

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 10.13.16)**

Date: August 25, 2016

Present: Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone and Dr. Sullivan
Also present: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg,
Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mary Lee
Absent: Chair Belmarsh, Mayor Hedlund

Call to Order

At 7:04 p.m. Vice-Chair Flemer called the meeting to order (Chair Belmarsh could not attend this evening). The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 09-2017 in the amount of \$769,626.69

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

There was none.

Public Comment

Mr. Gus Perez came to the table. Publically recognizes the legislators on Beacon Hill's efforts in additional funding for education in the FY17 budget (Chapter 70). Strongly suggests this board to connect with the Mayor and encourage the increase to come to the school department in FY17.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared activities over the last two weeks. For the entire week of August 15th, our Leadership team worked to plan for the upcoming school year. We discussed what our district vision is and which initiatives supported our initiative. We also learned about mindfulness, educator feedback and planned for the 2016-2017 professional development opportunities.

On Tuesday-Thursday of this week we held our New Educator Induction. New Educators learned about our district, the evaluation system, professional expectations, and received initial training from many of our district level offices. We have over 40 new hires and the level of enthusiasm was palpable.

Also, Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that WHS Senior Erika O'Brien was a summer intern at the State House with Representative James Murphy's office. She also participated in the MA State Trooper Academy. She is pursuing a career in Criminal Justice. We received a message from Mary Roy that

Erika wrote an article YOUR VIEW: A high school senior's appeal to Spectra and was featured on wickedlocal.com. Kudos to Erika who happens to be former second grade student of mine!

Superintendent Curtis-Whipple asked for comments or questions.

Mrs. Nardone stated she has heard amazing things said about the new hire program. Everything was great.

Mrs. Sheehan inquired about the Academy Avenue lead issue. Dr. Curtis-Whipple discussed the details.

Mrs. Sheehan also asked about a foul odor at Johnson Early Childhood Center. Dr. Curtis-Whipple addressed this issue stating the pipes were flushed and the issue has resolved.

Mrs. Curran commented on the Chapter 70 money. Stated it is important we get every dime. Mary Lee will follow up.

Entry Plan

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared her Superintendent's Entry plan with a short powerpoint presentation with an overview. The entry plan will be posted on the website for the start of the new school year.

New Business

Report of Sub-Committees

Policy

Policy Sub-Committee met on August 23, 2016. The meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m.

Attendees, Gail Sheehan, Kathy Curran, MaryAnn Bryan and Elaine Lane. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a new policy that needs to be written, posted and available to all students, parents and guardians regarding Opioid Education. The existing policy and changes are discussed.

Policy JICG is the original policy from 1993 and will be replaced with policy JICH with new language. Mrs. Curran reads the proposed policy in its entirety (attached to these minutes). Sending to School Committee this evening for first reading. Will need to be filed with DESE as well.

Ms. Flemer requests it be put on the agenda for second reading at the September 15, 2016 meeting.

Mrs. Curran then reviewed policy IHAMB that will replace policy IHAMA – Teaching about Drugs and Alcohol and Tobacco. Mrs. Curran then reads the new policy adding guardians as well as parents.

Ms. Flemer requests it be put on the agenda for second reading at the September 15, 2016 meeting.

Mrs. Curran then reviewed policy GBEC – Drug Free Workplace. Mrs. Curran then reads the changes to this policy in its entirety as well.

Ms. Flemer requests it be put on the agenda for second reading at the September 15, 2016 meeting.

The next item discussed was the Parent Acknowledgement form additions of videos photographs, release of directory information as well as the substance abuse policy.

Assistant Superintendent Kustka discusses the details. Mrs. Curran reads the current laws. Mrs. Curran concludes the first reading of the parent acknowledgement.

Discussion continues around the parent acknowledgement form and further discussion back in policy may need to happen. Mrs. Curran stated that it will be on the agenda for the next policy meeting.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is on September 12, 2016 at School Administration.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to accept the report of the Policy Committee. So voted, 7:45 p.m.

Amendment to 2016-2017 School Calendar

Due to a miscount of number of school days we were one short to meet our 185 days.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the addition of 1 day to the school year calendar ending school on June 27, 2016 instead of June 26, 2016. So voted, 7:46 p.m.

Old Business

WHS CTE Admission Policy – Second Reading

Ms. Rebelo came to the table. Mrs. Sheehan stated that this was not on the website. Ms. Rebelo described where it was located. Mrs. Curran discussed that it is very important that we get the correct letters in the policy handbook (referring to this particular policy).

Ms. Rebelo discusses the changes that were made at the previous meeting and that all changes were made. A flyer was created and sent to central office this past week.

Ms. Flemer asks if there is anyone in the audience that would like to comment on this policy. There was none. Ms. Flemer asked for this to be placed on the September 15, 2016 agenda for third reading.

Mrs. Sheehan requests that it be placed on the main page of the school website or even get a one page synopsis. Ms. Rebelo asked for clarification if they want it on the district main page or high school. Mrs. Sheehan stated high school.

Ms. Flemer announced that we will be working on the school committee and district website to become more user friendly this year.

Mrs. Curran asked for an update on the town and school collaboration on opioid education.

Mrs. Sheehan asked if there was any discussion on our open meeting law violation. Ms. Flemer stated at a later meeting will be discussed.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on September 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 7:59 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, 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
- Warrant 09-2017 in the amount of \$769,626.69
- Parent Acknowledgement Form for School Handbooks – First Reading
- Update Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited – First Reading
- Adding Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs – First Reading
- Update Policy GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy
- Amendment to 2016-2017 School Calendar
- WHS CTE Policy