

September 4, 2013

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Michael Flaherty, Cliff Sylvia, and Rhonda Veugen as well as Superintendent Ms. Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Veugen at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Brian Fitzgerald, Gr. 5 Teacher & WEA President, thanked the custodial staff for their work this summer with the moves in the buildings. He thanked the secretaries for getting students in rooms and Mr. Swett for his donation to repair the tennis courts. He welcomed Superintendent Shaver-Hood and was looking forward to working together.

GOOD NEWS

Chair Veugen welcomed all students back for the 2013-14 school year and announced that the district has a new website. Please let the Superintendent's Office know if updates, links, or information is needed.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved to approve the minutes of August 21, 2013, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 2; nay – 0; abstain - 2 (Mrs. Veugen; Dr. Sylvia)

Introduction to Fall Athletic Teams and WHS Band

Principal Palladino introduced new Athletic Director Edward Rodrigues, who introduced the coaches.

Coach Nault – Football– Richie Austin, Captain; Owen Braley, Captain – There are 45-50 guys on the team. Coach Nault explained the new system in the south coast conference.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood announced that there is a facelift at the football field. The team is painting the buildings the school colors – blue/white. She thanked the team for its community service.

Coach Sylvia – Girls Soccer – She was encouraged with the 8th graders on the team this year – Captains, Cindy Johnson, Brianna Muir, Emma Winn bring leadership to the team and the team brings heart and hustle to make you proud.

Field Hockey players, Emily Bacchiocchi, Captain, and Emily Chambers – Miss Bacchiocchi informed the committee that the team had picked up five 8th graders and there is only a varsity team.

The Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Soccer, and Golf teams were not present because of games. Also mentioned was the Cheerleading squad lead by Coach Madeline Silva.

Principal Palladino introduced Heather Ware, new teacher and band leader who introduced student Jeff Cifello of the marching band. New uniform pants have been purchased for the marching unit and fundraising is taking place to buy new jackets. A band camp was held two weeks ago. The marching unit will be participating in the New England Scholastic Band Association competition in mid October. The Band is for students in Gr.6-12.

Chair Veugen thanked all the students for coming tonight and asked for community support for our students.

(Chair Veugen called for a 5 minute recess from 7:39 p.m.- 7:47 p.m.)

2012-2013 Athletic Report

Steve Rumbolt, Interim AD for 2012-13, presented the athletic report. He was not able to break out the user fees by sport. The budget allowed the purchase of some new uniforms and met team needs to compete.

There was discussion on the cost of ice hockey per participant and the deal made with Carver (a 2 year commitment). Mr. Rumbolt stated that WATCH raises money for hockey and provided helmets and gloves for each player on the team to help subsidize the cost of the program. Individual sports teams raise money for items not provided in the budget i.e., letter jackets, warm up uniforms.

Principal Palladino also stated that students pay athletic fees to participate and community service, fundraising, and high academic grades are required from our athletes.

Dr. Sylvia stated that the goal should be to build up participation and promote the school system.

There was discussion on:

- whether a parent should be required to meet with coaches at the mandatory meeting before a student plays sports;
- the average GPA of our athletes last year of 80;
- getting a student view of what is needed; and
- equity per sport in the LEA budget.

Principal Palladino thanked Mr. Rumbolt for stepping up in mid September as Interim A.D. while holding his teaching job and welcomed Ed Rodrigues as A.D.

Article for Fall Town Meeting

Mr. MacMillan stated that the first step in the process of the MSBA roof project is a feasibility study and funding. There is a reimbursement rate of 68% from MSBA. He outlined the committee's options 1) take the cost from within the school budget; or 2) seek funds at Town Meeting per the draft article presented.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that we have not budgeted for this study but will have to pull from the school choice account and reimburse this account when the state reimburses the district.

The members were all opposed to taking the funds, approximately \$60,000, from the school budget and saw the value of bringing the article to the town seeking its support of the overall project.

Dr. Sylvia asked to consider wording the article for the town to borrow a dollar amount and any balance come from the school department. The amount of the article would be in the motion on the floor.

Mr. Swett announced that this Friday is a meeting of the Capital Planning Committee to update the list of town needs. He hopes to add these dollars to the list since our buildings are a town responsibility.

Chair Veugen asked Principal Palladino to move the project forward with the help our students.

Mr. Swett moved to approve the article for town meeting as provided by the Business Manager, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Acceptance of Gifts

Superintendent Shaver-Hood recommended the following gifts:

- 10 boxes of school supplies from WalMart for the “Stuff the Bus” event for the Decas and Minot Forest Schools donated by customers.

Mr. Flaherty moved approval, seconded by Dr. Sylvia

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- \$25 from Shaun England to the Decas School band program collected after his performance at the Onset Bandshell.

Mr. Flaherty moved approval, seconded by Dr. Sylvia

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Monthly Financial Report

Mr. MacMillan presented the August 2013 financial report giving an overall trend as to last year. These numbers do not reflect any teacher pay yet. He spoke about the following accounts: Maintenance Buildings & Equipment, Utilities

The committee asked for a more streamline report by major accounts consistent with the budget policy as redefined by budget advisory committee.

Mr. MacMillan then reviewed the revolving account balances and noted that school choice funds are largely earmarked for salaries.

The committee asked for a report on how these accounts help with the local budget, indicating the money coming in and the expenses with more detail, including if any of these funds are encumbered.

Request for Transfer of Funds FY'14

Mr. MacMillan recommended a transfer of \$13,220 between accounts in the Middle School to buy materials/pens/pencils/paper for students.

Dr. Sylvia moved the recommendation as presented, seconded by Mr. Flaherty

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Shaver-Hood thanked everyone for their hard work in getting the buildings ready, making the opening wonderful. The enrollment was 2,725 today and we are still enrolling at WWA, the night school and preschool. We will add videos and pictures to our new website. At the next School Committee meeting students from West Wareham Academy will come to talk about their garden and cookbooks to sell as a fundraiser.

Chair Veugen announced that a calendar featuring the latest events is on our district website. This calendar is a great way to promote our schools and district.

School Committee Reports

Chair Veugen stated that subcommittee/advisory committees will be established by our next meeting.

Any other business

Dr. Sylvia asked if there was any resolution to Boys & Girls Club at the Hammond School.

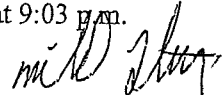
Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that a rental agreement for the remainder of this school year has been signed with the Boys and Girls Club and we have contacted the other group who put in for the RFP. We are looking for a rental agreement with them for the other half of Hammond School. The RFP must go to the School Committee and then to the Board of Selectmen.

In response to Mr. Flaherty's inquiry about a meeting with the Board of Selectmen regarding the budget, Chair Veugen stated that next week she will set up the first meeting with the Town Administrator, the Superintendent, the two Chairs and the Finance Committee Chair for an agenda and come back to the boards for a meeting date.

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

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents:

Athletic Report 2012-13

School Department Article – August, 2013

Gift from Shaun England

Revolving Account Report 9/3/13

WPS FY2014 Budget Function Summary August 2013

Memo Ellen Bankston RE: Budget Transfers

Correspondence – Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy List