



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

February 3, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 2/17/22)

Members In Attendance: Dr. John Sullivan, Chair; Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steve Buccigross

Members Absent: Mayor Hedlund

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

The Meeting Came to Order At 7:03pm.

Chair Sullivan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The chair informed that the meeting is being recorded and available on WETC.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 30-2022 in the amount of \$680,554.57. Dated 1/24/22
- Regular Minutes: 1/20/22
- Budget Sub-Committee Minutes: 1/19/22, 1/26/22

Mrs. Curran will forward her 1/2/22 minutes clarification to Ms. Pitts.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Roll call vote. Motion passed unanimously.

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.

-Kelly Cassier, 74 Raymond St.

Shared her support of a 'Optional Mask Mandate' and inquired how the ESSER funding is being spent.

-Lindsey Connolly, 154 Elmer Rd.

Expressed her opinion of eliminating the mask mandate.

Report of the Superintendent:

The superintendent apologized for the Covid dashboard information that incorrectly reflected data which included single dose vaccinated individuals not those fully vaccinated.

He shared children living in Weymouth vaccination percentages:

age 5-11 - 29%, 12-15 - 62%, 16-19 - 76%. 64% of WHS students are vaccinated. 80% vaccination threshold (by school building) has not been met yet. The DESE mask mandate is in effect until February 28, 2022. 90% of staff are vaccinated. The Superintendent reiterated that cases and positivity rates are being closely monitored and that the safety of students and staff is at the forefront.

Consequences of not following DESE mandate will be investigated.

Mr. Curran expressed her disapproval of the mask mandate with the current change in data and mentioned voting the mandate at the next meeting.

Superintendent Wargo visited Academy Ave School and expressed his thanks to Mr. Tom Remsen who pitched in to help with shoveling.

Data team meetings are underway reviewing iReady and Dibels data. More information will be shared at the next meeting regarding student achievement which is exceeding expectations coming off of Covid.

Superintendent Wargo visited the Talbot School and sat with Rachel Coccozoa's 5th grade math class where students Amira Davis, Darianny Otero, Vanessa Rogers taught him long division.

Mrs. Nardone left the meeting at 7:24pm.

The Superintendent viewed the 'Anti-Slavery Picnic' from the Art Institute of Chicago by Susan Torrey Merritt. A copy could be displayed at the New Chapman.

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 will be a ½ day for students.

The Committee thanked the Superintendent for the tour Members had of New Chapman and recognized Bond Brothers, HMFH, and Hill. Photos are available online.

A School Start Time Committee which includes Mrs. Curran will be discussing how start time affects students' success. If a change is implemented it will not take effect until the 2023-2024 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Kindergarten Registration - Executive Director Richard Bransfield:

Executive Director Bransfield shared that registrations are ongoing and available online; however if a computer can not be accessed, families can still register at their neighborhood school. Currently 141 Kindergarten students are registered. Information will be included on the weekend message and posted on local cable. He expressed his thanks to Principal Perez and Guilfooy for their assistance in getting information to families.

b. Adams Update - Assistant Superintendent Smith

The Assistant Superintendent gave an overview of the facilities update (attached to these minutes). Topics included:

- Chapman Middle School accounting-\$164M (70% completed)
 - The Transportation Building proposed at Mitchel Field-will be rebid in the spring due to Covid and metal and steel costs
 - Abigail Adams renovations-completed projects such as ADA compliant entrance (Academy Ave side) and construction to be done, the current floor plan and renovation timeline was reviewed. Adams will be closed as a school building for the 2022-23 year and potentially could be opened in the fall of 2023 for central PreK and Kindergarten grades. Factors in project planning were summarized. Currently \$4.52M has been appropriated by the Town Council.
- Thanks was expressed to Director of Asset Management, John MacLeod.

The Committee expressed their support for centralized PreK and Kindergarten. There will be room for PreK to grow if Universal Full Day PreK is enacted. School Committee will place votes on the agenda in line with the renovation timeline.

Design and conservation projects were discussed as well as factors of transportation and school start time.

The Committee thanked Assistant Superintendent Smith for the presentation.

c. Report of the Budget Subcommittee

Dr. Sullivan shared that ESSER III approval is expected soon and roll out will be discussed at the March 2, 2022 budget sub meeting. Topics discussed at the January 26 meeting included FY23

Expense budget and additional staff requests for Educational Technology, CTE and the High School, as well as the New Chapman.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the report of the budget sub committee. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Sullivan advised that the community can attend budget sub committee meetings via Zoom or in person.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Job Descriptions - Superintendent Wargo

The Superintendent advised that he received 3 emails of which did not include edits from the community regarding the new job descriptions. He reviewed the recommended school committee edits (in red) of the job descriptions (attached to these minutes).

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the Executive Director of Human Resources job description. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the Executive Director of Student Services job description. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed.

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

Assistant Superintendent Curtin reiterated the tour that School Committee members had and that there could be a print of the Anti-Slavery Picnic displayed at the new school. Work is continuing on the 3 murals inside, each measuring 12'x60'. Videos have been taken by John Mulaney and will be available soon.

Chapman Project Updates

Announcements:

- Townwide Parent Council-February 8, 2022
- Budget Sub-Committee-February 9, 2022, 6:00pm, Administration
- Weymouth Market-March 2, 2022-3:30pm-WHS, Gold Cafeteria-Market will return to pre-Covid model of in person pick up

Next School Committee Meeting:

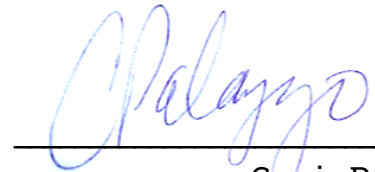
Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2022 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm on the motion of Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw, seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- Facilities Project Update
- Executive Director of Human Resources job description
- Executive Director of Student Services job description

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CPalazzo", is written over a horizontal line.

Carrie Palazzo
Secretary