

November 12, 2014

A workshop meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Wareham Middle School Library. Members present were Dr. Cliff Sylvia, Mr. Mel Lazarus, Mr. Geoff Swett, Mr. Mike Flaherty, Mrs. Rhonda Veugen and Student Representative Nicole Russo as well as Superintendent Shaver-Hood. The administrators and principals were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sylvia at 6:00 p.m.

**Developing Budget Goals and Non Negotiables for FY'16**

Mr. MacMillan presented a report that outlined LEA historical expenses and contributions from various sources to meet the WPS budget.

Dr. Shaver-Hood asked what the important factors (non-negotiables) were that we need to keep in mind as we move forward in this budget work.

- Number of students with disabilities and the supports they require at the elementary level
- Class Size at the Middle School
- Special Education Compliance/Mr. Flaherty
- Staffing at Wareham Senior High, Minot & Decas/Mr. Lazarus
- Discretionary Line Items have been cut at High School
- Professional Development (specialized for high needs/risk students) for Co-Op
- Professional Development for Administrators
- Transportation must be maintained at High School
- School Resource Officer/Mr. Flaherty
- Curriculum Alignment, Scope and Sequence/Mr. Swett
- High Quality and Rigorous Curriculum \$258,000/Dr. Schwamb
- Shortfall of \$150,000 in the curriculum budget
- Formative Assessments and Benchmarks/Dr. Sylvia
- Infusing professional development into the school day/Dr. Sylvia
- Increase programming to keep up with 21<sup>st</sup> century/Dr. Sylvia

The Committee also discussed:

- What part of this budget can be cut without losing staff?
- We need to sell the Townspeople on the focus of our mission.
- We need to think about the budget process in a different way.
- Good Leadership
- We need to separate our passion for needing more money to retain good staff.
- We need to explore innovative strategies for turning around student behaviors that has true data behind it.
- Capital improvement needs

**Strategies:** Dr. Shaver-Hood presented the following:

- Consolidating technology with Town technology
- Consolidating Buses with Town Transportation
- Last year we tried to think about "outsource" but it was not supported

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: yea - 5; nay - 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

List of documents: FY15 Budget Development Guidelines & DRAFT FY16 Budget Process Timeline

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