

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

November 15, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole Police Station – Conference Room

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

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Lincoln D. Lynch III, Ed. D.
Assistant Superintendent Bridget A. Gough, Ed. D.
School Business Administrator, Michael Friscia

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:31 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 '20 Budget Timeline
2. Enrollment Update
3. Memo re: Future Curriculum Performance Growth School Committee Presentation Schedule
4. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
5. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **MCAS Report** - Dr. Bridget Gough gave an overview of the 2018 MCAS, including a summary of all scores in each performance level.
2. **ELA Coordinator Report** - Shannon Findley, English Language Arts K-5 Coordinator, presented on ELA curriculum. She has been collaborating with teachers and specialists to develop and implement an exemplary curriculum/literacy program. She has been assessing student achievement, and developing future plans. She outlined the next steps to continue supporting literacy and learning for teachers and students. Ms. Findley will be presenting additional information to the School Committee as the migration from Reading Street program to Foundations matures.
3. **FY '20 Budget Timeline** – The FY '20 Budget Timetable was presented to the School Committee and will be posted on the District webpage at www.walpole.k12.ma.us.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Safety/Security Update from Walpole Police Chief John Carmichael** -Walpole Police Chief John Carmichael provided a safety and security update to the School Committee. He outlined training and preparedness undertakings. He discussed the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter,

Evacuate) training of all school staff. Chief Carmichael said the goal is to train all staff and students so the ALICE concept/acronym becomes second nature in the event of a major event at a school.

Mr. Friscia discussed the recent capital improvements and grants for safety upgrades. He indicated “Go Bags” are in each classroom and staff have an understanding on how to use materials in the bags. Two-way radios have been upgraded in each school. Panic buttons have been installed in each school office and phone systems have been updated.

2. Safe Schools Initiative Report - Mr. Buckley gave a summary of the recently held Safe Schools Initiative Committee Meeting. Parents/attendees were shown the revamped District webpage with bullying information, reporting information, definitions and resources. It was a productive evening and the School Committee received very good feedback from parents about what works, what is best and how to make things better. The newly revamped page can be found at <https://sites.google.com/walpole.k12.ma.us/bullyingprevention/home>. If you have ideas, thoughts or comments on this matter, please share them with the School Committee.

Mrs. Gallivan recapped the Anti-Bullying Parent Night held in October with Mr. Zitoli. Many valuable suggestions and practical advice was received at this meeting. This Meeting was recorded and can be found at <https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/uZcpgHEaKQJJjrP2iCkoRSkyKbNZPvO-/media/391197?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true>.

3. Superintendent Search Update - Mr. Buckley discussed the superintendent hiring process to date. The process began with Dorothy Presser, MASC, attending a School Committee Meeting and listing all options. Ms. Presser indicated if you have a viable internal candidate, that candidate should be looked at. The School Committee inquired of any internal interested and qualified candidates. Dr. Bridget Gough emerged as a candidate and the School Committee decided to ask her to submit an application. A superintendent criteria survey was also sent to all parents and posted in the local newspaper for anyone interested to participate. Several focus groups were scheduled and held with staff, town officials, school administration, community members and parents. A formal interview of Dr. Gough will be held on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room at Town Hall

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Enrollment Update – Churn Rate – Dr. Lynch gave the School Committee enrollment changes as of May 1, 2018 showing the number of new students enrolled and the number of students who have left the District.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting - Dr. Lynch gave the School Committee a summary of the recently held Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting. Some of the Subcommittee Meeting discussions focused on ELA benchmarking, math options, Walpole High School classes and middle school test scores. The Subcommittee also talked about upcoming School Committee presentations with respect to curriculum reporting. The goal is to increase reporting and show more evidence of effectiveness.

2. MASC/MASS Joint Meeting Update - The MASC/MASS Joint Conference was held from November 7 through November 9, 2018. Many valuable sessions were attended by the Superintendent and Mrs. Gallivan.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated November 13, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Syrek **Second:** Ms. Muccini **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated November 13, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Syrek **Second:** Ms. Muccini **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the donations as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated November 13, 2018.

Moved: Ms. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Syrek **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2018.

Moved: Mrs. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Geosits **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the School Committee Executive Session Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2018.

Moved: Ms. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Geosits **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Motion: To approve the Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2018.

Moved: Ms. Muccini **Second:** Mrs. Syrek **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 29, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman