

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 13, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole Town Hall – Main Meeting room

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

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

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

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

1. DRAFT 2018-2019 School Committee Goals
2. DESE Model bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
3. DESE Checklist – Required Content of Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plans
4. Walpole Public Schools Safe Schools Initiative Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
5. Enrollments
6. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
7. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:

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

RECOGNITIONS:

School Psychologist Charlie Ferro was present with two students from the Walpole High School “Fire Within” group.

The Fire Within is known as a social entrepreneurship. That means that everything they sell, make, give, and receive are done solely for the purpose of bettering the Walpole High School community. They try to better our school (and town) by raising awareness about suicide prevention and creating a culture that accepts mental health concerns. They create products like a daily planner as a means of promoting confidence, happiness and time management. They promote ‘IAMSTRONG’ a company formed to increase suicide prevention – and help many more people in any way possible. They encourage people to come to their meetings or go to Guidance and counseling offices to learn more about mental health and how to get assistance when needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Principals Opening of School Report: Principals and the Preschool Director reported on the successful opening of schools.

2. School Committee Goals: The School Committee had a first reading of their 2018-2019 Goals.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Re-Appoint Representative to Walpole Media TV Committee. The School Committee unanimously voted to re-appoint Jim D'Attilio as the School Committee representative to the Walpole Media Television Committee.

Motion: To appoint Jim D'Attilio as the School Committee representative to the Walpole Media Television Committee

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

2. Safe Schools Initiative Update: Dr. Gough discussed the curriculum and staff professional development with respect to anti-bullying and student social-emotional growth and well-being. Dr. Gough also reviewed the Walpole Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. She provided a copy of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) model plan. Walpole's plan mirrors the DESE model plan and can be located at http://www.walpole.k12.ma.us/for_parents/bullying_prevention_and_intervention_plan

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

Dr. Lynch gave the School Committee an enrollment update and class size summary for this new school year.

Dr. Lynch announced that after thirty-two years in public school education administration, he has decided to retire at the end of this school year. Although the announcement may precede his actual retirement date by almost a year, the superintendency transition is a long arduous process that must be provided ample time. He looks forward to supporting the School Committee as they undertake the task of providing a school leader dedicated to the students and staff of the District.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

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

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

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

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

Motion: To approve the donations as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated September 11, 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 August 30, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the Executive Session School Committee Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2018.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman