

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

October 25, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole High School – Media Center

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

ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent Lincoln D. Lynch III, Ed. D.
School Business Administrator, Michael Friscia

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 Requests
2. Strategic Plan
3. Superintendent Goals
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, Claire Sullivan, reported on recent academic, athletic and extracurricular activity at Walpole High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Out of State Field Trip Requests: The School Committee unanimously voted to approve a self-funded field trip for Johnson Middle School Grade 8 classes to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on June 11, 2019.

Motion: To approve a self-funded field trip for Johnson Middle School Grade 8 classes to Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH on June 11, 2019.

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

The School Committee unanimously voted to approve a self-funded field trip for Bird Middle School and Johnson Middle School to Quebec from February 7, 2019 through February 9, 2019.

Motion: To approve a self-funded field trip for Bird Middle School and Johnson Middle School to Quebec from February 7, 2019 through February 9, 2019.

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

2. Fall Town Meeting Report and Appropriation, Capital and Feasibility Study: The Fall Town Meeting was held on October 15, 17 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Walpole High School. The School

Committee is pleased to report that all of the Walpole Public School Articles were approved by Town Meeting Members. The articles are as follows:

- Article 4
 - Transfer \$1,500,000 for a Feasibility Study.
- Article 7 Annual Transfers to the School Department budget:
 - Medicaid receipts of \$562,000
 - McKinney-Vento Act funds of \$21,000
 - Parking receipts paid by WHS students of \$35,000
- Article 8 – Transfer to Walpole Public Schools (WPS) for Capital infrastructure improvements:
 - Chromebooks - \$45,000
 - Transportation mini bus - \$55,000
 - Old Post Road Phone System Replacement - \$20,000
 - School Safety Improvements – Stairwell Cameras - \$50,000

The School Committee and Administration appreciates the support and collaboration of the Finance Committee, Capital, Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Town Meeting members.

3. Strategic Plan Goal 5 Update: Mr. Friscia gave an update of the Strategic Plan Goal 5. Goal 5 is as follows:

5. To identify, secure and responsibly manage district resources to support educational objectives of the district.
 - 5.1 Identify needs based 21st Century learning skills and the impact these learning skills have on current or future middle and high school facilities
 - 5.2 Promote awareness and advocate for state and community support of the recommendations made for the facilities necessary to accommodate 21st Century learning
 - 5.3 Promote the safety and welfare of all members of the Walpole School community
 - 5.4 Develop, utilize, and support a high-quality, skillful, and knowledgeable staff, faculty, and administration
 - 5.5 Obtain predictable and sustainable funding for educational programs, services, and facilities

Ms. Muccini arrived at 7:45 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Superintendent Goals – Second Reading and Adoption: The School Committee had a second reading of the Superintendent’s 2018-2019 goals. They voted unanimously to approve the Goals with minor additions.

Motion: To approve the 2018-2019 Superintendent Goals.

Moved: Mr. Breen

Second: Ms. Muccini

Vote: 6-0-0, in favor

2. Superintendent Search Update: The School Committee discussed the search for a new Superintendent of the Walpole Public Schools. The discussion included input from the Superintendent

search focus groups, statistics regarding the high turnover rate in other districts, several area districts hiring Assistant Superintendents, and parent survey results.

The School Committee voted to request a full application from Dr. Bridget Gough, the only interested and qualified internal candidate, and to schedule a full day of “meet the candidate” sessions with parents, teachers, administrators, community, and students, contingent upon review of credentials and Superintendent licensure, by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Motion: To have the School Committee Chairperson reach out to Dr. Bridget Gough and ask her to submit a full application packet and to schedule an opportunity, contingent upon School Committee approval of her candidacy, to do a community meet.

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

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

1. Future Curriculum Student Growth Agenda Items – Dr. Lynch discussed the upcoming School Committee Meeting schedule for future curriculum student growth reports.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Safe Schools Initiative Report - Mrs. Gallivan discussed the Safe Schools Initiative. She reminded the community of a Parent Information Night this Monday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. being held at Walpole High School. She encouraged people to share this meeting information and hopes the community can come together and do more together. The Meeting will be recorded and televised at a later date. If you have ideas, please share them with the School Committee. Email contact for the School Committee is schoolcommittee@walpole.k12.ma.us.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated October 23, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the Accounts Payable Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated October 23, 2018.

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 October 23, 2018.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the Regular School Committee Meeting Minutes for September 27, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the School Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2018.

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

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

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

At 9:37 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: Mr. Breen **Second:** Mrs. Geosits

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

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

Vote: 6-0-0, in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, November 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman