

May 7, 2014

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, Mel Lazarus and Nicole Russo as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia at 6:30 p.m.

School Committee Recognition of Service Awards

During this celebration of service the following staff members were recognized:

WHS by Principal Palladino

30 years teacher Jeff Dunn

20 years custodian Gary MacNeill – not in attendance

20 years teacher Charlie Dyer

20 years teacher Dan Nault – not in attendance

20 years teacher Lisa Ohman

20 years teacher Steven Rumbolt

20 years teacher Henry St.Julien

Superintendent Shaver-Hood introduced Scott Palladino 20 years principal

WMS by Principal Minkle

20 years secretary Marilyn Hackett -- not in attendance

20 years para Helen Gabriel – not in attendance

20 years secretary Deborah Peckham

Decas School by Principal Panarese

20 years teacher Patrick Roche

20 years school psychologist Karen Whritenour

20 years assistant principal Richard Paling- not in attendance

Minot Forest School by Principal Seamans

30 years teacher Joyce Pottel

20 years teacher Jane Petracca

20 years teacher Patricia Panzone -- not in attendance

20 years teacher Judith MacLachlan -- not in attendance

20 years cafeteria worker Kathren Baptista -- not in attendance

Chair Sylvia recessed the meeting at 6:45 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

(Geoff Swett and Nicole Russo entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

GOOD NEWS

Happenings in WPS and Spotlight on Viking Alumni videos were shown.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood announced that Makepeace awarded two grants, STEAM Academy and Service Learning Project, to Wareham Middle School.

Mrs. Veugen announced the Taste of Wareham benefit by the Foundation for Wareham Education on May 9th at which time grants will be awarded to some of our teachers.

Mrs. Veugen also announced that the Board of Selectmen voted to place on the ballot a budget override. The special election will be Tuesday, June 17th.

Chair Sylvia stated that Town Meeting was professional, well organized and civil.

Chair Sylvia stated that the Art Show at WHS displayed work from some very talented students.

Recognition of Top Five from the Class of 2014

Principal Palladino stated that he and the Superintendent attended the SCC Academic All Star celebration for these students:

Sidney Andrade (not present)

Emma Wynne

Joshua Dix

Hope Wallace (not present)

Charlemya Erasme

The members had the opportunity to ask the students questions and give their congratulations on this achievement.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Request from Junior Class for Prom in 2015

Student G. Allen Perry along with Class Advisor, Christina Kunze, requested permission to hold their prom at The New Seabury Country Club in Mashpee on May 9, 2015.

Mr. Lazarus moved to approve the prom as requested, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Athletic Report Winter Season

Mr. Ed Rodrigues, AD, along with Principal Palladino and Business Manager MacMillan presented the athletic report. The winter season was successful in both competition and participation.

Some areas of discussion included the GPA and possibly setting it higher in the future; piloting now for spring coaches access to power school to watch and monitor grades; hockey ice time cost; and looking at the athletic handbook in regard to high academic expectations and mandatory parent meeting.

Mr. Rodrigues stated that he is requesting waivers in all sports next year except boys' basketball and girls' tennis.

NEASC Update on WHS

Principal Palladino reported that Wareham High School is fully accredited for 7 ½ years but there is still work to do. He reviewed the two year progress report which included:

- Commendations by the committee on public secondary schools
- Special Report due March 1, 2015 describing action taken to complete recommendations: building roof replacement; capital improvements; technology upgrades

- Five-Year Progress Report due March 1, 2016 creating portfolios; identify/engage disconnected families; all teachers provide students with rubrics

The school committee had questions and made comments as well as commended the Principal and his staff on the progress made over the last two years.

Future agenda items for discussion are NEASC accreditation process and addressing the concern of engaging families.

Financial Reports

Mr. MacMillan gave the March and April Function Summary & revolving accounts reports.

Mr. Swett asked about the transportation balances in both the LEA and revolving accounts and when we could purchase buses.

Mr. MacMillan stated that we need town meeting to vote in the fall to encumber a portion of revolving account to purchase buses.

Mr. MacMillan provided a grid report on grants. The committee discussed the following grants: FDK - Miscellaneous grants - Grants because of a Level 3 district - Title I

Mr. MacMillan will report back on breaking out the individual gift/grants from the revolving account. It was agreed that the grant report will be given twice a year and an in-kind report still will be presented.

Superintendent's Report

- Gift – Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the \$100 Stop & Shop gift card from the Wareham Democratic Town Committee for student lunches during April vacation, seconded by Mr. Flaherty

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- FY15 Budget Information – The superintendent requested a meeting on May 14th for the FY'15 Budget information in open meeting followed by an executive session to review personnel issues. After reviewing the schedule, the meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m., location to be determined.
- Superintendent's Safety Advisory Committee – The superintendent would like to reconvene this advisory committee.

School Committee Reports

- Report on "Day on the Hill" – Mr. Swett was accompanied by our student rep Nicole Russo and Junior Ariel St.Germaine to this year's Day on the Hill. Presentations were made and lobbying efforts with Senator Pacheco and Representative Gifford. Most importantly the House finally passed an amendment to form a committee to review the formula for the foundation budget. Nicole stated that she was interested in hearing comments and questions from other students
- Chair's Vision for School Committee – Dr. Sylvia distributed his vision to the members for their review to be placed on next meeting agenda. He briefly stated his focus and goals as well as the protocols for operation. He also distributed a draft of committee assignments and superintendent advisory committees for review.

Any other business - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Veugen moved to go into executive session for the purpose of grievance hearings, memorandums of agreement, and executive session minutes, and to come out of executive session to adjourn only, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

Roll call vote:

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

VOTE: 5-0-0

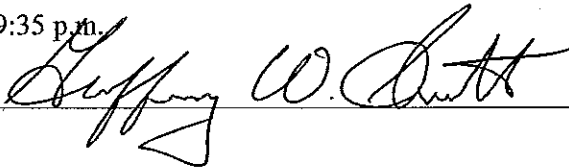
At 9:05 p.m. the meeting was recessed to the library to hold the executive session.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

**List of documents:**

WSC Recognition Night

SCC Academic All Star Brochure

WHS Athletic Department Winter Report 2013/2014

FY2014 Winter Athletic Financial Report

NEASC Letter March 24, 2014 Two-Year Progress Report

WPS FY2014 Budget Function Summary March 2014

WPS Revolving Accounts Report March, 2014

WPS FY2014 Budget Function Summary April 2014

WPS Revolving Accounts Report April, 2014

Grants FY14 Grid

Wareham Democratic Town Committee Donation Letter

WSC Protocols for Meeting submitted by Chairman Sylvia

WSC Committee Assignments 2014-15

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy List