

# **WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 29, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole Town Hall – Main Meeting Room

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

**ADMINISTRATION:** Assistant Superintendent Bridget A. Gough, Ed. D.

**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. Out of State Field Trip Request
2. Strategic Plan Goal 4 Action Steps
3. SAT/AP Report
4. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
5. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

The Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The School Committee had a moment of silence for former Walpole Public Schools teacher Agnes M. Dauphinais and former Board of Selectmen members William J. Maloney, Jr. and Joseph M. Denneen.

## **WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Out of State Field Trip Request** - The School Committee unanimously voted to approve a self-funded field trip for Walpole High School to Spain from April 11, 2019 through April 21, 2019.

**Motion:** To approve Walpole High School Foreign language classes to Spain from April 11, 2019 through April 21, 2019

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

**2. Goal 4 Strategic Plan Update** - Ann Arpin gave an update of the Strategic Plan Goal 4. Goal 4 is as follows:

4. To maximize opportunities provided by technology to enhance teaching and learning and efficient operations.
  - 4.1 Expand use of digital learning resources to maximize student achievement, curriculum delivery, communication and assessments.
  - 4.2 Continue digital learning professional development to enhance student learning.
  - 4.3 Provide adequate physical and human resources to deliver and support digital learning environments.

**3. Digital Learning Coaches Report** - The Digital Learning Coaches discussed the digital learning uses of technology to enhance teaching and learning.

- The Digital Literacy Vision Statement is as follows: Through continued and evolving access to digital resources, students are empowered to personalize their learning to master essential content and 21st century skills, both in and outside the classroom. Through the transformative use of technology, Walpole Public Schools creates an interconnected educational community to actively explore and design solutions to real-world matters.
- The Digital Learning Coaches said that teachers across the grade levels are incorporating the Google Suite tools to enhance the 4 C's of learning: Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity.

**4. SAT/AP Report to School Committee** - Principal Stephen Imbusch reported on Advanced Placement and SAT testing at Walpole High School.

**5. Math Coach Report** - The elementary and middle school math coaches reported on the progress to date and future plans. Highlights include:

- Teaching math labs in middle schools
- Improved communication between buildings
- Relationship building with teachers
- Math Curriculum Nights
- Informational Nights on grade level curriculum
- Google Classrooms for teachers
- Provided resources for teachers to use during their math instruction
- Coaching/collaboration with teachers on the implementation of Math Workshop
- Work in targeted intervention groups

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Superintendent Search Update** - Last Monday evening, the School Committee conducted a formal interview of Dr. Bridget Gough for the position of Superintendent of the Walpole Public Schools. Throughout her 90 minute interview Dr. Gough set out a clear vision for how to lead a collaborative, welcoming school district which educates all students to achieve excellence. After the interview the School Committee deliberated and unanimously voted to enter into contract negotiations with Dr. Gough for the position of Superintendent of Walpole Public Schools, beginning on July 1st of next year. These negotiations are the final part of the process to hire a new Superintendent of Schools. The School Committee gave a summary of Monday's interview.

### **APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:**

**Motion:** To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated November 27, 2018.

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

**Motion:** To approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated November 27, 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 27, 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 November 15, 2018.  
**Moved:** Mrs. Muccini      **Second:** Mrs. Geosits      **Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

At 9:16 p.m. Mr. Buckley announced the School Committee would be entering into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union and non-union negotiation strategies. The School Committee will not be returning to open session.

**Motion:** To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing union and non-union negotiation strategies.  
**Moved:** Mrs. Gallivan      **Second:** Mr. Breen  
**Roll** Mrs. Gallivan: Yes; Mr. Breen: Yes; Ms. Muccini: Yes; Mr. Buckley: Yes;  
**Call:** Mrs. Syrek: Yes  
**Vote:** 5-0-0, in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, December 13, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman