

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

January 10, 2019 – 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.
School Business Administrator, Michael V. Friscia

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. FY '19 Financial Summary
2. DRAFT Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures Over Compliance applicable to
Massachusetts School Districts' End-of Year-Financial Report – Fiscal year Ended June 30,
2018
3. DRAFT 2019-2020 School Year Calendar
4. DRAFT 2019-2020 School Start and End Times
5. DRAFT 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Calendar
6. MSBA Eligibility Period Schedule of Deliverables
7. MSBA Letter
8. FY '19 Foundation Budget Per Pupil
9. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
10. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held in honor of Mrs. Jane Gulla, a long time teacher at the Walpole Public
Schools.

WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clifford Home Curriculum - Representatives of The Clifford Academy (formerly Long View
Farms) were in attendance to discuss the structure of Clifford Academy. They indicated that the new
school would provide behavioral, therapeutic, and academic services for approximately 40 students at
the most. The age range will be confined to 12 – 18 years of age. The School Committee unanimously
voted to approve the “Clifford Academy curriculum” (only).

Motion: To approve the Clifford Academy curriculum.

Moved: Mr. Breen

Second: Mrs. Syrek

Vote: 6-0-0, in favor

2. **Mid-year FY '19 Budget Review-** Mr. Friscia gave a summary of the FY '19 mid-year financial report.
3. **2019-2020 School Year Calendar** - The School Committee was provided with a proposed draft calendar for the 2019-2020 school year. The calendar proposes that teachers will return to school on Monday, August 26; students in grades 1 through 12 will return to school on Wednesday, August 28, 2019; PreK and Kindergarten students will return to school on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The last day of school for Grades K- 11, without snow/emergency days would be Friday, June 12, 2020.
4. **2019-2020 School Year Start and End Times** – The School Committee was provided a 2019-2020 School Year Start and End Times. Next year represents Year 1 of the three-year elementary school start time rotation. Elm Street School and Old Post Road School will start at 8:55 a.m. and end at 3:25 p.m. Boyden and Fisher Schools will start at 8:25 a.m. and conclude at 2:55 p.m. The Daniel Feeney Preschool start time has been adjusted to start the morning session at 8:30 a.m. and end at 11:00 a.m.; and the 5-day with lunch program will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.
5. **First Reading – 2019 School Committee Meeting Calendar** - The School Committee was provided with a proposed draft calendar for the 2019-2020 SC Meetings. This draft calendar was presented for the School Committee's discussion and review as a first reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Massachusetts School Building Authority Possible Invitation into Grant Program** – Dr. Lynch discussed a schedule provided by the Massachusetts Schools Building Authority (MSBA) with respect to the MSBA invitation for Bird Middle School into the Eligibility Period. This 270-day Eligibility Period schedule is the beginning of the MSBA's grant approval process and outlines preliminary requirements necessary to determine readiness as well as identify needs for planning and budgeting. The successful completion of the tasks outlined in the schedule will allow the Town to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to a Feasibility Study.

This Eligibility Period will commence on April 1, 2019 and conclude on December 27, 2019.

A reminder that updates 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. **Public Budget Hearings Announcement** - Dr. Lynch indicated the dates for the three Public Budget Hearings are as follows:
 - Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - Goods and Services budgets for all schools and Capital Budget Requests
 - Thursday, January 17, 2019 - Review of Personnel Budget Requests and other budget discussions to be continued from previous meeting
 - Tuesday, January 22, 2019 - meeting will be held only if necessary

- These meetings will be held at Walpole High School in the Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

2. Strategic Plan Reminder - 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.

- The Strategic Plan defines the mission, vision, guiding beliefs, and goals and objectives which will guide the school district during the next three to five years.
- The Walpole Public Schools Strategic Plan Meetings are scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2019 and a second session on Thursday, February 14, 2019. The meetings will be held at the Walpole Public Library 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.

3. Personnel - Dr. Lynch announced the retirement of long-time Fisher School Principal Colleen Duggan at the end of this school year.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated January 8, 2019.

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

Motion: To approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated January 8, 2019.

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

Motion: To approve the donations as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated January 8, 2019.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

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

Motion: To approve the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the School Committee Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the School Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Muccini Second: Mr. Breen Vote: 6-0-0, in favor

At 8:39 p.m. Mr. Buckley announced the School Committee would be entering into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategies. The School Committee will not be returning to open session.

Motion: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining strategies.

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 8:39 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, January 31, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman