

WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

September 27, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

Walpole Town Hall – Main Meeting room

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

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

CALL TO ORDER: The School Committee meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by
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 Report
2. DRAFT Superintendent Search Criteria Survey
3. Special Education – Beginning of Year Update
4. DRAFT Superintendent Goals
5. DRAFT School Committee Goals
6. Capital List
7. Fales, Leach, Rogers and Kunde 2018 Scholarship Application
8. List of warrant numbers, dates and amounts
9. Previous School Committee Meeting Minutes

WALPOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT REPORT:

Student Representative to the School Committee, Maggie Jackson, 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 Concert Band, Concert Chorus and Orchestra to New York, NY from April 26, 2019 through April 28, 2019.

Motion: To approve a self-funded field trip for Walpole High School Concert Band, Concert Chorus and Orchestra to New York, NY from April 26, 2019 through April 28, 2019.

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

2. MASC Representative – Superintendent Transition Plan: Dorothy Presser, Field Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) discussed options moving forward with respect to the transition plan for a new Superintendent. She provided remarks with respect to options for a search:

- External posting with hiring consultant: cost up to \$50,000
- Internal posting with consulting advice: cost less TBD

- Internal search with SC handling: minimal cost
- Position is not required to be advertised locally or nationally
- The School Committee discussed several pros and cons of options.

3. Special Education Program Report: Dr. John Queally, Director of Student Services, gave a Special Education program report.

4. Digital Learning Update: Ann Arpin, Director of Technology provided an update on Digital Learning initiatives, a 1:1 Chromebook update and capital improvements with regard to technology.

5. Recognition of Long-Term Employee: Dr. Lynch honored Dr. Jean Kenney for her remarkable achievements during her distinguished career with Walpole Public Schools. He remarked that Dr. Kenney is a great role model, educator.

6. Superintendent Goals – First Reading: The School Committee had a first reading of the 2018-2019 Superintendent Goals.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. School Committee Goals – Second Reading and Adoption: The School Committee had a second reading of their 2018-2019 goals. They voted unanimously to approve the 2018-2019 School Committee Goals.

Motion: To approve the 2018-2019 School Committee Goals.

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

2. Capital Update – Finance Committee Meeting: Dr. Lynch indicated the School Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Capital Committee heard presentations and then voted unanimously to approve the School Committee request to conduct a Feasibility Study. The study will be designed to explore different options and educational implications for secondary school buildings. The study will be conducted only after acceptance into the state's school buildings program grant program (MSBA), found at: <http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/>

Other Capital requests supported unanimously include school safety improvements in the amount of \$50,000; Chromebooks at the Elementary level for \$45,000; the replacement of phone system at Old Post Road School for \$20,000; and a mini-bus for \$55,000.

The School Committee and Dr. Lynch will be attending the Board of Selectmen Tuesday, October 9, to present on Capital and ask for their support at Town Meeting. Town Meeting will have final say on expenditures for the Feasibility Study and Capital items.

3. Safe Schools Initiative Subgroup Report: The Chairman of the Data Reporting subgroup of the Safe Schools Initiative Committee (SSIC) reported on DESE data collection and reporting of bullying incidents. Mr. Hahn explained conflicting information provided to the subgroup and administration by MA Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE).

Mr. Hahn provided a letter from DESE stating the Walpole Public School administration is and has been in compliance with reporting requirements.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- Communication Group Meeting, October 3 at 7:00 p.m., Room 112, Town Hall
- Parent School Group Meeting, October 4 at 7:00 p.m., WHS Cafeteria
- SSIC Meeting – October 9 at 7:00 p.m., Bird Middle School
- Anti-Bullying Night – October 29 at 7:00 p.m., Walpole High School Auditorium

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

The Fales, Leach, Rogers and Kunde Scholarship applications will be available on our District Website and at the Superintendent's Office beginning on October 1, 2018. These applications will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Per long standing agreements, the scholarships are available to current college students only. All graduates of Walpole High School who are currently attending college are strongly encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

- Last year \$88,000 was distributed to 65 students.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS:

Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrants as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated September 25, 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 September 25, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the donations as stated on the list submitted by the Superintendent dated September 25, 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 September 13, 2018.

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

Motion: To approve the School Committee Workshop Meeting Minutes for September 18, 2018.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, October 25, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman