

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
 MJL Humanities Center
 November 1, 2018
 Minutes
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CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:01 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.	
MEMBERS Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor	Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Susan Kustka, Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	Payment of Bills Warrant 19-2019, dated 11/6/18 in the amount of \$1,025,089.18 Approval of Minutes: Executive Session: 10/18/18 Meeting of the Whole: 8/23/18, 10/18/18 Regular Minutes: 10/18/18 MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve the Consent Agenda as presented SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
STUDENT ADVISORY	Weymouth High School students Leah Duffy, Lauren Crisileo and Nathalie MacDonald came to the table. The shared the results of their meeting with Mr. Strauss on Tuesday, October 30th. They shared concerns around locked bathrooms, needing to put a stop to destruction in bathrooms. The also talked about missing more class time than necessary as some floors don't even have a girls bathroom open. They also shared that some locks are missing on doors in the bathrooms. They spoke about vaping, changes to the attendance policy, attendance fails, and what counts as an excused absence. They plan on meeting in the next few days as a group to talk about ideas on how to resolve issues. Leah Duffy shared that currently the student voice group are currently voting and revising bills and will have a formal update in december. Leah also shared that Mr. Roach was their new 2019 SkillsUSA leadership team member. They plan on beginning meetings and competition prep in the coming weeks.	
PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker	Mrs. Nardone opened public comment. There were no speakers who were not previously scheduled.	

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	<p>Cast Members from the Weymouth High Theater Company came to the meeting tonight to announce their musical “Chicago”. This fun, high energy musical tells the story of achieving fame for all the wrong reasons. Performances are Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th at 7PM and Sunday, November 18th at 2PM. Tickets are going fast so reserve yours online today. Tickets are available at http://www.ticketstage.com/T/weymouthhs until 11:59PM on Tuesday, November 13th. After that, tickets will be available at the WHTC Box Office, outside the auditorium at Weymouth High School. Box office days and hours are Wednesday, November 14th and Thursday, November 15th between 6:30 and 8:00PM. Once the box office is closed, tickets will only be available at the door. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for senior citizens and all students aged 3 and up. Parental guidance is suggested as Chicago contains adult situations and brief moments of crass language.</p>
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	<p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that last week, students (preK-12) in our district joined students across Massachusetts in the first-ever statewide STEM Week dedicated to science, technology, engineering, and math. STEAM Specialists and teachers of different subject areas, including arts and music, actively participated in the STEM Week. There were more than 70 STEM-focused lessons and projects during STEM Week across all schools, including ones in which students created catapults and video game controllers, applied coding to control robots, and took a field trip to the Weymouth manufacturing business ElectroSwitch. Students learned how to solve problems and apply what they have learned to their daily lives.</p> <p>STEM Week was an excellent opportunity to introduce our STEM programs to the local community. There were guests visiting during the event, including Dr. Erin Hashimoto, the STEM Director from DESE, Ms. Paula Martel and Ms. Katherine Honey from the Southeast MA STEM Network Advisory Board, representatives from biotechnology companies, and Ms. Jessica Trufant from Patriot Ledger. They were all very impressed by the different STEM projects and activities in the classrooms. This event was a great success, and we look forward to organizing another STEM Week next year.</p> <p>Abigail Adams Fun Run is November 8th!</p> <p>October was Adams food drive month for the Weymouth Pantry. What a huge success!</p> <p>Hamilton kids have been promoting their individualities while working with the book “Only One You”. Each student has painted a rock that is now on display outside of our school entrance! Stop by and take a look!</p>

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4th graders have been learning about the immigration of their own family members while studying the history of Ellis Island, reenacting the lives of families who immigrated through this checkpoint..

Wessagusset School won first place in scarecrow making at the Great Pumpkin GiveaWey.

Weymouth High School world language teachers were on the Ch 5 Eye Opener with their tribute to Boston landmarks and the Red Sox through their costumes on Halloween.

There will be no school on 11/6/18. Teachers will be participating in professional development activities all day. An update on progress on the new Chapman Middle School will be a part of the day.

There is a presentation on lung health happening tonight in the WHS library. It is well attended with about 30 people learning about vaping and marijuana use among other topics.

The High School Career and Technical Education department will be having its annual Thanksgiving pie sale. It has become very popular, so order soon.

Finally Dr. Curtis-Whipple felt it is important to share an update from Ed Tech, Brett Lindholm of all of the good work they are doing in the district.

Weymouth Public Schools made significant progress in technology improvements this year to support teaching and learning with 21st-century tools. Our Chromebook 1:1 initiative was a huge step forward to get a device in the hands of every teacher and student in grades 7 and 10. This initiative was also a huge step forward in family and community engagement with a series of Parent information sessions. These sessions gave us an opportunity to partner directly with families to ensure they understand our goals and their responsibility to help us achieve them.

Completed Initiatives:

- Chromebook 1:1 initiative (teacher and student)
 - Multiple Successful Family and community engagement events with Parent information sessions
- A wireless Access point in every classroom

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tripled our network bandwidth• iPad rollout in progress - updating• E911 system upgrade• Completed Maroon wiring project• Phone system overhaul• Filtering offsite Chromebooks• Removed restrictions on our network to reflect 21st-century learning like multimedia• Promethean Interactive display initiative• Website launch coming soon <p>Mrs. Curran asked Dr. Curtis-Whipple if Union Point numbers were available. Dr. Curtis-Whipple said they would be available on the blog tomorrow.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>School Improvement Plan – Weymouth High School – Alan Strauss & Karen Monahan</u></p> <p>Principal Strauss and Associate Principal Monahan came to the table. They provided an overview of their presentation, Summary of: Student Performance Data; Six Performance Challenges; Family Engagement and School Culture; Social, Emotional and Behavioral Development; Literacy; Mathematics/Science MCAS; MassCore; AP; Accomplishments and Key Initiatives and Resource Priorities. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. All questions asked by the committee were addressed.</p> <p>School committee members complemented various aspects of the report.</p> <p><u>Weymouth MCAS Results – Pamela Stazesky, Ph.D.</u></p> <p>Dr. Pamela Stazesky and Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan came to the table. Their presentation included MCAS Results: Next Generation (Grades 3-8) MCAS Results: Legacy (Grade 10) MCAS Results; DESE Accountability Results for the various schools; Areas of Need; New Supports Provided; and Additional Supports Needed. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. All questions asked by the committee were addressed.</p> <p>Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Curran asked about the data point showing that 100% of high school juniors and seniors were taking advanced coursework as defined by the state. Mrs. Bryan explained that staff are combing through the coding systems used to send data to the state and correcting some transcription errors.</p> <p><u>Report of the Policy Sub-Committee</u></p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan read the policy sub-committee report into the record attached to these minutes.</p>

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MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee
SECOND: by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Vote for MASC Delegate at MASC Conference (Action Requested)

MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to approve Mrs. Curran as the School Committee
delegate at the MASC Conference
SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

MASC Resolutions (Action Requested)

RESOLUTION 1: Rejecting the Arming of Educators

MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 1: Rejecting the Arming of
Educators

SECOND: Dr. Sullivan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw asked Mrs. Curran to share the purpose of the resolutions.
Mrs. Curran shared that these come from MASC, next week at the conference school
committees from across the state will be voting on the resolutions that may turn into
future policies. Our School Committee is not creating policies.

RESOLUTION 2: Small and Rural Districts

MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 2: Small and Rural Districts

SECOND: Dr. Sullivan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

RESOLUTION 3: Elimination of the Federal

MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 3: Elimination of the Federal

SECOND: Dr. Sullivan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

RESOLUTION 4: Regional School Transportation

MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 4: Regional School
Transportation

SECOND: Dr. Sullivan
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RESOLUTION 5: Reporting and Accountability Standards

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	<p>MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 5: Reporting and Accountability Standards SECOND: Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw VOTE 4/ 1 Abstain</p> <p>Dr. Sullivan abstained as he is employed by a private school.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 6: Reproductive Health Education MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 6: Reproductive Health Education SECOND: Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>RESOLUTION 7: Gender Identity Inclusive Athletic Participation Policy MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 7: Gender Identity Inclusive Athletic Participation Policy SECOND: Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>RESOLUTION 8: Sports Wagering MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 8: Sports Wagering SECOND: Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>RESOLUTION 9: Access to Information for Parents and Students Who Are Clients of Special Education MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to support Resolution 9: Access to Information for Parents and Students Who Are Clients of Special Education SECOND: Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u> Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that she, Brian Smith, Melanie Curtin and Matthew Meehan attended the MSBA vote yesterday to accept the new Chapman building project into the schematic design phase marking a milestone for the project. MSBA approved one middle school grades 6-8 and grade 5 moving back to primary level.</p> <p>We are now moving into the schematic design phase, will take up to 7 months. A discussion was had around modular units, and the different wings of the new building. The building committee will have information at all of the Weymouth polling sites on polling day.</p>

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	<p>Mrs. Curran shared that she will not be at next Building Committee meeting as she will be at the MASC conference. She would like someone to share that at a recent MASC meeting she was told by other school committee members who have done recent builds that MSBA sometimes undercuts their enrollment and they use all of the flex space.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran is also concerned about costs and she would need to see numbers before any votes are made. She had questions about busses, modules, moving and other costs and if these need to be negotiated. She also expressed concern around the phases and redistricting. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that there is a lot of work being done behind the scenes and will all be discussed at the Building Committee meetings as well as the School Committee meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared there are a lot of moving parts and a lot of these questions cannot be answered at this time. She did mention that when 5th grade moves down to the primary level, the current 4th graders at the time will just stay in their buildings and there will be one less transition for them. She also spoke to the quality of modular classrooms. If they are used to create space for construction at Chapman, they will be attached to the elementary school buildings and be of high quality. She shared that some teachers in other districts prefer teaching in modular classrooms as they are more modern than the current buildings.</p> <p>The next Building Committee meeting will be on November 8th at 6:30 p.m. at the Whipple Center.</p> <p>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building project can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p>
Announcements	<p>Weymouth Market – November 7th – 3:30 p.m. – WHS Gold Cafeteria</p> <p>Curriculum Night – November 13, 2018 – 6:00 p.m. MJL Livingstone Humanities Center – WHS</p> <p>TWPC – November 13, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. – MJL Livingstone Humanities Center – WHS</p> <p>WHTC Presents Chicago, November 16, 17 & 18th. Link to tickets http://www.ticketstage.com/T/weymouthhs</p> <p>Football game moved from Friday evening has been moved to Saturday at 3:00 p.m. It is important that guardians attend with students who are not high school age.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the Whole Thursday, November 15, 2018 6:00 PM - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p> <p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, November 15, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>

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ADJOURNMENT	MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED
	Warrant 19-2019, dated 11/6/18 in the amount of \$1,025,089.18 Approval of Minutes: Executive Session: 10/18/18 Meeting of the Whole: 8/23/18, 10/18/18 Regular Minutes: 10/18/18 WHS SIP PLAN WHS SIP Presentation MCAS Result Presentation Policy Sub-Committee Report MASC Resolutions

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary