

June 5, 2013

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 5, 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 representative Nicole Russo as well as Superintendent Dr. Rabinovitch, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

- Introduction of New School Committee Student Rep – Nicole Russo, Grade 10 student, was welcomed as our new student representative.
- Presentation from Student Trip to Spain – Adult Chaperones Kristi Prada, Debbie Freitas, and Sandi Ponte were present along with students Erica Trask and Zariah Lima who made a video presentation of the sights visited in the cities of Barcelona, Madrid and Toledo. The trip was a lifetime experience as a history class.
- Dr. Rabinovitch shared that teacher Tanya Duff at Minot Forest School was involved this year with a character trait program. When students demonstrated these character traits, they were rewarded through coupons from McDonalds, Red Robin, and Friendly's.
- Dr. Sylvia was impressed with the Cooperative School Graduation earlier this evening when approximately 40 students received their diplomas.
- Mr. Fontes thanked Mary Morgan and her staff for the ice cream social invitation recognizing the preschoolers going onto Decas and Minot Kindergarten.
- Mr. Swett mentioned the outstanding job done by the Minot Forest School Chorus and Band Concert held last week.
- Mr. Flaherty noted that he had attended the Decas School Concert. He cited the May 9th Wareham Week article noting Makepeace was giving the incoming Superintendent \$20,000 to do as she sees fit as a welcome present. He also attended the Decas Spelling Bee today and recognized Avani Montesino, Grade 5 student winner, and Cecilia Bottino, Grade 4 second place winner.
- Chair Veugen noted that this is a week for celebrating with the Athletic Banquet last evening for High School Seniors; Senior Awards on Thursday night; and WHS Graduation Friday evening or Saturday evening, if rain.

Minutes of the Meeting

May 22, 2013 – Mr. Fontes made a correction under Minutes of Meeting motion “moved”.

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2013, as changed, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- Review of ELA MCAS Growth Data Charts
- Summary of 2012 Data – A Different Way to Look at the Data and its impact
- Analysis of Data and What Students Received to Achieve - Facts and Successful Interventions/New Strategies
- Meeting the Diverse Needs of All Learners
- SMART Goals: Student Achievement or Growth with Adequate Staffing and Resources; School Safety; Family & Community Engagement; Energy Conservation; Technology

There were questions and comments from members throughout presentation.

Chair Veugen thanked the Principals, Coordinators, and members of the School Councils for their work on the School Improvement Plans, which include valuable data for the School Committee.

Acceptance of a Gift

Dr. Rabinovitch recommended acceptance of a gift from the Wareham Youth Soccer Club of material and labor valued at \$4,000 to repair the soccer field at the Decas School. Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report - None

School Committee Reports

Chair Veugen stated that a July workshop will be scheduled regarding subgroups.

Any other business

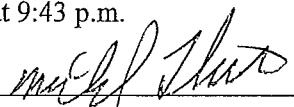
Chair Veugen reported that the subcommittee is close to an agreement with the new Superintendent and would like to schedule an Executive Session in order for the subcommittee to present the contract to the whole committee and vote on a contract.

Wednesday, June 12, 2013, 6PM, Executive Session in WMS Library (if available) Purpose: Superintendent contract negotiations.

Dr. Sylvia moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

WWA SIP 2013-2014 School Year

WWA SIP Powerpoint Presentation

East Wareham Early Childhood Center and Minot Forest School SIP 2013/2014

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John W. Decas Elementary School SIP 2013-2014

John W. Decas Elementary School SIP Powerpoint Presentation

Letter May 7, 2013 WYSC Re: John W. Decas Elementary Field Repair

Correspondence – Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy List