

November 6, 2013

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Kenny Fontes, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, and Student Rep, Nicole Russo as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

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

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Brian Fitzgerald, Teacher & WEA President distributed a document entitled "Summer 2012 Personnel Movements at Decas Elementary" In summary it has been a challenge and building based decisions were made.

Chair Veugen did not allow questions but encouraged the members to follow up with Mr. Fitzgerald or the Superintendent, if they wish.

### **GOOD NEWS**

Superintendent Shaver-Hood shared a brief video "Happening Now in Wareham Public Schools". A video of school happening highlights will be shown at each meeting.

(Dr. Sylvia arrived at 7:06 p.m.)

- Decas School received NAEYC accreditation for Kindergarten.
- Mrs. Guiffrida has been asked to present an abstract on the toad fish. She will be asked to share her presentation at a future meeting.
- WHS inductees into the 2013 Hall of Fame Ceremony will be on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- WHS will be having an athlete/parent winter season meet the coaches night

Mr. Swett attended the WPS Art Show and complimented our art teachers and artists.

Mr. Flaherty attended and worked at Bog Fright Night and was impressed with the community involvement. The kids did a great job.

Chair Veugen announced:

- Minot Forest School is seeking volunteers this Saturday 9:00 a.m. for Make Minot Magical.
- FWE fall fundraiser is November 19<sup>th</sup> where grant awards to teachers will be given out
- Geoff Swett has established a scholarship program for Advanced Studies Leadership Program administered by Cape Cod Collaborative and run by Mass Maritime Academy in STEM for Grades 8 & 9 students. Each town receives an allotment of seats for students to attend this three week course in the summer. ASLP agreed to eliminate the application fee if a student is on free/reduced lunch and a \$1,200 scholarship will be available starting next year.

Readers Become Leaders – Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated the event was exciting and successful.

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2013, seconded by Mr. Swett.

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

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2013 seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 2 (Dr. Sylvia; Mr. Fontes)

### **Student Recognition MCAS**

Superintendent Shaver-Hood thanked the students for coming this evening. She asked Principals Mrs. Seamans, Dr. Marks, and Mr. Palladino to introduce their students.

- Minot Forest School - each of these students had a perfect MCAS score on one of their tests  
Anthony Calderone  
Helena Whitten
- Wareham Middle School – each of these students had a perfect MCAS score on one of their tests  
Jordan Vermilya – not present  
Makayla Bumpus  
Joshua Alpert  
Mikal Gibbs – not present  
Cecilia Bottino  
Samantha Scully
- Wareham High School - Abigail Adams Scholarships recipients were introduced by Principal Palladino to stage from the Class of 2014. He then introduced students who received a perfect MCAS score on one of their tests: Noah Wambolt – Nicole Russo – Briannah Baptista (not present) Brett McSherry – Adrianna Adams

The Chair recessed the meeting at 7:23 p.m. for ten minutes to meet the students and take photos.

The meeting resumes and Chair Veugen announced that the Middle School students recognized this evening represented both our elementary schools in their MCAS scores.

The Committee thanked Superintendent Shaver-Hood for putting together this positive event and sharing our great students with the community.

### **MCAS Results**

- Minot Forest School, Principal Seamans presented the following PowerPoint:  
Dinner Celebration for the 38 students who scored Advanced and 57 students who scored Proficient  
Historically under AYP Minot was a Level I school. After 2011 the state changed to PPI and now Minot is a Level II school. Principal Seamans reviewed the improvements in ELA with the assistance of Interventionists, a focus on dibels assessments and REACH material, and in Math and Science. She shared her concerns for this year due to budget cuts and the loss of some interventionists, the student growth percentile from 2012 to 2013 in ELA & Math, and that there was 100% participation.  
Changes to the School Improvement Plan – new materials in ELA, REACH for Reading program; professional development for staff; intervention block; Math continue with alignment of Everyday Math; Science supplemental materials and instructional blocks in Grades 3 and 4.  
She then shared her updated SIP in SMART Goal format.

Questions and comments from the Committee

- Wareham High School, Principal Palladino recognized his staff who were present, Assistant Principal Freitas and Department Heads Marchessault, Murray, Sylvia, and Nault, and teacher Mary Peabody.  
Historical Percentages in ELA, Math, & Science and CPI and SGP of WHS vs State;  
activities/initiatives that will lead to the results created core classes by teachers teaching one more class in their schedule; will be dissecting the data more; continue with after school common core academy; MCAS Goal increase Advanced and Proficient ratings in all three content areas by an average of five percent.

Questions and comments from the Committee

#### **SAT & AP Test Results**

Principal Palladino reviewed the AP Test Results in the following courses: Studio Art 2D Design, Studio Art 3D (a portfolio process), Biology, Calculus, English Language Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Macro Economics, Micro Economics, Statistics, and US History.

The AP Improvement Plan will incorporate the MMSI grant for professional development and encourage students to participate in AP. The AP Goals are to improve instruction, extended learning, and instructional supplies/texts, increase average AP scores by 10%, increase the number of qualifying scores by 30%, increase number of enrollments in AP classes by 30%.

Questions and comments from the Committee

Principal Palladino than shared the SAT test results for 2012-2013 over the past 5 years in Critical Reading, Critical Writing, and Math.

The SAT Improvement Plan is to require all sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT in October every year; have guidance presentations to inform students of their strengths and weaknesses; conduct an assessment review; class timed writing activities; require all juniors to take the SAT prep course for one semester.

The SAT Goal is to improve scores by an average of five percent in all three areas.

Questions and comments from the Committee

#### **Acceptance of Gifts**

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of U.S. Flags to our schools through Franklin Flags as follows:

Wareham Middle School – Dunkin Donuts of Wareham  
West Wareham Academy – Longhorn Steakhouse  
Minot Forest School – Mr. Geoffrey Swett  
Wareham High School – Community Mini-Storage  
East Wareham Early Childhood Center – Music of the Bay  
John W. Decas School – Wareham Ford  
Wareham Cooperative Jr./Sr. HS – Kool Kone

Mr. Fontes moved to accept the donation as presented, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0