

June 18, 2014

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 18, 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 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

GOOD NEWS

Happenings in Wareham Public Schools Video "What I Learned This Year" was shown by Ms. Rebhan.

Presentations for Service

- Mrs. Tobin, Coordinator at East Wareham Early Childhood Center, introduced Mrs. Sheila Braley, School Nurse, who was recognized by Chair Sylvia with a certificate and pin for twenty years of service.
- Chair Sylvia gave a certificate for service as student representative on the School Committee to Miss Nicole Russo.
- Chair Sylvia presented Mrs. Janice Rotella, Director of Curriculum, with a plaque upon her retirement with great appreciation.

Miss Russo announced a car wash on Saturday from 10-2 at the Fire Station to benefit students going on the Costa Rica trip.

Mrs. Veugen stated that yesterday's vote did not pass and she was disappointed but from a good news standpoint she recognized the board members who worked well together for a five year plan and the amount of work the superintendent and town administrator and staff put into this working plan. She wished to continue to work and come up with creative solutions to invest in Wareham.

Dr. Sylvia announced that the Wareham Summer Celebration kicked off this weekend with a historical presentation – battles, encampments, tours, demonstrations, invasion by sea. He gave kudos to the folks who did the planning.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept minutes of June 4, 2014, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Student District Handbook

Mrs. Rotella reviewed the changes made to the handbook including the new discipline law. The superintendent had met with our attorney and vetted the handbook in lieu of new laws and regulations.

Pg. 15 – student code of conduct – addition of 37H ¼

Pg. 25 – change in law bus suspensions – no due process in needed

Pg. 35 – change in law storage of Epi-Pens readily available

Pg. 36 & 58 – service dogs to service animals

Pg. 59 – wording addition – staff ethics conflict of interest – places handbook in line with law

Mr. Flaherty moved to accept the changes in the Handbook as updated, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Athletic Spring Report

Principal Palladino, Mr. Rodrigues, Mr. MacMillan were present.

Highlights of the spring season were given by Mr. Rodrigues which included school records, sportsmanship awards, and the grade point averages.

School Improvement Plans

The Principals and Coordinators were present.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood said administration worked together in this new format focusing on common pillars – Literacy, Mathematics, Technology, Safe and Secure Schools.

Review of School Improvement Plans for 2013-14 including the 2014-15 goals

- East Wareham Early Childhood Center – goal and activities of the school community
- Decas Elementary School – literacy and mathematics improvement action steps; achievements; 2014-15 to focus on common pillars
- Minot Forest School – student achievement, technology, community, resources; 2014-15 goals focus on literacy, mathematics, safe and secure schools, technology
- Wareham Middle School – expand the learning community, student achievement, technology, safety and climate; 2014-15 goals focus on literacy, mathematics, safe and secure schools, technology, increasing non-traditional educational experiences
- West Wareham Academy – accomplishments, student achievement improve of literacy skills and math skills, expand community, expand and integrate technology to improve learning and instruction
- Wareham Cooperative Jr./Sr. High School – student achievement, technology, partnerships, safety Goals 2014-15 for both WWA/Coop will focus on literacy, mathematics, technology, safe and secure schools
- Wareham High School – re-creating core math and core ELA, implementation of the MMSI Program, implementation of the SAT Prep Course, improve technology, safety, addressing NEASC concerns; goals for 2014-15 are in literacy, mathematics, technology, safe and secure schools

Concerns and information requested by committee members:

- data on students coming from East to Decas
- lacking goals on being community partnership in one of the 4 pillars
- status of resource officer position for next year
- policy to change academic requirements for athletic participation
- goals with measurable metrics more than just tasks

The superintendent thanked all administrators for working together in providing this document.

Status of Food Service Proposal

Mr. MacMillan stated that Mrs. Perry, Food Service Manager, along with the Middle School Cafeteria Manager proposed a plan to reduce staff and hours under a balanced budget which keeps the food service program in-house. Mr. MacMillan recommended not to seek outsourcing the food service program but to keep the program in-house.

After comments from committee members it was agreed that due to time constraints involved in seeking a RFP a mid-year review of the program will be done and the committee could go forward with a RFP early enough to make educated decisions.

Mr. Lazarus moved to accept the recommended food service proposal, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Mrs. Veugen stated that this decision was not contingent on the override vote.

Acceptance of Gift

Mrs. Veugen moved to accept the monetary gift from Cape Cod Five of \$5,000 towards technology at the Wareham Cooperative Jr./Sr. High School, seconded by Mr. Lazarus

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Superintendent's Report - none

School Committee Report

Mr. Flaherty and Mr. Swett met with the Superintendent on a background check policy to be coming forth shortly for review.

Mr. Lazarus reported that he had attended an informative meeting at Cape Cod Collaborative.

Chair Sylvia thanked committee members on the campaign work to vote for an override.

Any other business

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 8th with the primary focus on the superintendent's evaluation tool.

Mrs. Veugen asked for the procedures for background checks as well as the policy.

Mrs. Veugen publicly thanked Finance Committee Chair Larry McDonald for his service to the town as this evening was his last meeting.

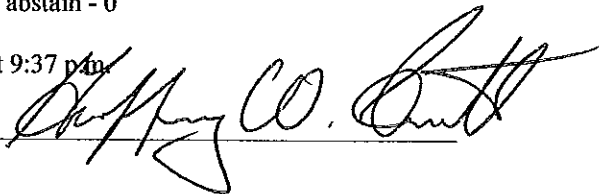
Dr. Sylvia also thanked Mrs. Donahue for her service on the Finance Committee as well.

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

**List of documents:**

District Handbook with Changes for 2014-15 and new regulations

WHS Athletic Department Spring Report 2014

WPS Plan for Continuous Improvement 2014-15 power point

SIP – Wareham High School; Wareham Middle School; John W. Decas Elementary School; Wareham Cooperative Jr./Sr. High School & West Wareham Academy; Minot Forest School

Food Service Delivery Plan FY2015

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

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