

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

Date: January 19, 2017

Present: Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Nardone, Mrs. Curran, Dr. Sullivan and

Absent: Mayor Hedlund & Chair Belmarsh

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

Call to Order

At 7:01 p.m. Vice-Chair Flemer called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to table the minutes of January 5, 2016 and the Meeting of the Whole Minutes: 8/25/16; 9/29/16; 10/27/16; 11/10/16. So voted, 7:03 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 30-2017 in the amount of \$594,861.60

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was voted to consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:03 p.m.

Vice Chair Flemer stated that Mayor Hedlund would not be coming to the meeting as well as Chair Belmarsh attended her son's first college track meet.

Student Advisory Committee

There was none.

Public Comment

Ms. Flemer opened the meeting to public comment. There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Student art work is now being displayed at Central Office. Thank you to Brian Duane for putting up the boards and to the Art teachers for all of the work they put into this.

Adams Chorus and WHS Chorus and band performed at the Providence Bruins on January 13th

The FACE career showcase will take place on Wednesday January 25th 5:30-7:30 at Chapman Middle School Cafeteria all students and families of PreK-6 students are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, February 1st at Nash Primary School 5:30-7:00 our math coaches will be holding their first in a series of three family math nights. "Developing Mathematical Thinkers."

AIP has been updated and finalized. It will be published on our website next week and on the school committee blog for review. Very proud of the team and thinking strategically and focus on initiatives and the 5 year plan will be reviewed.

iPads will be deployed in next ten days and computers for middle schools and WHS will be deployed throughout the month of February. Two iPad carts have been deployed to WHS History and ELA Department

On Tuesday, March 21st the Norfolk District Attorney's Office will present "The Other Talk" from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at WHS, MJL Humanities Center. "The Other Talk" addresses the topic of alcohol and substance abuse head on. Caron SAP designed a program to help parents of soon-to-be college students communicate accurate, healthy and practical messages to their children regarding college alcohol and drug use.

The BOKS program is off and running 2 mornings per week and also during the school day on Tuesday afternoons. Our parent volunteers are doing a wonderful job with the program to keep things going - it would not be possible without them!

Our Literacy coach has been a busy bee this month with SRSD trainings to get K / 1 into the swing of things. Our second graders have shared a song they sing and dance to as they learn the POW - TIDE of SRSD. The positive self-regulation positive talk without students has been wonderful - they are even using it in other subjects or other points in the day!

The Dana-Farber's Mammography Van will be in Weymouth on Thursday, March 9 from 8:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Weymouth High School. The van is being brought to Weymouth through the capstone project of Kyra Maskell & Meghan Crosson. The Mammography Van continues to be the only mobile mammography program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It provides digital screening mammograms and (depending upon availability) breast health education to women 40 years of age and older. Skilled mammography technologists from Dana-Farber perform the exams, and images are interpreted by board-certified radiologists with extensive experience dedicated to mammography.

Mrs. Sheehan asked for a recap of the Special Meeting on January 12, 2017 as meeting was not televised. Dr. Curtis-Whipple stated she would review this later in the agenda. Mrs. Sheehan asked if the reason the Johnson Boilers were removed would be discussed at that time. Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the request from MSBA and discussed that the Johnson Early Childhood Center boiler was not eligible as part of the Accelerated Repair Project as they do not provide funding for a standalone center.

Mrs. Sheehan thanked Dr. Curtis-Whipple for the payroll, expenses and revolving accounts on the blog. Mrs. Sheehan asked if it could be back on the agenda.

Mrs. Nardone stated she received pre-registration information from Academy Avenue and was wondering if she would receive from all the primary schools or just Academy Avenue. Dr. Curtis-Whipple confirmed that all schools will be sending this out.

Mrs. Curran in reviewing the gift account, does that reflect the amount we accepted in December? Business Manager Mary Lee will look into that.

New Business

School Improvement Plan Final Report for 2015-2017 Iteration: Middle Schools

Principal's Paul Duprey and Matthew Meehan came to the table. Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the revised school improvement plan process. Dr. Curtis-Whipple discussed the goals and check-in meetings during the year, be more focused, the cycle, the big picture, bring data, move into vision setting and improvement implementation. This SIP is basically the final report out of this cycle. Starting in August 2017 we will use the new process in the fall.

Mr. Meehan reported out on student data, students are doing well. Everyone is working incredibly hard to make sure all students are successful. Mr. Meehan and Mr. Duprey reviewed four performance challenges; literacy, mathematics; family engagement and social, emotional and behavioral developments. Mr. Duprey reviewed that communication is difficult and that communications sometimes do not get home. Working on other forms of communication with the media club, school newspaper and different outlets of communication. Also have increased community service and will continue to support that.

Mr. Meehan reviewed transition initiatives. Guidance is trying to survey for fears and anxiety that may exist because of transition. Family outreach has increased in buildings, theater arts has been increasing, bi-monthly parent council meetings and school council meetings. Parent Council is running "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader" on February 10th. Guidance staff and teachers meet once a cycle. We have a daily BOKs program and mindful Monday's. Provide regular communication with what is going on.

Mr. Duprey reviewed that there are 90+ students on Student Council and have formed committees and increased spirit in the school. Weymouth Proud is all around the school. We are seeing a definite improvement. We are trying to develop the student voice. Mr. Duprey stated we are trying to create a positive school culture that is humble and kind. All questions asked by the Committee were addressed. Dr. Sullivan commended both principals and their staffs for all of their initiatives, but noted that state data indicated that almost all test scores had decreased over the past year. He suggested this was due to specific funding challenges rather than to any fault of the school staffs.

Report of Sub-Committees

Budget Sub-Committee

Mrs. Nardone read the report of the Budget Subcommittee. The Committee met on, January 11, 2017 at the School Administration Building. The agenda included; Update on FY18 Budget Prep; FY18 Needs List; Fee Schedule Review.

-Administration team has been working on a more personal approach to the process. As requests come in from principals and department heads, the team has been going through line by line to make sure they are in line with curriculum, validate the need, and justification of items. The Team has talked with each principal in an effort to gain insight to each request.

-FY18 Needs List- is currently “in progress. The Administration team being fiscally responsible, continue to dig deeper into what the needs are. They are also looking to see the data that can support and back up those needs.

-Fee Schedule Review was the last item on our discussion. As you might recall we established a fee schedule. Currently up is Childcare, Johnson, WeyCare and Full K program. I would like to say thank you to Lori for helping us out with data. We will be looking at these and the fee schedule more closely at a later date.

The next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee will be on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 6:00pm at the Administration Building.

Mrs. Curran asked for point of clarification regarding Budget SubCommittee Meeting Schedule. Asked Dr. Curtis-Whipple for an updated and current schedule.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to accept the report of the Budget Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:37 p.m.

Negotiations Sub-Committee

Ms. Flemer introduced the Negotiation team, Tracey Nardone and John Sullivan. Assistant Superintendent Susan Kustka, the department heads of the union we are negotiating with are at the meetings as well as our legal representative, Joe Emerson.

The negotiations sub-committee have begun negotiations with WEA Paraprofessionals, SEIU Custodians, Maintenance and Van Drivers. We have had a couple of opening meetings with both sides' very positives looking to work cooperatively to settle contracts in a timely fashion. Meetings that have and will happen are as follows: Maintenance, January 12, February 1 and February 15; Van Drivers, January 12, February 2 and February 16; Paraprofessionals; January 9; February 6; February 13.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to accept the report of the Negotiations Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:39 p.m.

Policy Sub-Committee

Mrs. Curran read the report below into the record.

Meeting Notes: 1/9/17 meeting was called to order at 6:00pm; in attendance were Kathy Curran, Gail Sheehan, John Sullivan, Transportation Supervisor Robin Howard and Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg. There were four items on our agenda.

1. Continued review of Section J and E: Section E Support Services, EE Transportation –Public Schools; Policy discussion took place among all present to update language to have our policy reflect the requests of our transportation department leadership and student safety. Discussion took place on

varying scenarios. To help guide us, we read over many other districts language, especially in regard to neighborhood bus stops. With consensus has brought forward for first reading tonight, 1/19/17.

2. Review/Revise JJA-R: Student Travel Regulations; discussion took place, but due to concern of the late hour and multiple policies involved we will continue this review until our next meeting on 1/31/17.

3. Discuss Policy Manual on Website: The manual is back on line and we have support staff working to update and replace online policy manual.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:44 p.m.

Mrs. Curran added that Health and Wellness was on the agenda and that the committee is going to be setting up a meeting to form a sub-committee to look at Health and Wellness.

Policy EE– Transportation – Public Schools – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read into the record Policy EE – Transportation – Public Schools and read the proposed changes to the policy.

Ms. Flemer opened to questions or comments from the Committee.

Ms. Flemer asked about children who are dropped off at daycare. Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg stated that those cases will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Ms. Flemer moved to second reading at the next School Committee Meeting.

Old Business

Policy IJOA – Field Trips – Third Reading

Mrs. Curran reviewed the changes to the policy; there were no changes since the second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to adopt Policy IJOA – Field Trips. So voted, 8:50 p.m.

Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses – Third Reading

Mrs. Curran reviewed the changes to the policy; there were no changes since the second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to adopt Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses. So voted, 8:51 p.m.

Policy EEAEAC – Student Conduct on School Buses –Third Reading

Mrs. Curran reviewed the changes to the policy; there were no changes since the second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to adopt the Policy EEAEC – Student Conduct on School Buses. So voted, 8:52 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Mrs. Curran reported that the next meeting of the Building Committee will be on Thursday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Whipple Center. The Building Committee received 11 responses to the RFS. At this meeting we will be discussing the responses as well as dates for interviews.

Save-the-Date: WEF Quiz Night will be held on Friday March 30th at the Elks.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 8:53 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sheehan – Secretary

Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Minutes: January 5, 2016
- Minutes - Meeting of the Whole Minutes: 8/25/16; 9/29/16; 10/27/16; 11/10/16
- Warrant 30-2017 in the amount of \$594,861.60
- Middle School Presentation
- Middle School - School Improvement Plan
- Budget Sub-Committee Report
- Policy Sub-Committee Report
- Policy IJOA – Field Trips – Third Reading
- Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses – Third Reading
- Policy EEAEK – Student Conduct on School Buses –Third Reading

APPROVED