

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole Town Hall – Main Meeting Room

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Mr. Buckley, Mrs. Geosits, Ms. Muccini, Mrs. Gallivan, Mr. Breen, Mrs. Syrek

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Lincoln D. Lynch III, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent Bridget A. Gough, Ed. D.

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by School Committee Chairperson Buckley.

DOCUMENTS PROVIDED TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE: *(These documents are located in School Committee Files in the Superintendent's Office)*

1. About the Award (re: Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching)
2. Out of State Field Trip Requests
3. Copy of Social Studies Task Force Update Presentation
4. Science Curriculum Presentation by Meme O'Malley
5. Notes re: Health Curriculum
6. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
7. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:

Student Representative to the School Committee, Maggie Jackson, reported on recent academic, athletic and extracurricular activity at Walpole High School.

RECOGNITIONS

1. Katie Hurwitz, Walpole High School - Katie Hurwitz, a Walpole High School Senior, was present for her being recognized by the Metta Students Foundation. The Metta Students Foundation promotes kindness and goodwill. Katie started the Random Acts of Kindness Club at Walpole High School and has done many kind community acts. Katie indicated she enjoys giving back to the community and is grateful that she is able to.

2. Dave Kujawski, Bird Middle School Teacher - Dave Kujawski, Bird Middle School Science Teacher, was recognized for being named the Science Educator of the year for Norfolk County 2018 from the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. Dave was also one of three state finalists for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Out of State Field Trip Requests - The School Committee unanimously voted to approve self-funded field trips as follows:

Motion: Old Post Road School Hot Hoppers Jump Rope Team to Weare, NH on January 20, 2019

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: Old Post Road School Hot Hoppers Jump Rope Team to Kingston, NH on March 16, 2019

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: Old Post Road School Hot Hoppers Jump Rope Team to Conway, NH on June 1, 2019

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: Old Post Road School Hot Hoppers Jump Rope Team to Lake Buena Vista, FL from June 25, 2019 through June 29, 2019

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: Bird Middle School Grade 8 to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on the second to last day of school.

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: Walpole High School students to Panama during April break, 2020

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

2. Social Studies Task Force Update - Mike Donohue, Social Studies Department Chair, presented progress made to date by the Social Studies Task Force. He discussed the Massachusetts Social Studies Frameworks/Standards implications for different grade levels.

3. Science Curriculum Report - Meme O'Malley, Science Curriculum Coordinator for Grades 6 – 12, discussed the Science curriculum, including new programs implemented and future steps.

4. Health Curriculum Update - Wellness Coordinator David Wall presented on current and future topics covered in the Health curriculum. Mr. Wall discussed long-term goals regarding Health curriculum for Walpole Public Schools. Mrs. Caulfield interjected her belief that the schools and curriculum does not adequately address racism in the country, state, and town.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Massachusetts School Building Authority Possible Invitation into Grant Program -

Dr. Lynch indicated that the Massachusetts Schools Building Authority (MSBA) has accepted the Walpole School District's Statement of Interest for Bird Middle School into MSBA's Grant Eligibility Period. The invitation includes consideration of Johnson Middle School for potential consolidation of all students in grades 6-8 (only). Successful completion of the Eligibility Period will allow the Town to be eligible for the next step, which is an invitation to the Feasibility Study phase. This process will include the creation of a local School Building Committee comprised of members of the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, finance officials, school administrators, town administrators, and

community members with architecture, engineering and construction experience. MSBA requires a long-term education plan, enrollment study, and a maintenance plan submitted.

Information will be provided to the community through regular School Committee Meetings, Facebook, a dedicated web page, E-notes, and social media.

http://www.walpole.k12.ma.us/news/what_s_new/m_s_b_a_acceptance

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. Strategic Plan – Save the Dates - The Walpole Public Schools Strategic Plan Meeting is scheduled for two days this year because it is time to re-write the Plan. Please plan to attend on both February 7 and February 14, 2019. The meeting is held at Walpole Public Library, Community Room from 8:30 a.m. until approximately 3:00 p.m. The participation of School Committee members, administration, teachers, town personnel, parents, community members and students is a key factor to the success of this endeavor.

Strategic Planning is a process for creating an organization’s preferred future. It is a long-range planning process for organizational renewal and transformation which provides a framework for improving programs, management functions, and evaluation of an organization’s progress. Strategic planning helps organizations think and act strategically, develop effective strategies, clarify future directions, establish priorities, improve organizational performance, build teamwork and expertise, and deal effectively with a rapidly changing environment. The strategic planning process involves a series of steps that moves an organization through:

- analyzing relevant external trends and their implications;
- assessing organizational capacity to manage external change;
- developing a mission statement and guiding beliefs;
- establishing goals, objectives, and action plans designed to move the organization to where it wants to be;
- setting a strategic direction to follow to achieve its mission and objectives;
- communicating its mission, beliefs, and goals/objectives to all stakeholder groups;
- implementing action plans it has developed

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Fales, Leach, Rogers & Kunde Scholarships – The School Committee Reported that the Fales, Leach, Rogers & Kunde Scholarship Meeting was held on Tuesday, December 11. There were many scholarship applications and the Committee applauded the efforts of all applicants.

2. Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting - Dr. Lynch reported the Curriculum Subcommittee met with The Clifford School (formerly Long View Farms). Clifford School has improved staffing levels and the Subcommittee discussed having a liaison available to the Walpole Public Schools. The Clifford School plans to ramp up enrollments up to 40 students in grades 6 – 12 over the next three years. The Clifford School will be presenting at the January 10, 2019 School Committee Meeting regarding staffing levels, communication plan and curriculum roll-out.

3. School Committee/Leadership Council Budget Workshop - A School Committee/Leadership Budget Workshop was held on December 4, 2018 to discuss FY '20 budget estimates and staffing needs.

4. Safe Schools Initiative Update - Dr. Gough showed the School Committee the developments on the newly revised District webpage regarding the Safe School Initiative. The public is encouraged to view this page and the resources located at: http://www.walpole.k12.ma.us/news/what_s_new/safe_schools. Special thanks to BJ Burke for her hard work and creativity with the new webpage.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated December 11, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Syrek **Second:** Mrs. Muccini **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated December 11, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Syrek **Second:** Ms. Muccini **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the donations as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated December 11, 2018.

Moved: Ms. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Syrek **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the Superintendent Interview School Committee Meeting Minutes for November 26, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Geosits **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes for November 29, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Geosits **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the School Committee/Leadership Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes for December 4, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Geosits **Vote:** 6-0-0, in favor

At 9:08 p.m. Mr. Buckley announced the School Committee would be entering into Executive Session for the purposes of (1) discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and if the Chair so declares and (2) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.. The School Committee will not be returning to open session.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of (1) discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and if the Chair so declares and (2) to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.

Moved: Mrs. Gallivan **Second:** Mr. Breen

Roll **Mrs. Gallivan: Yes; Mr. Breen: Yes; Ms. Muccini: Yes; Mr. Buckley: Yes;**

Call: **Mrs. Syrek: Yes; Mrs. Geosits: Yes**

Vote: **6-0-0, in favor**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman