

May 9, 2012

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Kenny Fontes, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, and student representative, Jessica Hanson as well as Superintendent Dr. Rabinovitch, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Swett at 6:30 p.m.

Recognition of Service Presentations

The following staff received a certificate and pin for their service in the Wareham Public Schools from their principal or director:

- Michelle Myers, teacher - 20 years of service
- Debbie Freitas, assistant principal - 20 years of service
- Linda McNeill, bus driver - 20 years of service
- Denise Tobin, teacher - 20 years of service; Nancy Ames, assistant principal - 20 years of service; Joanne Spiro, secretary - 20 years of service (not present)
- Cathy Lyons, school psychologist - 30 years of service; Cindy Bliss, teacher - 20 years of service; Denise Davidson, secretary - 20 years of service; Judy Silva, custodian - 20 years of service (not present); Kathleen Murphy, teacher - 20 years of service (not present)
- Dr. Barry Rabinovitch, Superintendent - 20 years of service

The meeting was recessed at 6:49 p.m. for refreshments. The meeting resumed at 7:07 p.m. (Jessica Hanson arrived at the meeting.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Rabinovitch shared the following good news:

- NAYAC Accreditation has been maintained for Hammond Kindergarten program
- WHS student Elizabeth Mallot's art work was chosen for the 2012 Art All State at the Worcester Art Museum

Mr. Fontes informed the public that former WHS Athlete Shay Allard signed with Green Bay Packers.

Miss Hanson reported on AP testing; Drama Club play this Thursday through Saturday; MCAS testing coming up; May 18th last day for Seniors

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Fontes moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the minutes of April 25, 2012, seconded Mr. Fontes.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

IPad Presentation by Students/Teachers/Coordinator of Technology

Coordinator of Technology, Teri DeFilippo, shared the goals of integrating technology through the use of iPads: enhance instruction, expand student learning, increase opportunities for learning.

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Ms. Miranda then reviewed the primary purposes of the school committee accounts: 1) legal; 2) expenses including memberships in organizations for the committee/district.

In the transportation revolving account there is a \$220,000 projected deficit and we may not be able to pay bills at the end of this fiscal year. The solution is to go to fall town meeting to seek approval of prior year's fiscal bills. In the kindergarten/preschool revolving account a surplus is projected and may be used for salaries next year.

Acceptance of Gifts

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the gift of books to the WHS Library from C. Lessard of Associated Press valued at \$931.10, seconded by Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the gift of \$1,820 from the Village PTA toward the East Wareham Playground Fund, seconded by Mr. Fontes

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mr. Fontes moved to accept the gift of \$50 from Roger Long to the East Wareham Playground Fund, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the gift of 10 compression nautilus machines from Jason Coleman to the WHS Athletic Department, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the gift of \$2,410 from Linda Carlise's fundraising activity to the WHS Best Buddies Club, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Fostering Public Inclusion/Participation

Because of the lateness of the hour, Mr. Flaherty agreed to withdraw discussion of this item until another meeting.

Any other business

Chair Swett stated that the Superintendent has officially requested go before the Board of Selectmen to put the approved town meeting articles on a ballot but we have not heard back yet. We will inform the committee members of the meeting date and post a meeting.

Executive Session

Chair Swett announced that the committee would be going into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal cases and executive session minutes and to come out only to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote by Chair:

Mr. Fontes – yea; Dr. Sylvia – yea; Mrs. Veugen – yea; Mr. Flaherty – yea; Mr. Swett – yea