

November 19, 2014

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Melvin Lazarus, Cliff Sylvia, Michael Flaherty and student rep, Nicole Russo as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz. Absent was member Rhonda Veugen.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

GOOD NEWS

Dr. Shaver-Hood invited the cast of Alice in Wonderland to perform. The play will be December 4, 5, & 6 at 7PM in the WHS Auditorium.

Mr. Swett reported that at the recent MASC/MASS Conference a student panel was formed for their thoughts on public education. The panel was comprised of 3 Wareham students - G. Allen Perry, Kimberly Barboza and Nicole Nault, graduate - and 3 Barnstable students.

Mr. Flaherty reported on the Decas PTA Holiday Fair and 7th Grade Nature's Classroom. Tomorrow evening is the WHS PTA Comedy Night. Tickets are still available

Dr. Sylvia reported on the town Veteran's Day Celebration. He had the pleasure honoring a veteran Steve Baptiste, who left WHS in 11th grade and joined the airborne, by presenting Mr. Baptiste with his official diploma from WHS. Chair Sylvia suggested that Mr. Baptiste participate somehow in June's graduation.

Minutes of the Meeting

Mr. Swett moved approval of the minutes of November 5, 2014, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Mr. Flaherty moved approval of the minutes of November 12, 2014, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea - 4; nay - 0; abstain - 0

Financial Reports

Mr. MacMillan, Business Manager, presented the monthly expenditure report for LEA accounts and one for revolving accounts for October. Last year reflects one more pay period and more encumbered purchase orders for out of district tuitions so the current balances are similar to last year's.

Mr. Flaherty asked for information on Curriculum Office and Department Heads and asked about the Textbooks/Software line having a negative balance, which he felt required a vote of School Committee.

Mr. Swett suggested the titles be updated and dollars be updated for the roles of supervisory and non-supervisory of department heads vs. curriculum leaders and asked if the administration had concerns or problems in tuition accounts.

Mr. MacMillan reported that we are in the process of purchasing from the transportation revolving account used buses. Also the School Choice previous balance was not carried forward correctly and it should be \$198,360.

Acceptance of Gifts

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended acceptance of the following gifts:

\$1,000 from Tastes & Sounds of the Atlantic Coast fundraiser sponsored by the Salerno family and MA Children's Relief to Wareham High School's Best Buddies program.

Mr. Lazarus moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Swett.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

\$350 from Tom Sarson to the WHS Marching Band toward the purchase of new uniforms.

Mr. Lazarus moved to accept the gift, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Re-Submission of Superintendent's Goal(s)

Dr. Shaver-Hood submitted a new Goal I – Building Capacity, which was based on discussions at the recent workshop meeting. She dropped Goal V. She stated that Educational Kinesiology focuses on the mind and we will be offering professional development to teachers to develop a more positive school culture and help students organize, meet goals, and delve into academic rigor using a base line with a pre-measurement and post-measurement.

Mr. Lazarus moved to accept Goal I as revised, seconded by Mr. Flaherty

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Tennis Court Project Vote

Students Elise Abbott, Mia Sarkisian, and Nicole Russo, along with Principal Palladino were present for Mr. Swett's tennis court project proposal.

What do we want to do?

Build 3 courts north/south on south side of Middle School. Due to the current fire lane and waiting areas for buses we could build the access road nearer to school building or build the courts and drive over courts with a double wide gate and a key to the Fire Chief. Also the manhole covers in this driveway are easy to move.

Why?

There are only 3 courts now with more students and five matches to a Varsity tennis match; clinics take over courts and this would allow some courts for adults; not all students are active in gym classes of 24 students on only 3 courts.

Cost?

The new courts must be hard courts of either surfaced asphalt or post tension concrete, which requires low maintenance and does not crack. The one proposal came in higher than expected so a net present value analysis was done.

Mr. Swett asked for a \$180,000 commitment. He has acquired half of the funding privately if the town funds the remainder. He asked permission from the committee to approve the project and bring it before the Board of Selectmen and Community Preservation Committee seeking \$90,000 from their recreation

fund. If CPC says yes, then the project will go to the April Town Meeting and the project will be put out to bid.

Mr. Lazarus moved to accept the recommendation to increase our tennis court capacity for a joint effort with private funding and CPC funds for \$180,000, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Chair Sylvia thanked Mr. Swett for his efforts in this comprehensive report.

Annual Report on District Wellness Program

In keeping with the school wellness policy update Mr. MacMillan, Business Manager, and Mrs. Perry, Food Service Manager, gave the following report.

- A listing of wellness program activities in each school
- Food service program update
Community Eligibility Program - national program providing free meals to all students,
Breakfast in the Classroom – serving our two elementary schools and grade 5 at the Middle School
- Participation #s from week 1 through week 11 for FY 2014 and FY 2015 for breakfast and lunch
- Finances and Income – Now income is received from a la carte, other sales, and reimbursements. The current projections is an increase from both FY13 and FY14
- Finance – Expenditure with a current projection of \$96,238

Mr. Swett suggested depreciation on all equipment to keep within the balance of \$96,000.

Nicole Russo stated that the drawback at the High School is logistic. More lunches are served so there are longer lines and fewer registers causing students not enough time to eat lunch.

Superintendent's Report

- 1) We are in the final stage of the high school roof with change orders being submitted
- 2) We started our budget meetings with administrators/directors and are reviewing the information for presentation at the all-day budget meeting with administrators and committee members, who can attend, on December 18th. The budget advisory committee will meet before this date.
- 3) Buses resulting from the bid award are starting to arrive.
- 4) Met with Education Foundation and reviewed grant applications, which will be made public in a few weeks, totaling \$8,000.

School Committee Reports

- MASC Advisory Selection of Arbitrators – Dr. Sylvia stated that the local school committees are at a disadvantage so MASC is making itself available to all school committees using them as a resource to advise us on arbitrator selection.

Mr. Swett moved that the Wareham School Committee designate the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Inc. (MASC) as one of Wareham School Committee's representatives pursuant to G.L. c.150E, S. 1, for particular purpose of selecting an arbitrator and receiving arbitration decisions, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Any other business

Mr. Flaherty mentioned about the live blogging at School Committee meetings but noted that the packet has not been available on line before the meeting.

Dr. Shaver-Hood will have the documents placed on the website

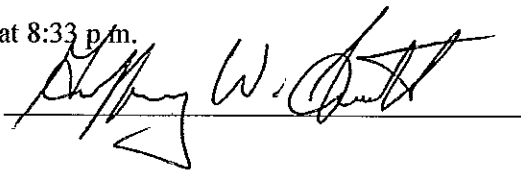
Dr. Sylvia stated Chair Slavin of the Board of Selectmen is now not available for a joint meeting he had suggested on December 18th but Dr. Sylvia feels the Committee needs a discussion first before a joint meeting is held.

Mr. Swett moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Flaherty.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

**List of documents:**

Monthly Revolving Accounts Report October

Monthly Expenditure Report October

Superintendent Goals for School Year 2014-2015

Tennis Court Project

District Food Service Programs Update

MASC Legislative Bulletin

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, List of Vacancies, Personnel List