

August 21, 2013

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Kenny Fontes, Michael Flaherty and Nicole Russo student representative as well as Superintendent Ms. Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Flaherty at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS - None

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Fontes moved approval of the minutes of July 29, 2013 as written, seconded by Mr. Swett.

Mr. Flaherty questioned:

- a. Add **Incoming** Superintendent Shaver-Hood in the attendance
- b. Pupil Transportation 2nd paragraph (1 mile elementary and 1.5 secondary) – no change.
This is correct

VOTE: as amended yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 0

August 7, 2013 minutes:

Mr. Swett under Transportation last paragraph - \$120,000 should be not \$100,000

Mr. Flaherty under Transportation “Dr. Rabinovitch withdrew” instead of removed

Mr. Fontes moved approval of the minutes of August 7, 2013, with corrections, seconded Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Appointment of Administrator of Special Education

Dr. Marks addressed the committee and thanked them for the opportunity to join the Wareham team.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood asked the Committee for its approval of her recommendation for Dr. Sue Anne Marks as the Administrator of Special Education.

Mr. Fontes moved approval, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Presentation by Instructional Leadership Team

Ms. Rotella stated that the Instructional Leadership Team has existed for five years in the system and serves as liaison between district administrators and teachers in the classroom. There are over 22 teacher leaders who participate on the team.

The following Instructional Leadership Team members were present to share their duties, vision and the framework of the Instructional Leadership Team:

- Traci Cote, WMS IL – monthly meetings; vertical and horizontal conversations; curriculum review fostering subcommittees
- Cheryl Morin, Decas IL – professional development; data coaching; merging ILT and Data Coaching teams this year
- Trish O'Brien, Minot IL/Pt Interventionist – accomplishments of the ILT over the years
- Robin Murphy, Minot IL/Pt Interventionist – plans for ILT for FY14 will focus on the student and on quality instruction and rigor
- Henry St.Julien, WHS Dept Chair Humanities – Plans for the ILT for FY14 include 21st century learning opportunities and moving forward with collaborations and assisting in evaluations

The Instructional Leadership Team = voice; capacity-building; collaboration; singular vision; focus on instruction across the district; continuous improvement for student achievement.

Discussion by committee members and members of the ILT included how to translate this passion, skill, knowledge, and collaboration of the last five years into something concrete for our students by sharing a focused vision to see results led by our Superintendent.

Ms. Rotella explained the difference between the Instructional Leaders and the Instructional Leadership Team and their duties.

2012-2013 Athletic Report

Ms. Shaver-Hood asked to defer the athletic report to the next meeting as we are compiling it into the framework requested by the Committee.

FY'13 End of Year Financial Report

Mr. MacMillan stated that he will give a more comprehensive report in September.

He presented a new format showing FY'13; FY'12 and FY'14 comparisons. The FY'13 budget balance was just under \$3,000.

Areas of concern for administrative review included substitute lines, utilities #4130 and payments to collaborative.

Mr. MacMillan provided a draft article for the next town meeting for funding a feasibility study for partial replacement of the WHS roof. The Mass School Building Authority as accepted our proposal.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that she will have this item on the next agenda for a vote and to place it before Board of Selectmen. The potential cost is \$60,000 for a feasibility study by an architect and designer for a full report giving an amount to be borrowed.

Update on Lease of the Hammond School

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that we are close to a resolution and this item will be on the agenda for September 4th for a vote and then go to the Board of Selectmen.

Acceptance of a Gift

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended the monetary donation from Mr. Swett for the repair of the tennis courts.

Mr. Fontes moved to accept the gift with thanks, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 2; nay – 0; abstain – 1 (Swett)

Superintendent's Report

Opening day is close and we are still hiring some teachers. Everyone has been working very hard. The professional staff offerings for in-service days are outstanding. Next Wednesday will be opening day for teachers and paraprofessionals and new teachers will arrive for orientation on August 26th & 27th. The students begin September 3rd.

She announced that she has had meetings with many wonderful caring people in town who are giving and willing to engage. Anyone willing to converse with the Superintendent should call or email her.

At the next meeting we will have sports team captains and senior athletes present in uniform.

The school department offices are now on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Multi-Service Center. We will be working on how to restore the Everett building to keep it as part of our community.

School Committee Reports - None

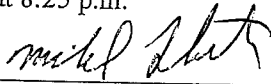
Any other business

Mr. Fontes thanked Superintendent Shaver-Hood in trying to escalate an agreement for the Hammond School on behalf of the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Swett moved to adjourned, seconded by Mr. Fontes.

VOTE: yea – 3; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Resume Sue Anne Marks, Administrator of Special Education
PowerPoint Instructional Leadership Team 8/21/13
Wareham School Function Summary 2013 Provisional End of Year August 16, 2013
Revolving Accounts 8/16/13
School Department Articles – August – Feasibility Study at WHS
Gift – G. Swett for WHS Tennis Courts
Correspondence – Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy List