



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

December 9, 2021

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 1/6/22)

Members In Attendance: Lisa Belmarsh, Chair; Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair; John Sullivan, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Carrie Palazzo

Members Absent: Mayor Hedlund

Also Present: Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Curtin, Assistant Superintendent

The Meeting Came to Order At pm.

Chair Belmarsh led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 22-2022 in the amount of \$1,295,871.70. Dated 11/29/21
- Regular Minutes: 11/18/21
- Budget Sub-Committee Minutes: 11/16/21
- Field Trip-WHS, Grades 9-12, Model UN, Boston Marriott, Boston, MA February 2-6, 2021

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Advisory

Student advisory presented updates on the following topics: Positive student reaction to the pilot hat-wear policy; Access to the bathrooms (the actions of a few effect all); an update on athletics, clubs and activities; and information about the partnership with the Rotary Club (collected \$1600

to be distributed to charities). In arts and music, the MMM Honor Society inducted 18 new members, and the Jazz Band and Theatre Company are preparing for upcoming performances and competitions

Public Comment

The Chair reminded that public comment be in accordance with Policy BED, items on the agenda and kept to 3 minutes and gave instructions if members wish to speak; name and address should be added in the chat.

There was no public comment.

Report of the Superintendent:

Mr Wargo reported that Mr Meehan, the current principal at Adams Middle School will be the principal of the new Maria Weston Chapman Middle School.

As is true in the wider community COVID numbers are up as is the percent testing positivity. Cases in the school community have gone from 11 to 73. Families are encouraged to keep students with symptoms home. The nurses are very busy with contact tracing in addition to their usual responsibilities.

Mr. Wargo attended a board meeting of the South Shore Educational Collaborative. Forty Weymouth students are served by the collaborative. They are experiencing staffing shortages as are all organizations. The committee will receive a report on their financial status soon.

In athletics, 43 students got dreamcatcher scholarships this season, bringing the total this year to 70.

The superintendent has been visiting schools and singled out a number of teachers whom he observed doing exemplary work.

Mr. Wargo continues to participate in NSIP (New Superintendent Induction). He is working with his mentor to transition from entry plans to entry findings.

Congratulations to Dennis Jones and Brynn Cooper for a successful Community Connections Night, connecting families in need with services.

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HR is holding a virtual hiring fair. Even with difficulty staffing many positions, Maryann Foley's team is doing everything they can to diversify our staff.

Unified Sports will be playing vs Hingham at the Boston Garden on Sunday 1/16 in the Andrew Lawson Foundation Tournament

Black Student Union continues to meet, facilitated by Mr. Mallary. Under the leadership of Mr. Galusha and Ms. LePorto, Human Rights Coalition continues to facilitate student discussion. Champions before and after school care is now available at all primary schools except one. Talbot is expected to come online soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Primary School Improvement Plans - Primary Principals

Primary Coordinator Richard Bransfield and primary school principals presented the School Improvement Plans, which are attached to these minutes. All committee questions were answered.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Finalize Superintendent Evaluation and School Committee Goals (action requested)

On the motion by Vice Chair Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the committee unanimously approved the school committee goals and the framework for the superintendent evaluation process.

b. Updates and Status of Chapman Middle School Opening 2022-Assistant Superintendent Melanie Curtin

Assistant Superintendent Curtin presented a status update on the new Chapman Middle School, which is attached to these minutes. All committee questions were answered.

Chapman Project Updates

Announcements:

Weymouth Market-January 5, 2022-3:30pm-WHS, Gold Cafeteria-Market will return to pre-Covid model of in person pick up

Budget Sub-Committee-December 15, 2021, 6:00pm, Administration

Next School Committee Meeting:

Regular Meeting: Thursday, January 6, 2022 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm on the motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan. Passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

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- Primary School Improvement Plans
- Superintendent Evaluation Packet
- School Committee Goals
- Chapman Update

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Sullivan", is written over a horizontal line.

John Sullivan
Secretary

