

June 4, 2014

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty, Rhonda Veugen, Melvin Lazarus and Nicole Russo student rep as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

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

Chair Sylvia introduced Wareham Police Chief Kevin Walsh and Dr. Panarese who presented a certificate to each of the four Decas School students for their great citizenship: Keeley Thornell - Makayla Semiao - Olivia Powers - Abby Wiksten

Chief Walsh stated that the police department received a call of a suspicious person around Decas School grounds. He was very impressed with the girls noticing, reporting it to a teacher and giving a great description. Fortunately there was no incident. He stated that the girls' parents, school committee, police, and school staff are very proud.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Rhonda Veugen, parent and supporter of Invest in Wareham, informed the public of the opportunities to learn more about supporting the override at two forums - one in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room on June 5<sup>th</sup> with the town administrator and superintendent and some members of the School Committee and Finance Committee and a second open forum on June 12<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School Auditorium. For more information the website is [www.investinwareham.com](http://www.investinwareham.com).

#### **GOOD NEWS**

- Superintendent Shaver-Hood announced the appointment of Mrs. Donna Noonan as new Principal at the John W. Decas School effective July 3, 2014.
- Happenings in WPS Video was shown on the graduates
- Mr. Lazarus reported he participated in the Class of 2014 cookout today
- Mrs. Veugen mentioned her son's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip to the Zeiterion sponsored by the PTA

#### **Minutes of the Meeting**

Mr. Swett moved to accept the minutes of May 15, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lazarus

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the minutes of May 21, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lazarus

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **School Committee Meeting Schedule 2014-15**

The new meeting date meets the deadline for the town administrator relative to the budget submission. Dr. Sylvia suggested setting a meeting in July to focus on the superintendent's evaluation process and new instrument.

There was a consensus of the committee members to add a meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the School Committee meeting schedule for 2014-2015 as amended, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Presentation by PTA Groups**

The presidents of our schools' PTAs spoke on the events and how the organizations were able to help our students this year.

Nicole Mazzoli – Decas/West PTA – restructured to a grade level funding budget to meet the needs of teachers, giving \$2,500 per grade level; finished the playground; a lot of parent participation.

Janet Leonardo – Minot/East PTA – focused on enrichment/field trips K-4; preschool had a family fun day; purchased scholastic and books for readers; 4<sup>th</sup> grade ice cream social

Christine Holbrook, Sara Lima and Trisha Osborne – WMS/WHS PTA – the fall fundraiser helps pay for half the cost of all middle school agendas and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class picture. At the high school it also allows teachers to receive mini grants. Funds were also used towards band uniforms, DECA competition expenses and Rachel's Challenge in September. A teacher appreciation lunch was held for all high school, middle school, and coop teachers. In order to continue the WMS/WHS PTA someone needs to volunteer to be president by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Chair Sylvia, on behalf the Committee members, children and administration, thanked all the PTA volunteers for their work.

Nicole Russo gave a gift to each of the three presidents of the PTAs on behalf of the School Committee.

Questions/comments from committee members.

Chair Sylvia called for a 5-6 minute recess (7:43 p.m. to 7:49 p.m.).

**Appointment of School Nurse**

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that under MGL Ch.71 Section 63 she recommended Linda Deveau as Part-time (0.4) School Nurse for the remainder of this school year at WHS. Ms. Deveau has been a long-term sub nurse this year.

Mrs. Veugen moved to appoint Linda Deveau as school nurse at WHS, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

**Vote on Obsolete Equipment**

Mr. MacMillan, Business Manager, stated that under MGL Ch.30B to dispose equipment under \$10,000 in value we must have a policy in place. This is notice that in the near future we will have to develop a policy and then dispose of the equipment as listed.

**Financial Reports**

Mr. MacMillan, Business Manager, presented the May financial report.

Mr. Swett noted that the transportation operating budget is sufficient to cover costs and the revolving transportation is paying for itself. It looks like a net gain of \$220,000.

Mr. MacMillan explained that the \$140,000 deficit in school lunch was paid out of this budget already by using transfers earlier in the year. He will get this information to Mr. Flaherty as requested.

**Requested transfers**

- \$300,000 Program School Other than Public Schools (9300) to Teachers, Classroom (2305) due to overspending in FY13 and reduction in school choice FY14 and pre-pays in FY13

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the transfer as recommended, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- \$72,000 Maintenance of Equipment (4230) to Utility Services (4130) due to high electricity costs

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the transfer as recommended, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- \$30,000 Medical/Therapeutic Services (2320) to Legal Settlements (1435) to cover unexpected costs in FY14

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the transfer as recommended, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

- \$12,553 Prof Develop System Course Reimbursement (2350) to Prof Develop Subs (2355) to pay for additional opportunities for teachers not in original budget

Mr. Flaherty moved to approve the transfer as recommended, seconded by Mrs. Veugen

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Revolving Account balances May 2014 – Mr. Swett stated that since the transportation revolving does not have to support the LEA line item, we need to use these fund to purchase new buses.

**Discussion on Policy on Background Checks**

Superintendent Shaver-Hood suggested that Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Swett meet with her and draw up a suggested policy for Wareham to be approved prior to the start of the new school year.

Mrs. Veugen asked that when this policy is presented to also attach the procedures, i.e., what happens at central administration and how is the information shared with building administration and the building procedure used for children being safe.

**Discussion and Vote on PARCC/MCAS Testing**

Mrs. Rotella presented the choice the Committee had to make for our students on PARCC and/or MCAS. A trial run of the PARCC test was done on line at the High School and a paper test at Middle School this year.

The state is giving the choice to the districts on which to choose; however, MCAS will continue to be a competency determination up through the Class of 2018.

PARCC and MCAS administration dates are similar and special education accommodations are similar.

The recommendation from administration is:

WHS – PARCC in grades 9 and 11 (10<sup>th</sup> grade needs MCAS for Competency Determination")

WMS and Elementary – continue with MCAS testing

The Superintendent needs to send in the committee's decision by June 30<sup>th</sup> but this is non-binding. A final decision is needed by October, 2014.

Questions and comments from members included the need for student preparation for PARCC, technology available for on-line testing, continued training of teachers.

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the recommendation of the administration, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that this recommendation allows us more time to prepare with an insight on what's coming in PARCC for grades 3-8. This is a placeholder to let the state know what we are doing.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **Superintendent's Report**

- Scholarship Awards tomorrow evening 7:00 p.m. WHS Auditorium
- Graduation on Friday evening
- Portfolio Night WMS tomorrow evening
- Public forum at Board of Selectmen's meeting room tomorrow evening
- Congratulations to all graduates of the Cooperative School on their graduation held this evening

#### **School Committee Report**

None

#### **Any other business**

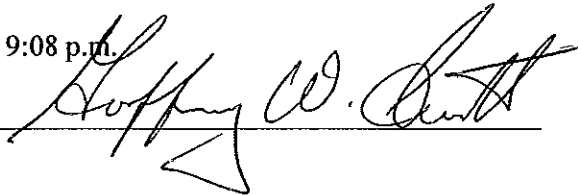
Chair Sylvia asked if any member had an agenda item to be considered to let him know in a timely manner. At the next meeting the School Improvement Plans will be presented in a new format. Another future item will be food service.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



#### **List of documents:**

DRAFT Meeting Dates 2014-2015

Obsolete Equipment

WPS FY2014 Budget Function Summary May 2014

WPS Financial Report: Transfer requests

WPS Revolving Accounts Report May, 2014

MASC Policy Newsletter – Background Checks – C.O.R.I. Requirements policy

PARCC or MCAS PowerPoint 6/4/14

MASC May 27, 2014 RE: The School Committee Policy Authority to Establish Whether PARCC or MCAS Should Be Administered in the Spring of 2015

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

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