

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
January 16, 2020
Minutes

Approved 2/6/20

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:15PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge. A moment of silence was observed for Michael Mertin and Scott Lang	
MEMBERS Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Carrie Palazzo Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor	Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	Payment of Bills Warrant 30-2020 , in the amount of \$877,400.72 Field Trip: Academy Avenue, Grades 4 Science and Math, Museum of Science, Boston, MA Dates: May 15-16, 2020 Approval of Minutes: Regular Minutes: 12/12/19, 1/2/20; Executive: 12/12/19* MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to remove the executive session minutes dated 12/12/19 SECOND: by Mrs. Nardone UNANIMOUSLY VOTED MOTION: by Chair Belmarsh to accept the consent agenda w/out exec session minutes SECOND: by Tracey Nardone UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
STUDENT ADVISORY	No student advisory as students are home studying for mid-term exams.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Gail Sheehan 559 Randolph Street Commented for the record that her request to peruse the minutes of December 12, 2019 was denied and also inquired as to when the OSHA report will be coming out. Chair Belmarsh reminded Mrs. Sheehan that public comment is for comment and should not be a question and answer period. Mrs. Sheehan asserted that she had not asked a question.	
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared Commissioner Riley, Secretary of Ed James Peyser, were in the district on Wednesday and they visited three classrooms at Chapman to observe Open Sci Ed programming that we have been implementing for the past three years. Chuck Hickey was invited to be a trainer and will provide training to other staff for this program and it's wonderful opportunity.	

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Many thanks to Teri Fleming, Jeremy Angelos, and Mary Ann Bryan for arranging this visit and for supporting this work.

The Superintendent congratulated Christopher Tran, Gabriel Bernardes-Louis, Rance Jumawan, Ryan Nardo, Trang Tran and Truc Nguyen who have been accepted to the MIT Leadership Institute. There were a total of 9 Weymouth students that applied and 6 were chosen. WHS continues to represent very well in this terrific program that provides many great networking opportunities as well as a valuable addition to the students' resumes!

Weymouth High School Dance Team will be hosting a dance clinic for K-6 on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at WHS.

Are You Smarter Than a Middle Schooler will be on February 28, 2020 at the Masonic Lodge Hall..

WHS is seeking Judges for Capstone. The fair will be on March 17 & 18, 2020 from 5:30-8pm. Volunteers can reach out to the high school if interested.

The WEF Quiz night will be held on Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Weymouth-Braintree Elks from 7-11pm.

The Murphy School hosted an incredible community event with the surprise return of SFC Steven Bellows, a Murphy dad stationed overseas for the past year. SFC Bellows surprised his children (and all of the students) during a monthly PBIS assembly on 1/8/20. The theme was patience and his children were recognized for their patience during his absence. The Superintendent expressed her thanks to the service members overseas.

Schools are making trips to WHS to the planetarium. Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked Mike Richards, a retired teacher for the programs he puts on.

Midterms at Weymouth High School will start Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Busses will be available at different scheduled times.

This fall 86 students from 7 Red participated in a writing contest sponsored by the Young Writers Association. Of these 86 students, 45 were chosen for publication in an anthology of short stories. This is a great honor for our students and we are very proud!

A Substitute Career Fair will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 3:30-4:30pm at 111 Middle Street. A School messenger will be coming with details of all available substitute positions.

Superintendent Curtis-Whipple invited Robert Wargo, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support to the table.

Robert Wargo holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland College

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	<p>Park, where he majored in Counseling/Psychology. He went on to receive his Masters of Education from Northeastern University, and is working towards his Doctorate of Education, Curriculum, Teaching, Learning and Leadership, from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.</p> <p>Mr. Wargo joins the Weymouth Public Schools from Scituate High School, where he has served as Principal since 2012. He previously held positions in other school districts as a Director of Athletics, Guidance Counselor, Health Teacher, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal.</p> <p>Mr. Wargo is expected to officially begin working in Weymouth on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 and he will replace current Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support Mary Ann Bryan, who will be retiring in February.</p> <p>Mr. Wargo shared his excitement in joining Weymouth Public Schools and thanked Dr. Curtis-Whipple.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh stated that Mr. Wargo is joining at a great time in the district.</p> <p>Mr. Smith left the table at 7:30pm and returned at 7:31pm</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Program of Studies-First Reading, Principal Strauss, Associate Principal Monahan, Interim Associate Principal Paulhaus:</u></p> <p>Associate Principal Karen Monahan and Alan Strauss and Associate Principal Paulhaus came to the table. They provided a summary of the changes and additions to the program of studies grades 8-12. A copy of the program of studies and the summary of changes are attached to these minutes.</p> <p>The presenters explained that because the addition of the eighth grade to the High School while Chapman was being built was such a major endeavor, they were not looking to add a lot of other modifications to the Program of Studies.</p> <p>Band and choir will now be split into two sections, one for grades 8 and 9, and the other for grades 10-12. Groups would come together to prepare for performances, but would be separate most of the time.</p> <p>Eighth graders will take a regular music class, but then may also elect to take band or choir.</p> <p>Clarification was given on AP Seminar. It is a college-level course for sophomores. It is challenging for sophomores, not only here but nationwide. There is another course called Seminar that is not at the AP level as well.</p>

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	<p>Mrs. Curran inquired if there will be a future presentation in front of School Committee regarding the Chapman move to Weymouth High School. The Superintendent expressed that there would be and explained that the goal would be to have the 8th grade on the Maroon Side of the high school most of the time.</p> <p>Mr. Strauss advised that there will be separate welcoming meetings for 8th grade and Freshman students and families.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh lauded the “Why not try it?” approach taken by this administration with regard to APs and other advanced classes.</p> <p>Ms. Monahan requested that the second and third reading be combined at the next School Committee meeting and it will be open for public comment. The program of studies will be on the website.</p> <p>The program of studies was presented to school council on Tuesday, January 14, 2020. Principal Struass voiced that it will also be presented to Parent Council.</p> <p>All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u></p> <p>Chair Belmarsh shared that the next School Building Committee Meeting is on January 28, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall and will look at design in regard to playgrounds, administrative offices, and the memorial obelisk. Kathy Curran reminded the community that the contractor, Bond Brothers does have a design at 111 Middle Street and at Town Hall.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple added that the amount of work being done across the district and all the different Chapman working groups is amazing. A letter went out to staff in December concerning moves and another letter in February will go out. Hopefully in March packing will start with a finalized plan in place so staff know where they are moving to.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh stated that there will be constant conversation on what is happening in real time and how it may impact families and the ripple effects for the district. She also reminded community members to please share questions.</p> <p>Next Chapman Building Update for Parents and Community will be on February 11, 2020 at 5:00pm in the Chapman Auditorium. Conferences will also be taking place immediately thereafter.</p>

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	<p>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p> <p>Superintendent Curtis-Whipple shared her kudo's to all the volunteers at the Weymouth Market. The market was featured on Channel 4 and Dr. Curtis-Whipple reminded that it is open to all Weymouth residents.</p>
Announcements	<p>Weymouth Market-February 4, 2020-3:30PM-WHS Gold Cafeteria SEPAC-February 4, 7:00pm in Adams Library TWPC-February 11, 2020 - 7:00 - Humanities</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, February 6, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Mrs Nardone at 8:07pm SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS	<p>Field Trip: Academy Avenue, Grades 4 Science and Math, Museum of Science, Boston, MA Dates: May15-16, 2020</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: Regular Minutes: 12/12/19, 1/2/20 Executive: 12/12/19*</p> <p>Program of Studies with changes highlighted Summary of Changes to the Program of Studies</p>

Submitted by:



John Sullivan, Secretary