

July 24, 2018

A workshop meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 228 at the Multi-Service Center, 48 Marion Road, Wareham. Members present were Joyce Bacchiocchi, Mary Morgan, Laurie Spear, Michael Flaherty and Rebekah Pratt as well as Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Shaver-Hood.

Chair Bacchiocchi called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. She welcome guest facilitator Jim Hardy of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

Discussion of Communication Strategies

Mr. Hardy reviewed the communications strategies to be used between the school and school committee members; between the school committee members themselves; and between the school committee and the community.

He had handouts on communication styles, a questionnaire on communication styles for the members to complete, and a communication profile grid.

Discussion of Public Comment Policy, including the recent court ruling regarding the Natick School Committee

Mr. Hardy provided a summary from MASC on the Natick case relating to public participation at school committee meetings. A judge has ordered a preliminary injunction, which is not a final decision. The case will continue. It would appear that an individual can say what they wish provided they don't do so in a manner that identifies an individual.

Any other business – none

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

- Public Comment at School Committee Meetings policy
- Communication Styles Summary
- Communication Style Questionnaire
- Communication Profile Grid
- Natick Case (MASC)