

June 23, 2010

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Members present were Mr. Ken Fontes, Dr. Cliff Sylvia, Mr. Geoff Swett, Mrs. Rhonda Veugen as well as Superintendent Rabinovitch.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

GOOD NEWS

The school year 2009/2010 has come to a successful close.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING -- June 9, 2010

Mr. Swett moved to accept the minutes of June 9, 2010. Seconded Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

GENERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – B. NOBREGA

Mr. Brian Nobrega and Mr. Kim Carmen, members of the General Advisory Committee, provided an update on their work and findings for the 2009 – 2010 school year. This committee is a component of the Corrective Action Plan for the Coordinated Program Review and consists of local businesses, organized labor, registered apprenticeship programs post secondary institutions and parents/guardians, students and teachers. The committee provides input and involvement in the development, implementation and review of career/vocational technical programs for Wareham Public Schools.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Wareham Middle School –

Mr. Gilmore presented the Middle School Improvement Plan beginning with the Mission Statement, Guiding Beliefs, Review of Goals, MCAS Results, Survey Results, 2010-2011 Projected Enrollment, Program of Studies, Instructional Learning, Ultimate Purpose of the Middle School and Goals and Indicators of Accomplishments. (See Documentation Book for detailed presentation.)

A question and answer period followed.

Wareham High School

Mr. Clark presented the WHS Improvement Plan. Mr. Clark began with the Mission Statement, 21st Century Expectations from Students Learning (NEASC), Goals and Objectives with Indicators of Accomplishments and past/present and 2010-2011 included – Student Achievement, Technology, Professional Development, Community, Resources. Goals for 2010-2011 are Continuation of Portfolio Development, Provide mentor support, complete NEASC Self Study, Increase School to Career Program, initiate Math and Science Campaign, Continue Discipline with Dignity. (See Documentation Book for detailed presentation.)

A question and answer period followed.

The committee asked for an update to these goals at one of the fall meetings by new Principal, Scott Palladino.

Chair Sylvia wished Mr. Clark the best in his new Principal-ship in Barnstable.

- Student Agenda - Mr. Palladino presented the Student Agenda – now the Student Code of Conduct Handbook for 2010-2011 changes.

Comments and suggestions from the committee followed.

Mr. Swett moved to approve changes to the Student Code of Conduct Handbook as presented with amendment to Page 40 "Notes will not be accepted after a five day time frame" for absence from school and to maintain and not remove Page 42 Appeals Process as noted in current agenda, for the purpose of discussion. Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

A discussion ensued.

Main Motion: Mr. Swett moved to approve changes to the Student Code of Conduct Handbook as presented with amendment to Page 40 "Notes will not be accepted after a five day time frame" for absence from school and to maintain and not remove Page 42 Appeals Process as noted in current agenda. Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

- Reorganization of High School Administrative Staff – Mr. Palladino reviewed his memo with the breakdown of positions and costs. This will be a cost neutral endeavor as the existing Dean of Students position will be eliminated, there will be a reduction of two department head stipends, two teachers will not have to be hired, and the four Deans will teach two or three classes each.

A discussion followed with questions and concerns.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the reorganization of the WHS Administrative staff by accepting the proposal as presented. Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Policy on the Superintendent's Evaluation as submitted by Chair Sylvia was discussed. Attorney Stoneberg has reviewed the policy and reported that it looks fine.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the Superintendent's Evaluation Policy. Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The sub-committees on Transportation, Budget, School-Community Relations, Safety and Curriculum gave brief reports on their meetings.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Rabinovitch reported on the results his feasibility study of live broadcasts of our meetings by WCTV. Work will be done over the summer to wire the auditorium in order to broadcast live.

DESE Determination of Need for Special Ed. Technical Assistance or Intervention: a year ago we were reported at Level 3 (Needs Technical Assistance), WPS is now at Level 1 (Meets Requirements).

The mandated DOE School Breakfast Program sites for the WPS are Hammond, Decas, Minot WMS, and WHS.

The 2011 NAEP program will begin in the fall. Three of our schools have been selected to participate, Decas, Minot and Middle.

Mr. Fontes moved to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 p.m. in order to finish the business on the agenda.
Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

2010 SUMMER PROGRAMS – MS. ROTELLA

Mrs. Rotella gave a brief overview of the Summer School Programs and their funding.

TEACHING TEAMS IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS – MS. ROTELLA

Mrs. Rotella presented an introduction/overview of Teaming in Grades 4 & 5 at both the Minot Forest and Decas Schools. She spoke on the history and background in the WPS and reviewed the proposal for the 2010-2011 school year.

Questions and concerns followed by the committee.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT TO PCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Swett moved that Superintendent Dr. Rabinovitch is hereby directed to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Project Contemporary Competitiveness, Inc. Seconded Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Sylvia asked for any agenda items for the meeting on July 7th be sent to him. The Superintendent will be presenting his self-evaluation at that meeting.

Mr. Fontes asked for an update on the search for a Cooperative School Principal. Dr. Rabinovitch will be interviewing the two finalists whose names were presented by the search committee.

Mr. Swett moved to go into Executive Session for Collective Bargaining and returning to Regular Session for the purpose of a vote.

Mrs. Veugen – yea; Mr. Fontes – yea; Mr. Swett – yea; Chair Sylvia – yea

Returned from Executive Session at 10:46 pm

Mr. Swett moved to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Wareham School Committee and Unit C.
Seconded Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mr. Swett moved to adjourn. Seconded Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Respectfully submitted

