

May 26, 2010

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library at Minot Forest School. Members present were Mr. Ken Fontes, Dr. Cliff Sylvia, Mr. Geoff Swett, Ms. Rachel Gillette, Ms. Rhonda Veugen, Andrew Cavacchi, Student Representative, as well as Superintendent Dr. Rabinovitch.

The meeting opened with a tour of the facility conducted by Principal Joan Seamans.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robert Brousseau, former School Committee Member, thanked the committee for the reception held in his honor for time served on the committee and in the Wareham Public Schools.

GOOD NEWS

Chair Sylvia presented Andrew Cavacchi, our outgoing student representative, with a certificate and pen set and thanked him for his service to the committee. A certificate was also given to Jessica Hanson for student representative substitute; she was not able to attend.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING – May 12, 2010

Mr. Swett moved to accept the minutes of May 12, 2010. Seconded Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

REPORT OF CHAIR

Dr. Sylvia asked for the sub-committees to present reports at the second meeting of the School Committee each month.

The Transportation sub-committee chair, gave a brief overview of their meeting reporting on members and meeting dates. Mr. Fontes will report for that committee monthly.

Dr. Sylvia asked the committee members to present their goals. All members should email their goals to the Superintendent's Office for compilation. Detailed goals will be entered into the Documentation Book.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Rabinovitch introduced the new Wareham High School Principal, Mr. Scott Palladino. Mr. Palladino will begin on July 1st. He is the current principal of the Cooperative Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Palladino thanked the Search Committee and Dr. Rabinovitch for having confidence in him and said he is looking forward to beginning on July 1st.

Dr. Rabinovitch introduced the new Coordinator of Clinical and Educational Services at West Wareham Academy, Wendy Miranda. Ms. Miranda is a special education teacher in the Wareham Middle School. Ms. Miranda will begin her new position on July 1st. Ms. Miranda thanked the committee and spoke briefly about her goals for West.

Wareham has been awarded an Early Literacy Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for the East Wareham School.

Mass Clean Diesel has approved Wareham to install diesel retrofits on thirteen of our buses.

CHRISTOPHER DONOVAN DAY SCHOOL – Helen Bradbury

Representatives from the Christopher Donovan Day School made a presentation regarding their request for approval of their school. Committee members commented with questions and concerns. Once the proper documents have been submitted, Mr. Louzan, Mrs. Rotella and Ms. Miranda will present their recommendation.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

John W. Decas School

Mr. Aaron Viera, Principal, presented his school improvement plans. He reviewed the goals of 2009-2010 and presented his goals for 2010-2011 which were to improve Student Academic Performance and improve the Social Climate. Mr. Viera also presented the data from the parental surveys. (See Documentation Book for detailed presentation.)

A question and answer period followed.

Wareham Cooperative Jr/Sr High School --

Mr. Palladino presented the Cooperative School Improvement Plan beginning with the Mission Statement, reviewing the 2009-2010 goals and indicators of progress. He then presented the 2010-2011 goals and objectives. (See Documentation Book for detailed presentation.)

A question and answer period followed.

Dr. Sylvia thanked the administrators for their presentations.

VOTE TO PARTICIPATE IN SCHOOL CHOICE FOR 2001-2011

Geoff Swett moved to continue to participate in the School Choice Program. Seconded Ms. Gillette

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR DATES JULY 2010 THROUGH JUNE 2011

A discussion was held regarding the dates and places of meeting. It was decided to add December 15, 2010 for a second meeting in December which will be cancelled if it is not needed. Dr. Sylvia asked the committee to consider holding all of its meetings in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium rather than at the different buildings and to consider holding the facility tours during the day while school is in session. The calendar will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting after the committee has had time to consider this request.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

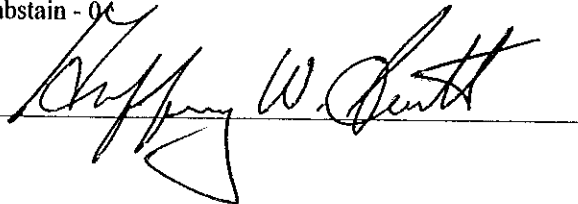
At 10:00 pm, Dr. Sylvia polled the committee regarding going into Executive Session so to the lateness of the evening. The business to be discussed could be postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Swett – no; Ms. Gillette – no; Mr. Fontes- no; Ms. Veugen – no; Dr. Sylvia - no

Mr. Fontes moved to adjourn. Seconded Ms. Gillette

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Respectfully submitted



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