchi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Possible Vote on Cafeteria Workers' Contract

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that she has not been informed that the union has voted on the contract so we will not be taking a vote this evening.

Report of the Superintendent

- Approval of Bills and Payroll Warrants
Payroll Week ending April 13, 2019 \$857,871.89
Payroll Week ending April 20, 2019 \$102,123.39
Bill Warrant 4/25/19 \$453,197.79
Bill Warrant 5/2/19 \$162,469.73

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Bus enrollment forms are due by the end of May. If a student is not enrolled he/she can only ride the bus if there are open seats after school opens. The fee will remain the same for the upcoming school year.
- Several grants have been received: SAIL CARE \$40,000; competitive grant \$110,000 improve student access student behavior and mental health - PASS program; 21st Century Community Learning \$20,000; \$6,000 Mass Grad summer program for PASS program to earn credit towards graduation; \$21,800 development/expansion summer learning 12 to 50 students to participate: \$4,400 Farm to Summer ; 13,440 expend summer food offering at sites
- Dr. Schwamb and Dr. Shaver-Hood attended the JROTC Awards Ceremony this evening.
- The 40th Annual DECA Dinner & Auction is May 19th at WHS Cafeteria.
- In answer to Mrs. Morgan and Chair Flaherty's questions, the leadership structure will remain the same next year except an Assistant Principal of Special Education position will replace of the Special Education Department Chair and making a part-time teacher to a full-time teacher at Wareham High School.

Report of the School Committee

- Recommendations of Policy Review Committee

Curriculum Adoption – Mrs. Bacchiocchi reviewed the versions of the policy. The one submitted today by Dr. Schwamb added in a paragraph to the more detailed policy wanted by the Policy Review Committee.

Ms. Rossi moved to adopt the amended Curriculum Adoption policy as presented this evening, seconded by Mrs. Morgan.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Student Activity Accounts – Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated there are no changes since our last meeting.

Mrs. Morgan moved to adopt the Student Activity Accounts policy as amended, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Mrs. Bacchiocchi stated that the School Building Committee project is going forward. A video of the project was shown Monday evening prior to Town Meeting. All materials are on their website. Dr. Shaver-Hood informed the committee that on Monday at 9:30 a.m. is a construction meeting at Minot with the abatement workers. There will be a final walk through and video taken of the Minot Forest School before demolition.
The project manager has a Facebook page with updates.

Any other business - None

Mrs. Morgan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Rossi.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy, Bill & Payroll Warrants
Minutes of the Meeting April 11, 2019
WHS Athletic Department Winter Report 2019
Student Attendance 2018-2019
School Attending Report January 1, 2019
FY19 Financial Review
WPS Federal and State Grants FY19
FY19 WPS Revolving/Donation Financial Review
2019/20 Budget
Curriculum Adoption Policy
Student Activity Accounts Policy