

November 7, 2012

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Kenny Fontes, Michael Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, Clifford Sylvia and Cindy Pham as well as Superintendent Dr. Rabinovitch, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Swett at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Fitzgerald, WEA President, informed the committee of the union's ratification vote on the new evaluation for teachers. He also stated that the Decas School raised cash for its PTA with a soup cook-off.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Fontes shared that the Village PTA fundraiser was held at ORR HS because of the uncertainty of the WHS Roof. It was a basketball game between the Wizards vs. Wareham, which will be televised by WCTV.

Dr. Rabinovitch shared that Wareham's Evaluation System was rated by DESE and was granted the six points necessary. The plan has been accepted.

Dr. Rabinovitch shared that 43 students in the Class of 2013 are receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship.

Dr. Rabinovitch shared that the Global Education Team community dinner raised \$1,990 towards their trip to Cape Verde. Also Mr. St.Julien with his class and Dr. Rabinovitch Skyped with the school he visited in China. Another Skype session is being planned for 8PM in Wareham in another month.

Cindy Pham announced the following high school events: Oct 26 Sophomores college visits; Global Skype – Tues morning with Germany "American Dream" – JROTC Veteran's Day Parade on Monday – career Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) testing coming up – Powerpuff league.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the minutes of October 17, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 1 (Mr. Fontes)

Beyond School Time & Family Engagement Presentation

Maureen Manning & Jane Fondulis had a PowerPoint presentation as follows:

- Initiatives in Progress – parent resource center opened October 9, 2012 at WMS C104 – Parent Café led by volunteers - Station with laptops in the center
- Parent Volunteer Program – database of over 110 parents

(Dr. Sylvia arrived 7:20 p.m.)

- CARE Gr.3-8 with over 147 students enrolled – tutoring program over 140 students one hour per week with an academic need
- In February a fee based after school program at Decas will be piloted with a STEM focus with a limited amount of financial assistance and no transportation

- PBIS(Positive Behavior System) initiative for 2013-14 district
- TAC (Teacher Assistance Counsel) initiative for 2013-14 streamlined procedures
- K-Clubs in elementary schools and Builders Club at middle school with hopes of building a KEY Club at the high school in conjunction with the Kiwanis

Questions and comments were received from Committee members.

Mrs. Veugen would like more emphasis on the measurements around volunteers and number of hours and # students connecting within specific programs in the SMART Goals.

Mr. Fontes suggested looking into more community partnerships.

Dr. Sylvia would like to explore parents and children working together on an academic or enrichment skill.

Mr. Swett was assured that the children had access to technology for the flipping academic program during CARE computer lab.

School Committee Reports

- Action Committee – Mr. Swett reported that after Monday's meeting, Maine Military Authority is willing to look at refurbishing approximately 16 of our vehicles at \$35,000 each. This is approximately the same amount of money for used vehicles coming off a lease. Dr. Rabinovitch will call MMA about negotiating the \$35,000 price.
The Action Committee was formed to try to attain a consensus of the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Superintendent and the Capital Planning Committee in terms of direction taken and act on it. The RFP is now in the hands of town counsel. The Action Committee will be making their recommendations to the School Committee.
- Policy Review Committee – Search & Seizure Policy – Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the policy with the recommended changes in #2, seconded by Mr. Flaherty

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

- Budget Advisory – Budget Policy Recommendation – Dr. Rabinovitch presented draft policy #2 which he had e-mailed to members after review by the advisory committee. It was agreed to have this draft policy go to the policy review committee for discussion.
- DESE RETELL Overview – Dr. Rabinovitch reported on the new regulations which state by 2016 we must have teachers trained in Sheltered Immersion (SI).
- Request to Negotiate Successor Contract Unit C Agreement – Paraprofessionals – Mr. Fontes and Mr. Swett are on the subcommittee. A meeting will be scheduled after the new year.
M.G.L. 150E permits the town administrator to sit in when the School Committee considers voting on a contract. We have followed this practice in past by inviting the Town Administrator for the teachers bargaining agreement.

Vote to Increase FY'13 School Budget

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended voting to increase FY13 non net school spending by \$134,635 from McKinney Vento Homeless into the operating budget of transportation.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended voting to increase FY13 net school spending by \$120,053 adding to teacher accounts at Decas \$58,696, at Minot \$38,592, and at WHS \$22,765 (2.71 FTE).

Mr. Flaherty wanted to know why we were not voting to place the additional aid back into special education tuition account line as discussed at the August 8th meeting.

Dr. Rabinovitch stated that the committee voted to add back teachers and cut sped tuition.

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent, seconded by Mr. Fontes.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Dr. Sylvia moved to reconsider the vote, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Mrs. Veugen moved the recommendation of the Superintendent.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Point of Order by Mr. Flaherty – The School Committee legally voted on this budget in August and shouldn't a similar vote have taken place?

Mr. Swett explained that the distribution of the cut had to be clarified and was done so by the Superintendent. Mr. Flaherty wanted this voted upon by the Committee. No appropriation and transfer was involved, just a cut.

Request to Transfer Funds FY'13 Budget

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended the transfer of funds in FY13 due to the closing of Hammond School and shift of clerical personnel as follows:

Hammond Clerical Salary to Superintendent's Office Clerical Salaries of \$5,658

The current status of the Hammond School will be on the next agenda with a letter to the Town Administrator due to Everett Center building needs and study at Town Meeting refused.

Mr. Fontes moved approval, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended acceptance of a gift of \$15 from Joseph Levitt to the WHS Roof account. Mrs. Veugen moved to accept, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended acceptance of a gift of \$20 from an anonymous donor for textbooks. Mrs. Veugen moved to accept, seconded by Mr. Fontes.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Any other business

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Veugen moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of a legal matter update and approve executive session minutes of August 22, 2012, October 3, 2012, and October 17, 2012 and to come out to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

Roll call vote:

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting was moved to the Middle School Library at 8:40 p.m.

Mrs. Veugen moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

DESE Wareham Public Schools' Educator Evaluation System

John and Abigail Adams Scholars

Draft Minutes October 17, 2012

WPS Beyond School Time Powerpoint and Handouts

Search and Seizure Policy

Draft Budget Policy #1 and #2

RETELL Overview

Letter President WEA – Negotiate Successor Contract

DOR Municipal Officials and School Collective Bargaining

Vote to Increase FY13 Budget Memo – November 2, 2012

Appropriation Budget Transfer FY13 – October 26, 2012

Correspondence – Newsletter, Summer Feeding Program, Notice of Vacancies, Personnel List

