

Weymouth School Committee Meeting  
MJL Humanities Center  
April 25, 2019  
Minutes

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Approved 5/9/19

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| <p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b><br/><b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b><br/><b>MOMENT OF SILENCE</b></p> | <p>At 6:00PM Mrs. Nardone moved that the committee enter executive session as permitted by MGLc. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) To conduct negotiations with non union personnel: Superintendent. Dr. Sullivan seconded<br/>Roll Call Vote: Belmarsh - yes, Nardone - Yes, Sullivan - Yes, Curran - Yes, Sherlock-Shangraw - Yes).</p> <p>7:01 PM<br/>The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>MEMBERS</b><br/>Strike out = absent</p>  | <p>Lisa Belmarsh, Chair<br/>Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair<br/>John Sullivan, Secretary<br/><del>Gail Sheehan</del><br/>Kathy Curran<br/>Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw<br/><del>Robert Hedlund, Mayor</del></p>  | <p>Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent<br/><del>Susan Kustka, Assistant Superintendent</del><br/>Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent<br/>Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent</p> |
| <p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b><br/>* Items = tabled</p>  | <p>Payment of Bills Warrant 44-2019, in the amount of \$972,329.45</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regular Minutes: 4/11/19</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to accept the Consent Agenda with minutes as corrected<br/>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan<br/>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>   |   |
| <p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b><br/>Bold = speaker</p>  | <p><b>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</b></p>  |   |
| <p><b>REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT</b></p>   | <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that Weymouth High School was the site of The Special Olympics today, April 25, 2019 in honor of Sergeant Chesna. Chief Grimes and Weymouth Police members were present as well as Special Olympics of Massachusetts representatives, and school committee member Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw.. The Superintendent gave a huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the event such a success, especially Alyssa Bosse.</p> <p>Dennis Jones, teacher and Abigail Adams was asked to present with Director Adam Fineberg on PBIS, Thursday, May 16. The Superintendent gave kudos to Mr. Jones on being selected to present for a second year.</p> |   |

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|                     | <p>“Weymouth Idol” for students in grades 5-12. Round 1 auditions will be held at the Chapman School on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10am-12Noon, at which time school tours will be available and also on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 12Noon-2pm. 25 students will move on to the next round held on May 10, 2019 where 12 finalists will get to sing ‘I Want to Know What Love Is’ with Foreigner at the South Shore Music Circus on August 24, 2019.</p> <p>Superintendent Whipple shared that May 7, 2019 is choice PD day for staff and a full day off for students and hopes that everyone enjoys the day.</p> <p>The Superintendent reminded that the screening of ‘Beautiful Boy’ is on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Abigail Adams Campus at 6pm. This is a free event and childcare will be available during the screening. Dr. Curtis-Whipple also encouraged guests to attend ‘Awareness Night’ on Wednesday, May 8, when keynote speaker, David Sheff will be speaking.</p> <p>Tuesday, April 30, 2019 will be the Special Town Election. Voting hours will be 7am-8pm. A voting day safety plan is in place for all schools that also serve as voting places, as it will be a school day. The Superintendent reminded voters to drive safely and cautiously.</p> <p>The Superintendent introduced the new Principal of the Nash School, Lori Glover. Mrs. Glover is currently at the Beaver Brook Elementary School in Abington, MA and a member of the ‘Read through Change’ consortium and a SEL facilitator and yoga instructor.. The first day will be July 1, 2019, however meet and greets are scheduled before then. Mrs. Glover thanked the Superintendent and expressed her excitement and looks forward to meeting everyone.</p> |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b> | <p><u>Athletic Presentation - Peter Umbriana, Interim Athletic Director</u><br/>Interim Athletic Director Peter Umbriana and Principal Strauss came to the table and gave an overview of their presentation, Topics included MIAA, Association &amp; Bay State League, Athletic Participation and Breakdown, Unified Sports, User Fees and Waivers, Athlete to Coach ratio and Leadership Council, and acquiring coaches A copy of the presentation is attached to these notes. Members of the Committee praised the presentation and the work of Mr. Umbriana. All questions asked by the committee were addressed and answered.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran announced that on May 11, 2019 from 10-5 at the WHS Cafeteria there will be a mattress fundraising event for the Robotics Team. Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Nardone encouraged people to come and support the robotics team.</p> <p><u>Students Handbooks-First Reading</u></p>   |

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a. District & High School Changes

Rebecca Fisher, Alan Strauss and Karen Monahan came to the table and presented an overview of handbook changes including:

- PBIS,
- Mid Year Exams and attendance,
- Attendance for classes that meet every other day,
- Attendance options for college visits, and analogous visits for military, union, and post secondary opportunities. Visits must be cleared with deans.
- Code of Conduct- make propping a door or opening a door for someone against the rules
- Athletics/Extra Curricular/Competitive club-eligibility passing 4 credits. A copy of revisions is attached to these notes.

Principal Strauss pointed out that the attendance average is down-April 11, 2018 10.3 down to 9.8 for 2019; 37.5 to 32.5%.

b. Primary School Changes

Kathy Guilfooy, Principal at Pingree and Richard Bransfield, Principal at Talbot came to the table and presented an overview of the handbook changes including: SRO added language, lunch program payment, attendance policy, chronic absence, retention, Student discipline, field trip guidelines, student confidentiality and display of artwork, and WeyCare. A copy of revisions is attached to these notes. Changes proposed are for consistency to align with middle school handbook.

(8:04 The Chair left and returned at 8:07)

c. Middle School Changes

Principal Matthew Meehan, Principal of Abigail Adams came to the table and presented an overview of the handbook changes including: Reading and math strategies, after school offerings, field trips, attendance and tardiness policy, makeup work. code of conduct, personal property-search language-reasonable suspicion, student expectations-weapons, Weycare, and state standard-ISS-In School Suspicion

The committee thanked presenters and Melanie Curtin, Mary Ann Bryan, and Becky Fisher for the summary sheets.

District Changes

Mary Ann Bryan presented an overview of the district handbook changes including: Weycare-closed during delayed open, IWS changed ISS, making the superintendent responsible for naming which person on the district staff will be responsible. Field trips, and Updated URL

All handbooks were moved to Second Reading

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| <b>OLD BUSINESS</b>       | <p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u><br/>Tuesday, April 30, 2019 will be the Special Town Election to fund cost associated with new Chapman Middle School,<br/>Those who usually vote at the Library will be voting at Murphy<br/>Voting hours will be 7am-8pm,<br/>A voting day safety plan is in place for all schools that also serve as voting places, as it will be a school day. Please drive carefully and cautiously.<br/>Tours will be available at the Chapman school on Saturday, April 28, 2019 from 10am-Noon.<br/>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building project can be found at: <a href="http://www.anewchapman.org">www.anewchapman.org</a></p> |
| <b>Announcements</b>      | <p>Tuesday, April 30, 2019 will be the Special Town Election to fund cost associated with new Chapman Middle School. Voting hours will be 7am-8pm. A voting day safety plan is in place for all schools.<br/>The next Weymouth Market will be May 1, 2019 at 3:30pm in the WHS Gold Cafeteria<br/>SEPAC-May 7, 2019-Patti Hayes will speak on social and emotional issues, Abigail Adams Library<br/>TWPC-Tuesday May 14 - will meet at 7:00 in The WHS Humanities Center</p>  |
| <b>NEXT MEETING</b>       | <p><b>Meeting of the WSC</b><br/>Thursday, May 9, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>  |
| <b>ADJOURNMENT</b>        | <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to adjourn the meeting 8:28p.m.<br/>SECOND: by Ms. Sherlock-Shangraw<br/>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>  |
| <b>ATTACHED DOCUMENTS</b> | <p>Payment of Bills Warrant 44-2019, in the amount of \$972, 329.45</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regular Minutes: 4/11/19 as corrected</p> <p>Athletic Presentation<br/>Student Handbooks-First Reading</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. High School Changes</li><li>b. Primary School Changes</li><li>c. Middle School Changes</li><li>d. District Changes</li></ol>  |

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John Sullivan, Secretary