

May 6, 2015

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Mel Lazarus, Cliff Sylvia, Judy Caporiccio, Rhonda Veugen, Geoff Swett and Nicole Russo, student representative, as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

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

### **School Committee Recognition**

Dr. Shaver-Hood and School Committee members presented a certificate and pin to the following staff for their years of services:

Principal Palladino of the High School introduced his staff.

- Pam Franklin – 30 years of service and was not present
- Susan Nobrega – 20 years of service and was not present
- Jacqueline Schulze – 30 years of service

Principal Minkle of the Middle School introduced his staff.

- Sheila Furtado – 30 years of service
- Maureen Reber – 30 years of service
- Barbara Welch – 20 years of service
- Tracie Cote – 20 years of service
- Suzanne Taber – 20 years of service
- Gene Hamel – 20 years of service

Principal Seamans of Minot Forest introduced her staff.

- Teresa DeFilippo – 20 years of service and was not present
- Lori Morse – 20 years of service and was not present
- Patricia O'Brien – 20 years of service
- Elaine Sinclair – 20 years of service

Business Manager MacMillan recognized System staff.

- Lynn Westgate – 30 years of service and was not present
- Edwin Batterton – 20 years of service and was not present

Transportation Manager Tatro introduced his staff.

- Patricia Gomes – 30 years of service and was not present
- Judith Stringer – 30 years of service
- Donna Gregory – 30 years of service

Chair Swett recessed the meeting to congratulate the staff and share refreshments (6:54 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

### **GOOD NEWS**

Dr. Shaver-Hood announced the WHS spring musical on May 14<sup>th</sup> and May 16<sup>th</sup>

Mrs. Veugen announced that 3<sup>rd</sup> graders finished MCAS.

Ms. Russo announced that Senior Prom is this weekend and seniors have less than one month to graduation.

Mr. Lazarus reported he had attended the JROTC Awards Night and the program is building and working well.

Mr. Swett announced that last night he and the Superintendent attended the induction initiation process for the High School Key Club to be part of the Kiwanis Key Association. He had also attended the WHS Art Show which displayed remarkable work by students.

Dr. Sylvia acknowledged our International Finalist in DECA (scored in top 10) Paige Fehskens. This is quite an accomplishment for her, her family and Wareham.

Mrs. Veugen asked if the twenty-four students who attended National Competition could come share their experience at the next School Committee meeting.

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

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the minutes of April 8, 2015 as presented, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

#### **School Attending Children Report**

Dr. Shaver-Hood reported that 661 students who are Wareham residents are not attending the Wareham Public Schools. She reviewed the eight-year comparison increases and had sent out random surveys why students are being taken from Wareham. She is reviewing the answers and the public's perception to move our students forward.

Dr. Sylvia spoke on the public's perception and the need to keep educating the public on our system. He highlighted WHS's AP structure, JROTC program, and DECA program.

Mrs. Veugen mentioned some data points: 1) elementary to middle high number of kids leaving; 2) private/parochial, agricultural, and vocational about the same numbers. She read an article on marketing public schools and wanted a plan of what we are going to do with these numbers.

Chair Swett spoke on the demographic fact "shrinking" in Massachusetts and that we must look at the cost of providing education with fewer children.

#### **Acceptance of Gifts**

Dr. Sylvia moved the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept a donation of \$1,000 from The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank to Wareham High School, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Mrs. Veugen moved the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the donation of 104 new Nook HD covers to the district from Barnes & Nobles, seconded by Dr. Sylvia.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **K-4 Report Cards**

Dr. Schwamb acknowledged members of the report card committee. The purpose of the new K-4 report cards is for common language, clarity and consistent communication. She reviewed the process which

began in 2013-14 to align the report cards with the common core. The product is unique to each grade level, has standards and is a collaborative process. The payoff is to implement the new report cards in 2015-16, the report card is results driven with high expectation, creates teacher autonomy, and keeps the end in mind from the beginning.

There was discussion of the report card format with assessments and aligning common core standards.

#### **Vote to Approve Obsolete Equipment List**

Mr. MacMillan presented a list of Obsolete Equipment. The equipment came from two sources: on-going replacement of technology and items gathered following the closing of Hammond, Everett and West. The items would be sold, donated or trashed. Once the School Committee declares the list as obsolete, it must receive approval from the Board of Selectmen.

It was noted that staffing to sell the items will cost us money.

Dr. Sylvia moved to declare the April 30, 2015 list of equipment as obsolete, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **Monthly Financial Report for April**

Mr. MacMillan presented the April financial report which, compared to last year, includes one more pay period. The out of district costs should be close to budget. He felt we should come in as expected by the end of the year. The Chair expressed concerns in some accounts

#### Transfer Requests –

Mrs. Veugen moved to transfer \$30,000 from Heating to Maintenance Grounds, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

Mrs. Veugen moved to transfer \$7,500 from Principal Office and Maintenance Equipment to Copier Leases, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain – 0

#### **Report on Food Service Program**

Mr. MacMillan introduced Rob Shaheen, Food Service Director. The report included information on the community eligibility program, meals served comparison, and projections for November, thru March and the current forecast with a slight surplus.

There was discussion on the reimbursement rate for next year and students having to pay for extras which are not part of a reimbursable meal. Mr. Shaheen is working on grants for the summer program and project bread.

Mr. Lazarus was pleased to see participation increases especially in breakfast.

It was reported that the Community Eligibility Program could be either by the district or by school or a group of schools. Mr. Shaheen is reviewing these figures as well as assessing all equipment needs.

Chair Swett asked that a depreciation schedule for the equipment be included in the next report.

Mr. MacMillan thanked the people in the kitchen for their hard work to make this program work.

#### **School Committee Calendar of Meeting Dates**

Chair Swett reported he had met with the Superintendent and is proposing the calendar of meeting dates which includes one meeting in July and one in August, a second meeting in April and still 3 meetings in January for budget.

Mrs. Veugen asked to include on the December 17<sup>th</sup> – All Day Budget Meeting that the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee are invited. She asked that the planning dates regarding the budget be part of the overall meeting calendar. Chair Swett will consider her request.

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

Upcoming Events: AP testing at WHS - MCAS testing, PARCC, senior exams - Art display at WHS - May 30 & 31 – town clean up - Kindergarten ice cream social  
Teacher Appreciation Week – We would not have a district such as ours without their hard work and we value you.

#### **School Committee Reports**

##### Committee Assignments 2015-16

The only change to the assignments was Mrs. Veugen preferred not to be on the Superintendent's Curriculum Review Committee with all her other assignments so Ms. Caporiccio agreed to be the representative.

#### **Any other business**

Chair Swett made the following announcements:

WEA Retirement Party at Salerno's on May 29<sup>th</sup>

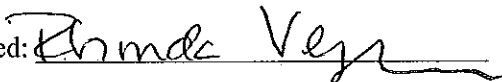
Senior Promenade this Saturday at WHS Auditorium 4PM

Graduation on June 5<sup>th</sup>, rain date June 6<sup>th</sup> Three students would like a School Committee member to give them their diploma. Ms. Caporiccio, Dr. Sylvia and Mr. Lazarus will give out the diplomas. Chair Swett will inform Ms. Cinelli.

Dr. Sylvia moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: 

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

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List; Notice of Vacancy Listing  
School Attending 2015

Donations – The Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank; Barnes & Nobles Booksellers

Power Point K-4 Report Cards

WPS Building Obsolete Inventory – 04/30/2015

WPS Monthly Expenditure Report 2015 April

WPS Financial Report: Transfer Requests May 6, 2015

WPS District Food Service Update May 2015

Meeting Dates 2015-2016

Wareham School Committee – Committee Assignments 2015-2016

