

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S**

Date: February 16, 2017

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Nardone, Mrs. Curran, Dr. Sullivan and Mayor Hedlund (arrived at 7:41 p.m.)

Also present: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg, Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mary Lee

Call to Order

At 7:04 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A moment of silence was held for Larry Romano a school custodian and maintenance worker who passed away recently.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to remove the 8/25/16 and 10/27/16 Minutes from the Meeting of the Whole from the consent agenda. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 34-2017 in the amount of \$726,288.86

Minutes: 1/19/17 and 11/10/16 Meeting of the Whole Minutes

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

Chair Belmarsh clarified that the minutes of 8/25/16 in folders, she had made a number of deletions and Mrs. Sheehan requested that the comments be put back in. Chair Belmarsh had no issue with that.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve the corrected Meeting of the Whole minutes of August 25, 2016. So voted, 7:09 p.m.

Chair Belmarsh then asked for comments for the October 27, 2016. Mrs. Curran asked for comments that she made, that were crossed out to be put back in. Chair Belmarsh asked for further discussion.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to approve the corrected Meeting of the Whole minutes of October 27, 2016. So voted, 7:09 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Michaela Cesar and Sabrina Manzilli came to the table. Michaela shared that at the recent student voice summit it was discussed that students would like more of a voice in district policies. Shared that plans are being made for the Equality Summit and will share information as soon as they have it. Sabrina shared one of the proposals was "positive reinforcement". Students with good grades varying levels of courses would get a

“positive reinforcement” such as a free breakfast once a semester or access to the VIP lounge. Dress code proposals were also discussed. Also shared the new procedures in place, the new beverage policy and IWS.

Michaela shared that the graduation gown colors will not change until 2018. Also announced there will be a meat raffle at Cathay on Friday, March 3 to benefit the Music students.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment. There was none.

Superintendent’s Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that today was the second round of School Committee visits to the the Schools. Dr. Curtis-Whipple asked the Committee to share their thoughts. Dr. Sullivan shared that he and Ms. Flemer visited, Chapman, Talbot, Seach, Nash and Hamilton School. Dr. Sullivan shared that he would “eat off of any floor at any of the buildings” impressed with the state of the buildings that are getting old. Very impressed with Chapman, saw pride throughout the building keeping it working as well as it possibly can. Staff and students were the highlight of the visits. Also had the opportunity to see “Walk to Read”.

Mrs. Nardone shared that she went to Weymouth High School today. Amazed to see CTE in action. Very impressed with the library and its uses.

Ms. Flemer shared that she was with Dr. Sullivan. Talked about how impressed she was at how comfortable the teachers and students were that were there. Very much enjoyed the visits.

Chair Belmarsh started at Johnson with Dr. Curtis-Whipple, MaryAnn Bryan, Chief of Staff Ted Langill and Mayor Hedlund. Very impressed at the level of attention given to the individuality of students there. Visited Wessagusset had a great time there as well. Impressed at how immaculate the buildings are kept. Then visited WHS CTE had lunch at the Wildcat Café. Thanked everyone for their time.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared she thought it was a great day. Very proud of all of our staff. Our custodial staff is amazing keeping us up and running every single day.

Online registration portal is open and is available via the website under the family and registration information tab. Only portions of our registration are available online. Kindergarten registration and screening will take March 1, 2, and 3.

On March 14th at 6:30 p.m. our second annual Weymouth’s Got talent will be at WHS.

Foreign Language VAT met today. It was very successful and they used the day to work on Mapping standards.

Ten (10) new security cameras were delivered and installed at WHS this week.

Elementary automation training dates were released to the elementary schools. Dates are March 21, 22, 23 & 24.

Nash celebrated our 100th day of school (1-4) on Feb 14th! Students were excited to acknowledge this milestone in the year by dressing as if they were 100 years old, decorating shirts/ hats with 100 items such as stickers, buttons, etc. The students were very creative and shared their enthusiasm while also taking part in math and writing activities around this special day!

Veterans for Valentines: the Coast Guard visited our classes as they worked on Valentines to give the Veterans. The Vets shared information their job/ role and thanked the students for their thoughtful gesture This was a great way to expose our students to a different branch of the military while giving back!

Ms. Flemer shared the concern that the kids had about Valentine 's Day being the same day as the 100th Day!

Mrs. Sheehan shared that she and Mrs. Curran cannot do Tuesday and Thursday. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that we had talked about this and would be setting up time with Mrs. Sheehan separately.

Mayor Hedlund arrived at 7:41 p.m.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

WHS School Improvement Plan

Dr. Curtis-Whipple invited Mr. Galusha, Associate Principal Melanie Curtin and Principal Peter Haviland. Chair Belmarsh apologizes to the team for having moved the presentation from the last meeting. Dr. Curtis-Whipple provided an overview of the presentation. A powerpoint presentation was given with the following being reviewed: Summary of Student Data; Four Performance Challenges (Literacy, Mathematics, Family Engagement and School Culture and Social, Emotional and Behavior Development; Accomplishments and Key Initiatives and Resource Priorities. All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.

NEASC Update

Mr. Galusha and Principal Haviland provided an update from the NEASC visit and findings. Shared that there were 50 recommendations and commendations from the NEASC Committee. This was a 10 year process, Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg initiated this important process and we have until November 2019 to address these items.

Mr. Galusha first reviewed commendations (Capstone/Rubrics/Curriculum Task Force/Career Academies/Assessment Task Force/AP Program/ Active Citizenship/Teachers/Schedule/Guidance/Building and its Ability to Support Education) that were on his one sheet handout.

Mr. Galusha then reviewed recommendations (Curriculum Oversight/Leadership and Support was recommended. Written Curriculum was also a focus). These recommendations are what NEASC wants completed by March 1, 2018. There are more of both commendations and recommendations made by NEASC in the full report, which will be posted on the Districts website.

A robust question and answer session followed. All questions were addressed.

Report of Sub-Committees

Budget Sub-Committee

Mrs. Nardone read the report of the Budget Sub-Committee meeting from February 8th. Reviewed the agenda and provided the details of the budget for FY18 as well as the Needs List. Discussed the public hearing process. Next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee will be on March 16, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. at Administration.

Assistant Superintendent Kustka left the meeting at 8:51 p.m. and returned at 8:53 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to approve the report of the Budget Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:51 p.m.

On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to take the High School Program of Studies out of order. So voted, 8:54 p.m.

Weymouth High School Program of Studies – Second Reading

Assistant Principal Melanie Curtin came to the table. She thanked Dean Karen Monahan and CTE Director Cathie Rebelo for doing the first reading of the WHS Program of Studies. She reviews the changes to the document and asks if there was any way to do the second and third reading tonight.

Chair Belmarsh opens the meeting to Public Comment. There was none.

Mrs. Sheehan asks about adding elective courses to see if they are chosen by students. Expressed her concern regarding several issues. One that she has expressed before that she will not support the program of studies for the 60% passing criteria. The Evening High School Program sets their passing criteria at 70%. Do not understand why high school stays at 60% Mrs. Curran feels the same way.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to combine the second and third reading of the WHS Program of studies. So voted, 8:59 p.m.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she does not like to combine something this important but will support this combination this evening.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the WHS Program of Studies for 2017-2018. Vote 5/2. Mrs. Curran and Mrs. Sheehan do not support. 8:59 p.m.

Draft Proposed FY18 Budget

Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed in detail the FY18 Draft Proposed Budget and identified Needs List for schools and district. She described the “red items” on the list in detail.

Mrs. Sheehan asked how she determined who would be hired first in terms of Curriculum Leadership. Dr. Curtis-Whipple explained that ELA and Math would be considered first and all the levels will be discussed as well.

Mrs. Sheehan asked if School Committee would be approving i.e. asking for 9 curriculum coordinators over the next few years. How does this work?

Dr. Curtis-Whipple explained how this would be accomplished.

Mrs. Curran asked if any of the “red” items are mandated. Dr. Curtis-Whipple explained that as of now we are not out of compliance but we could be if we not address these staff changes soon.

Mrs. Curran expressed her concern about informing the public on the Opioid crisis – children born to addicted parents are starting to come into our schools. We may be mandated in the future and we need to address it now. Special Education will be needed for all. Dr. Curtis-Whipple discusses how this is being addressed.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she sees nothing about substitute teacher's rate of pay issue. Shouldn't there be money make it more?? Mrs. Kustka reached out to personnel in other districts- doesn't seem to be the reason we are not getting subs. Most districts are having issues getting subs no matter what they are paying. Mrs. Sheehan stated if we even increase by \$5 to make it a better option? Feels this is a concern and would like to see addressed.

Dr. Sullivan discusses Special Education in middle school and how to address that staffing. Dr. Curtis-Whipple addresses.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple discusses the balancing of the greatest need at this time.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple presents CIP needs. Also discusses the following in detail:

- Curriculum Materials
- Intervention Materials – Specifically In Math
- Science Equip & Supplies
- Furniture Facility Equip
- CTE Materials
- Boilers
- AC – WHS
- Security
- Cap Tech Needs

Business Manager Mary Lee reviewed the FY17 Budget to date (as of 2/15/17). Chair Belmarsh discusses the time table for budget going forward.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the FY18 Draft Budget Proposal. So voted, 9:34 p.m.

Old Business

Policy EE– Transportation – Public Schools – Third Reading

Mrs. Curran briefly reviewed the changes to policy EE.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve Policy EE – Transportation – Public Schools. So voted, 9:34 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh provided a report on the Chapman Feasibility Study. There will be a public hearing on March 2nd at the MJL Humanities Center. Walk with a Wildcat is that night as well. At that meeting the proposed contractor Hill will be attending and we will discussion our options, site configurations etc. It will be a very informative meeting. There will be a meeting at MSBA on March 6th to talk about the design.

Mrs. Curran shared her concern about parking because of Walk with a Wildcat. Chair Belmarsh shared it is a great night to bring people in that may not come otherwise.

Mrs. Sheehan shared that the WEF Quiz Nite will be on Friday, March 31st. Entry forms were left with Eileen Pitts at Administration.

On Tuesday, March 7th there will be a SEPAC meeting at the Tufts Library with a workshop with the MA Bureau of Special Education Mediation. All are welcome.

Executive Session

At 9:40 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of approving and reviewing Executive Session Minutes: 6/23/16 and 12/1/16; Reviewing Executive Session Minutes of 1/21/16 as approved on February 2, 2017; and In accordance with G.L. c. 30A, s. 21 (3), discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining SEIU Van Drivers, Custodians, Maintenance and WEA Unit D-Paraprofessionals as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the public body only to return to open session for the purpose of adjournment. A roll call vote was taken; Dr. Sullivan: YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Ms. Flemer, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mrs. Curran, Yes; Mayor Hedlund, YES; Chair Belmarsh, YES. So voted.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee Meeting of the Whole

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Adjourn

At 11:10 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.
Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sheehan – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Minutes: January 19, 2017,
- Meeting of the Whole Minutes: 8/25/16; 10/27/16; 11/10/16
- Warrant 34-2017 in the amount of \$726,288.86
- NEASC Report Card
- High School - School Improvement Plan
- High School Program of Studies – First Reading
- Budget Sub-Committee Report
- Policy EE

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