Approved by the HWRSD School Committee on 11/21/2024

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School Committee Meeting (agenda)
Buker Elementary School Multipurpose Room
In-Person Meeting, Zoomlink is for Public Comment Only
Meeting ID: 82879017819
Thursday, November 7, 2024
7:00 p.m. - 8:42 p.m.

Present:
Dana Allara
Jen Carr (left at approximately 8:30)
Trent Honda
Amy Kunberger
David Polito

Also Present:
Eric Tracy, HWRSD Superintendent

1. Call to Order
At 7:01 p.m. Dana Allara called the meeting to order and reminded the community that the meeting is being recorded and live-streamed via HWCAM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance
All those in attendance rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Land Acknowledgement Exhibit
Amy Kunberger read the land acknowledgment.

4. Citizen's Comments Exhibit
Any citizen wishing to speak before the Committee shall identify themself by name and address. Speakers will be allowed three (3) minutes to present their material.
There was no citizen comment.

5. Review of School Committee Mission Statement Exhibit
Dana Allara read the following from the mission statement: *The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District School Committee's mission is to ensure our schools create graduates with a passion for lifelong learning together with the critical skills needed to maximize their potential. The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee will lead and inspire a District that attracts and retains high-quality educators, by acknowledging and respecting their expertise and professionalism.*

6. Consent Agenda

a. Warrants Exhibit
   - Voucher No. 9
   - Voucher No. 1014
   - Voucher No. 1015
   - Voucher No. 4049
   - Voucher No. 4050
   - Voucher No. 4051

b. Minutes
   - October 24, 2024 Exhibit

c. Field Trips
   - DECA State Conference Exhibit
   - DECA International ConferenceWinter Co-op Request Exhibit

d. Donations
   - Axcelis Technologies - High School Robotics Team; $1,000 Exhibit
   - New England Biolabs - High School Robotics Team; $1,000 Exhibit
   - Katelyn Foley - High School Robotics Team; $100 Exhibit

Dana Allara requested to hold the minutes from the consent agenda.

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approve the consent agenda as written minus the minutes of October 24, 2024.

Motion by: David Polito Seconded by: Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 5-0 (Members Allara, Carr, Honda, Kunberger and Polito)

Dana Allara requested the following edits be made to the minutes of October 24: Jen Carr left the meeting at approximately 8:20 and to correct the spelling of David Polito's name in the list of those present.

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approve the minutes of October 24, 2024 with the edits brought up by Dana Allara.

Motion by: David Polito Seconded by: Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 5-0 (Members Allara, Carr, Honda, Kunberger and Polito)

7. New Business

a. DECA Presentation Exhibit

The Hamilton-Wenham High School DECA officers gave a presentation to the Committee on the DECA program.

b. District Accountability (MCAS) Exhibit

Superintendent Tracy and the district principals gave a presentation on the MCAS scores for the district and individual schools. Superintendent Tracy briefly discussed the passage of Question 2 eliminating the requirement for students to pass the MCAS tests to graduate.

c. MSBA Invitation into Accelerated Repair Exhibit

Superintendent Tracy informed the Committee that he received notice that MSBA has invited the district into the Accelerated Repair Program to partner with the MSBA in conducting a Schematic Design Study at the Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School for a potential roof replacement project. He stated that an invitation to partner on a Schematic Design Study is not approval of a project but is strictly an invitation to the District to work with the MSBA to explore potential solutions. Accepting the MSBA invitation is not a commitment on the Committee's part to move forward with the project. He reviewed the next steps and timeline.

d. Vote 24-25 School Committee Protocols Exhibit

Dana Allara stated that the only change to the 2024-2025 protocol is the date at the top.

I move that the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee approve the 2024-2025 School Committee/Superintendent Protocols as presented in the agenda.

Motion by: David Polito Seconded by: Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Members Allara, Honda, Kunberger and Polito)

Dana Allara stated that if members have any feedback on continuing to read protocols at the beginning of meetings to reach out to her.

8. Finance & Operations

9. Committee Reports

a. Capital/Financial Planning Subcommittee - next meeting 11/12
b. Policy Subcommittee - next meeting tbd
c. Negotiations Subcommittee - no update at this time
d. Secretary Report - report will be given at the next meeting

10. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Tracy discussed the upcoming high school musical. He stated that the Wellness Committee is looking for a member of the community and the School Committee to join the Wellness Committee and interested individuals should reach out to him or the middle school nurse for additional information. Superintendent Tracy stated that he is waiting for additional guidance from DESE regarding the impact of the passage of Question 2.

11. Chair's Report

Dana Allara discussed her attendance at the Friends of Winthrop meeting where she and Amy Kunberger met with community members and discussed the proposed school building project.

She reminded members to sign up for any events they are able to attend to discuss the building project with members of the community.

Superintendent Tracy updated the Committee on the status of fall athletics.

12. Topics for Future Meetings

13. Adjourn

I move to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Motion by: David Polito Seconded by: Amy Kunberger

MOTION PASSED 4-0 (Members Allara, Honda, Kunberger and Polito)