

June 3, 2015

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Melvin Lazarus, Cliff Sylvia, Judy Caporiccio and Nicole Russo, student representative 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 Swett at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jessee Clements of the Special Education PAC asked what was happening regarding the budget conversations to close East.

Dr. Shaver-Hood replied that we are relocating the programs to the McDuffy Annex and are looking at alternative programs to make adjustments. We are in the transition phase on relocating. There are currently 111 students and student services will remain as per the IEPs.

Ms. Clements read from the DESE PAC guidelines and stated that she would like the SpEd PAC to be involved in what is special education in the schools. Ms. Clements will speak further with Dr. Shaver-Hood regarding involvement of the special education PAC.

GOOD NEWS

Mr. Lazarus personally thanked retiring Head Basketball Coach Kevin Brogioli on a terrific job with the students in Wareham and for his teamwork, sportsmanship and the championships to the school. We will miss his leadership and his ability as a coach and wished him well.

Chair Swett attended the Athletic Award Ceremony which was well attended and recognized by Principal Palladino and the AD were long time coaches Kevin Brogioli, Cynthia Sylvia, and Madeline Silva, all leaving their coaching positions.

Dr. Sylvia enjoyed the Cooperative graduation ceremony earlier this evening.

Presentation to Student Representative – Chair Swett stated that it has been a pleasure and privilege to have Nicole Russo the last two years as our student representative and commended her on her extraordinary leadership. She is also this year's Class Valedictorian. Nicole was given a gift and a certificate for her service.

Minutes of the Meeting

Dr. Sylvia moved to accept the minutes of May 20, 2015, as presented, seconded by Mrs. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

(Dr. Sylvia left the meeting room 7:15 – 7:17 pm.)

Mid-Year Review of Superintendent's Goals 2014-15

Dr. Shaver-Hood gave a summary of her progress on the goals:

#1 Building Capacity – she listed opportunities for professional development, data and communications, opportunities for our students, and better teaching practices

#2 Allocation of Resources – We have a SRO, electronic visitor system in our schools, interactive projectors in classrooms at Decas, computers at Minot, will be hardwiring our elementary buildings,

purchased chromebooks and shifting iPads to lower elementary, began working with Brain Gym and Big Balance Balls with students.

Dr. Shaver-Hood responded to Chair Swett's inquiry that the ALICE Program, a school reaction to intruder program, is being rolled out at the middle school next year and the elementary level the following year.

(Mr. Lazarus left the meeting room 7:20 – 7:22 p.m.)

#3 Increasing Leadership Capacity WPS – opportunities and grooming leaders, strategic plan discussions, baccalaureate program being developed, and additional technology programs at our high school. The strategic planning committee this Monday evening will start to develop an action plan with goals.

#4 Communication – looking to become excellent partners with our community through various means i.e., surveys, blogs

Standards:

Instructional Leadership - Math K-6 pilot next year, teacher chosen; exploring IT curriculum middle/high; introduced FAST online diagnostic test with results for instruction; grants for STEAM

Dr. Sylvia stressed the need to have consistent strategy in teaching math and to give it time to take hold.

Chair Swett stated that with the exception of mandated MASC/PARCC testing every effort is being made for other testing to be formative and diagnostic.

Operations and Management – we completed the high school roof project and have been invited into the Decas project; policies are in place; run a tight fiscal system

Family and Community Engagement – examples given were the ice cream social, expo at Wareham Middle School, honor awards ceremonies, art shows

Professional Culture – The roll of Superintendent is to make things happen by removing barriers, empowering others, and making our students successful. She is willing to listen to what is best for kids.

Dr. Shaver-Hood would appreciate feedback from the committee, community, and staff.

Update to Bus Transportation Policy

The current and proposed bus transportation policies were provided. The budget which was passed makes the financial assumption of savings based on the proposed policy. Chair Swett read the proposed policy.

Dr. Sylvia stated his position will be voting no on the proposed bus transportation policy.

Chair Swett asked the Superintendent to consider adding the following to the policy as was discussed during budget deliberations - during severe inclement weather at the Superintendent's discretion accommodations will be made for mega.

The vote was delayed as there was not a full committee.

Approval of District Handbook 2015-16

Dr. Schwamb stated that a list of changes made to the Handbook had been provided.

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated the handbook has been reviewed by our attorney. We will have to make any changes voted for the bus transportation policy.

Miss Russo stated that as a student she never looked at the District Handbook.

Chair Swett stated that the handbook is daunting with a lot of verbiage. It serves as placing the system in compliance. A future handbook is in need of an executive summary of your rights and responsibility as a student in the Wareham Public Schools.

There was discussion on the changes not lining up with the documents sent via email.

Since technology failed us, Chair Swett asked to have the actual changes in the packet for the next meeting.

Release of Executive Session Minutes

Chair Swett announced that the following executive session minutes are appropriate for release to the public: February 5, 2014, February 24, 2014, May 7, 2014, May 15, 2014, September 3, 2014, March 23, 2015 and April 2, 2015.

Superintendent's Report

- Visitors this week from DESE Nutrition to review the breakfast program at Decas School
- DESE to release dates on MCAS results – June 15th preliminary results, July 3rd partial reports, August students roster posted, in early September official rosters to administrators and mid-September release results to public.
- Awards Night tomorrow evening to celebrate seniors with Friday Graduation

School Committee Reports

Chair Swett reported on the Division VII meeting – The speakers were Ron Noble of DESE Evaluation Implementation who spoke on controlled data with overall sensitivity its use; and Chair Department STEAM and Teacher Prep of UMass Dartmouth who stated it was much more difficult to become a teacher and the quality of teachers continues to improve in Massachusetts.

Any other business

Miss Russo stated that it was an honor to represent her peers on this committee and she was lucky to go through the Wareham Public Schools and this committee makes it very special.

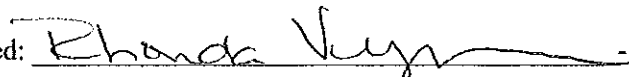
Dr. Sylvia personally wished Nicole luck and thanked her for her contributions on the committee.

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

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain – 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



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List of documents:

Correspondence: Superintendent's Newsletter, Personnel List, Notice of Vacancy Listing
Progress Report of Superintendent's 2014-2015 Goals
Bus Transportation Policy/Proposed
District Handbook 2015-16

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