

July 8, 2015

A meeting of the Wareham School Committee was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Wareham Middle School Auditorium. Present were Geoff Swett, Mel Lazarus, Cliff Sylvia, Judy Caporiccio, Rhonda Veugen, and student representative Noah Wambolt as well as Superintendent Kimberly Shaver-Hood, and recording secretary, Mrs. Ruiz.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Swett at 7:03 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jessee Clements, SpEd PAC President thanked Mary Morgan and Dr. Marks for their service. She had questions on how the CPR results will be presented; the restructuring of jobs in the fall; what the administrative staff will look like; and the vision or philosophy of special education with the loss of positions.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood replied that the administration reviewed the various positions for efficiency and meeting the needs of our students. She will be coming to the School Committee with information on various budgeted positions. Our philosophy is to provide for all students the best equal opportunity to meet their needs.

GOOD NEWS

Ms. Caporiccio attended the Middle School Graduation, which was a moving ceremony.

Mr. Lazarus and Dr. Sylvia attended a retirement party at WHS to honor Robin Cambra, Jeff Dunn and Pam Franklin.

Minutes of the Meeting

Dr. Sylvia moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2015, seconded by Mrs. Veugen.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Approval of Middle and Elementary Handbooks for 2015-16

Dr. Shaver-Hood stated that the handbooks were content driven. Grammatical and name changes still need to be made.

Principal Seamans stated that some sections were added and some deleted based on the district handbook; i.e., added appearance and proper dress and discipline with bus information are all now in one book. This document is now called a handbook and not an addendum.

There was discussion on excused and unexcused absences. The Superintendent will get together with administration regarding absences and come back with suggestions.

Page 18 Section ALS can be removed since it is for the high school.

Dr. Sylvia suggested a handbook review process. He also suggested the title include a handbook for parents.

Superintendent Shaver-Hood stated that she will allow time for the principals to review their handbook and make it their own for a quality product.

Mrs. Veugen referenced the survey results relative to enforcing school rules for all students. The district needs to be supporting and working with parents and giving all the necessary tools and support to the

teachers. She suggested something similar to the bus misconduct repeat offenses be done for misconduct in the classrooms.

Mr. Swett stated that the introduction statement in the elementary handbook was strong but asked the principals to look at the words "right" and "regulations" and not only should the parents/guardians be responsible for the care of their children but how about behavior.

Dr. Sylvia suggested under parent conferences in the Middle School Handbook, page 9, he would rather have the school contact the parent to make an appointment to discuss the behavior of their child. Also on page 9 the statement that power school may not completely be accurate or updated sends a negative connotation to parents.

Spring Athletic Report

Ed Rodrigues, AD, announced that the Girls' Volleyball team raised enough funds to go to Florida for the Tournament, many 8th graders have signed up for fall sports, and we have hired some new coaches this year.

Spring Financial Report – We will have a full report in the fall. Mrs. Veugen asked for a comparison of the prior year.

Mentioned was the phenomenal year for Girls' Track with an average GPA of 90.8 and comments on not many volunteers in spring sports.

(7:52 p.m. Mr. Lazarus left meeting room and returned at 7:54 p.m.)

Mr. Rodrigues also presented the summary of teams, grade point average, fundraisers, and team stats. Mr. Rodrigues responded to the committee members' questions concerning 8th grade participation, user fees, and improvements in the athletic program.

Acceptance of Gift

Dr. Shaver-Hood recommended accepting the donation from Cape Cod 5 Savings Bank of \$1,000 to WMS for the student activities account for clubs/after school programs.

Dr. Sylvia moved the recommendation to accept the gift, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Request for Installation of Window at WHS

Teachers and DECA Advisors Cindy Sylvia and Monice Maurice came before the committee as per the policy to request installation of windows at the High School in the school store/office/back room storage area for DECA. Two windows will be made in the fake wall with counters as bank teller windows at no cost to the district or DECA. Plymouth County Teachers Federal Credit Union will donate the cost of the project.

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the request for installation of windows, seconded by Mr. Lazarus.

VOTE: yea – 4; nay – 0; abstain - 1 (Dr. Sylvia)

Superintendent's Report

We have started the extended day program and CARE program.

School Committee Reports

Articles of Agreement Cape Cod Collaborative – Mr. Lazarus reported that there are virtually no changes. The School Committee must sign off on this document per the state.

Mrs. Veugen moved to approve the Articles of Agreement with the Cape Cod Collaborative as presented, seconded by Ms. Caporiccio.

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

Any other business

None

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

VOTE: yea – 5; nay – 0; abstain - 0

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

List of documents:

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

WMS Handbook for Staff & Students 2015-16

Elementary Handbook of policies and procedures for students and staff 2015-2016

WHS Athletic Department Spring Report 2015

Approval of Gift WMS

