

# WALPOLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

September 18, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Walpole Town Hall – Superintendent’s Office

**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 7:03 p.m. by  
Chairperson Buckley.

**1. Timeline for MSBA -** The School Committee had a discussion regarding the request for set-aside money for the Feasibility Study in the amount of \$1.5 Million. It was decided that Jennifer Geosits would be the lead speaker at the Board of Selectmen Meeting on October 9 with input from Chairman Buckley and Superintendent Lynch.

The make-up of the school board committee was discussed. The School Committee was identified as the “Eligible Applicant” responsible for formulating the building committee. The Committee discussed the desire for a balanced committee and transparent process. The process will include a questionnaire for those who wish to serve on the committee. Applicants will be asked to describe their qualifications and will be required to make a minimum three-year commitment to the process including potential weekly meetings. Attached to these minutes are the handouts provided at the Meeting.

**2. Transition of Leadership** – A proposed superintendent transition plan timeline (based on workshop conversations) will be provided at the next School Committee Meeting.

The School Committee decided on a short survey of approximately 10 – 15 questions. Mrs. Gallivan discussed a draft survey from the MASC. Mr. Breen will investigate a similar survey done at the King Philip Regional District. This survey is going out next week and will be open until October 12, 2018.

The School Committee discussed exit questions for all interviewers:

1. Identify strengths of candidates.
2. Identify weaknesses of candidates.
3. Further comments.

The School Committee discussed the overall schedule with an end goal of having a new superintendent approved prior to Thanksgiving 2018. (See attached Draft Schedule).

**3. Safe Schools Update** - The Committee was reminded that at their regular meeting on September 27 the two topics for presentation and update will be parent survey (preliminary results and themes) as well as DESE regulations regarding a bullying reporting by school administration.

Mrs. Gallivan's subgroup Parent-School Leadership Committee mentioned a parent presentation by Andy Zitoli in October or November. A second parent and/or student presentation is being explored by the group and the Walpole Alumni Association.

**4. Superintendent's Goals** – A draft of the Superintendent's Goals was provided. Superintendent Lynch expressed frustration trying to develop measurable evidence with respect to district-wide student achievement goals. He continues to work with Dr. Gough trying to identify testing software or other means of growth measurement dashboard. A first reading of goals will be held at the September 27 School Committee Meeting followed by a Superintendent Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting to work out details prior to the second reading.

**5. Organization of topics for future meetings** - The School Committee agreed to move the November 8, 2018 School Committee Meeting to Thursday, November 15, 2018.

**Motion: To adjourn.**

**Moved: Mr. Breen**

**Second: Ms. Muccini**

**Vote: 6-0-0, in favor**

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m. The next regular School Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Geosits, Vice Chairman