

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Town Council Chambers  
July 27, 2017  
MINUTES (approved 9/7/17)

<b>CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE</b>	7:11 PM All that were present stood for the pledge	
<b>MEMBERS</b> Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair <del>Diana Flomer, Vice Chair</del> Gail Sheehan, Secretary Kathy Curran Robert Hedlund, Mayor (arrived 7:15p.m) <del>Tracey Nardone</del> John Sullivan	Jen Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Susan Kustka, Assist. Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Interim Assist. Superintendent
	Chair Belmarsh welcomed Interim Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan to the meeting.  On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to table the regular meeting minutes of June 22, 2017. Vote all yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. 7:12 PM	
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> * Items = tabled	a. Payment of Bills, Warrant # 05-2018, 7/31/17, \$895,288.51 with money to pay b. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes: 6/22/17 Motion made by GS, seconded by JS to approve the Consent Agenda – with minutes approved as corrected Vote: all yes, 0 no, 0 abstain 7:12 PM	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> Bold = speaker	<b>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</b> <b>There was none.</b>	
<b>REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>	The Superintendent reported out on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our annual Q5 summer school program began on July 3rd and held its' final session today. Interim Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan and Melanie Curtin will meet with the summer administrators to debrief and begin planning for 2018.</li> <li>• Summer programs for English Language Learner, pre-school students and students with extended year services have been taken place at the Seach Primary School.</li> <li>• Our summer reading initiative is well underway. WETC is kindly running our PSA created last year to inform families about summer reading.</li> <li>• Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked everyone that has been active in student registration this summer. We are watching student enrollment across the district. Due to the rise in grade four class numbers. We are considering adding additional grade four teachers. This would decrease class size and provide for more individual student support and inclusion opportunities. This has not been finalized yet, but I want to keep everyone abreast of our current status and possible changes.</li> <li>• Title 1 funding has been allocated for FY 18. There was a decrease in the grant that has led our Title 1 leadership to reallocate funds. I am pleased to say that the reallocation of funds supports our needs list by providing interventionist support at four of our primary schools. These positions are not full year, but they will be helpful in providing math and ELA support to our students at the Murphy, Talbot, Seach, and Pingree schools.</li> <li>• I would like to recognize our maintenance and custodial staff for all of their hard work. Under the supervision of interim director of maintenance John Barker, they have completed 5 primary schools, half of Adams, a third of Chapman and WHS and almost done with Wessagusset and Talbot. At WHS the Library will begin to be restored with furniture and books starting on</li> </ul>	

	<p>August 7th. The chiller will be delivered in August. Security upgrades are in process at WHS Gold entrance and completed at Academy Avenue. 111 is moving along thanks to the hard work of this team and the support of John McLeod at town hall. Thank you to all involved including Matt Meehan and his team that welcomed us as Abigail Adams.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple introduced several new Administrators to the district:</p> <p>Assistant Principal and Title I Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jeremy Angelos is our new Asst. Principal of Seach Primary School and Title I Director. Jeremy first joined us as a Math Interventionist at Seach and has served as a classroom teacher, data coach and most recently a district math coach. Jeremy is looking forward to taking on his new role at Seach. Please help us welcome Jeremy into his new role.</li> </ul> <p>Interim Assistant Director of Instructional Services and Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Melanie Curtin will be our new Interim Assistant Director of Instructional Services and Support, Melanie has worked at Weymouth High School for fourteen years as a teacher, Dean of Students and currently the Associate Principal. Melanie is a Weymouth graduate that is extremely honored and proud to continue her service in this new position.</li> </ul> <p>Nurse Leader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paula Magnasco is our new Lead Nurse. Paula comes to us with over two decades of healthcare experience and a master's degree in nursing with a concentration in Nursing Leadership and Nurse Management. We look forward to having Paula join us at the end of the summer.</li> </ul> <p>High School Principal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alan J. Strauss, National Association Secondary School Principals, (NASSP) CT Principal of the Year in Washington D.C. and The State of Connecticut High School Principal of the Year for 2016-2017 and 2013 will be joining us from The Gilbert School in Winsted, CT. Alan's wide range of experience has been centered on student achievement, program assessment, school improvement and the importance of retaining and developing quality teachers. Please help us welcome Alan to Weymouth!</li> </ul> <p>Special Education Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Our Special Education Administrator, Alpha Miguel Sanford, has experience as both an Asst. Headmaster as well a PreK - 12 Special Education Coordinator. She has completed postgraduate work at Harvard University related to Women in Educational Leadership. We look forward to having Alpha join our team.</li> </ul> <p>The committee welcomed the new Administrators. Mrs. Sheehan asked if all resumes could be posted on the blog.</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b></p> <p>* Items = action required</p>	<p>On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to take out of order item F on the agenda. So voted, 7:29 p.m.</p> <p><b>Request for land transfer on which the Pingree School sidewalk is located from School jurisdiction to general Town Government jurisdiction as part of Safe Routes to School Project (Action Requested)</b></p> <p>Mr. Owen McDonald and Town Clerk Kathy Deree came to the table. Mr. McDonald gave a brief description of the proposal of the Pingree School sidewalk. This transfer would be necessary for the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) to reconstruct a portion of the driveway and sidewalk as part of its Safe Routes to School project.</p>

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	<p>Safe Routes to School is a Federal aided, State program that will construct traffic calming measures to provide to passing motorists more awareness of a school zone, for the benefit of students crossing Commercial Street. The Proposed work includes “bump outs” to reduce crossing distance, improved sidewalks and crosswalks, new pavement markings and signing, new flashing school zone warning beacons, and Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFB), in accordance with current state and federal standards.</p> <p>On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, School Committee votes to dedicate and transfer portions of land under its care, custody, and control, including ways and sidewalks, to the Town for the purpose of public access, as detailed in the Right of Way Property Plan titled Weymouth Improvement at Pingree Elementary School in connection with the Town’s “Safe Routes to School” project for the Pingree School Entrance, Pingree Elementary School located at Commercial Street, Cottage Street. So voted, 7:35 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Report on Teaching and Learning</b></p>	
	<p><b>Chartwells Food Service Update</b>  <b>Presenters: Cindy Lucas-Terra &amp; Scott Valentino</b>                  Cindy Lucas-Terra and Scott Valentino came to the table and presented a powerpoint presentation (attached to these minutes). They shared success stories, work with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Special Events and what to expect in 2017-2018.</p> <p>The Committee shared they are happy to see trays were brought back as well as questions around the loss on the report. Ms. Lucas-Terra explained in June when the seniors leave and there are many field trips, sales go down.</p>
	<p><b>*Approval of the School Food Service Contract (Action Requested)</b>                  On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the Food Service Contract. So voted, 7:52 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Entry Plan Update</b>  <b>Presenters: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple</b>                  Dr. Curtis-Whipple presented her Entry Findings. She presented a powerpoint presentation attached to these minutes. She reviewed the process, objectives, findings and next steps. The Superintendent addressed all questions.</p>
	<p><b>Superintendent Evaluation</b>                  Chair Belmarsh shared that it is the School Committee’s job to evaluate the Superintendent. The Committee has agreed on a timeline, August 15<sup>th</sup> all Committee members will have individual meetings with the Superintendent. A progress review will be done by December 15<sup>th</sup> and end of year cycle will be done by June 15<sup>th</sup>.</p>
	<p><b>*School Committee Date Change: September 21, 2017 to September 28, 2017 (Action Requested)</b>                  Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that we need to change the date of the School Committee meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup> due to a Parent Event with Ron Suskind author and Key Note speaker at this year’s colloquium. We want to make sure that School Committee and members of the community can attend.</p> <p>On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve moving the School Committee date from September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup>. So voted, 8:41 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Discussion regarding Redistricting of Weymouth School Zones</b>                  Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that we are starting to look at redistricting Weymouth School Zones and looking at different companies to help with this process. This is tied in with MSBA. This is a long process, a multiyear conversation. We will have</p>

	Community Forums, sub-committees. We just wanted to share that the conversations have started.
	<p><b>*School Department Request to transfer of funds within School Department from expense to payroll for end of the year reconciliation (Action Requested)</b>  Chair Belmarsh explained that the Committee is required to approve money to be transferred from expense to payroll. The request is related to a change in practice during the year to reconcile the actual payment of bills. Chair Belmarsh answered questions from the committee.</p> <p>On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to approve the School Department Request to transfer of funds within School Department from expense to payroll for end of the year reconciliation. So voted, 4/1 – Mrs. Sheehan voted NO. 8:51 p.m. motion passes.</p>
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS</b></p> <p>* Items = action required</p>	<p><b>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</b>  Chair Belmarsh shared that the Building Committee met with members of MSBA to discussed a number of items that are coming up. Discussed the draft schedule of when our design would be due as well as our report. We have about a year to get ready to present. There will be another meeting coming up in a month. In September we will need to start working on the Educational Plan.</p> <p><b>*Primary and Middle School Handbooks (Second Reading)</b>  Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg presented the changes to the primary and middle school handbooks.</p> <p>Motion made by Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to combine the second and third reading of the Primary and Middle School Handbooks as there were no new changes and no public comment. Vote: all yes, 5 no, 0 abstain 8:57 PM</p> <p>Motion made by Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to approve the Primary and Middle School Handbooks. Vote: all yes, 5 no, 0 abstain 8:57 PM</p>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting</b>  Tuesday, August 24, 2017 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	<p>8:58 PM</p> <p>In accordance with G.L. c. 30A, s.,21(a) (2) the motion was made by Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to go into executive session for reason for the purposes of Reviewing Executive Session Minutes to determine whether to release or retain for the dates of: 3/23/17; 4/27/17; 5/11/17; 5/25/17; 6/8/17; 6/22/17  Roll call vote: RH, yes; JS, yes; GS, yes; KC, yes; and LB, yes.</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>Motion made by GS, seconded by JS to leave executive session - Vote: all yes, 0 no, 0 abstain 9:38 PM</p> <p>Motion made by GS, seconded by JS to adjourn the meeting - Vote: all yes, 0 no, 0 abstain 9:38 PM</p>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warrant # 05-2018, 7/31/17, \$895,288.51</li> <li>• August 4, 2016 Workshop Minutes</li> <li>• June 22, 2017 Regular Meeting</li> <li>• June 22, 2017 Executive Session Middle School Handbook - proposed changes</li> <li>• Chartwells Update</li> <li>• Superintendent Entry Plan and Presentation</li> <li>• Primary and Middle School Handbooks</li> </ul>

Submitted by:

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Gail Sheehan, Secretary