

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

Date: July 28, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, 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: Ms. Flemer, Mayor Hedlund

**Call to Order**

At 7:03 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Consent Agenda**

Warrant 05-2017 in the amount of \$367,165.87

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:04 p.m.

**Student Advisory Committee**

There was none.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Correspondence**

Dr. Curtis-Whipple welcomed Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg and Business Manager Mary Lee.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple clarified information that was shared at the June 9th School Committee Meeting and read the following statement:

“In response to a question from the audience at the School Committee meeting held on June 9th regarding the closing of the books for Athletics for Fiscal Year 2015, the Interim Business Manager clarified that the formal books of account maintained by the Town through the MUNIS accounting system were closed and differentiated that from the reconciliation of records independently maintained by the Athletic Director with the formal books of account. The Interim Business Manager did not state, nor did he intend to imply, that the Athletic Director mismanaged funds.”

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared some educational opportunities that have been underway this summer. Our annual Q5 summer school program began on July 5th and held its' final session today. Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg and Mary Ann Bryan will meet with the summer administrators to debrief and begin planning for 2017.

Summer programs for English Language Learner, pre-school students and students with extended year services have been taken place at the Seach Primary School. Dr. Curtis-Whipple had been able to see first-hand the social, emotional, and academic opportunities that have been taking place. She experienced first-hand the testing of a marshmallow catapult. Fun was definitely had by all.

Speaking of summer fun, our summer reading initiative is well underway. A school messenger was sent home yesterday to remind all families about this important summer requirement. This June, Dr. Curtis-Whipple worked with Maggie Murphy, Mary Ann Bryan and Good News Gus also known as Harry Lacoste to create a public service announcement to support our summer reading initiative. I have that here to share with you tonight. It is our hope that this PSA will help communicate about summer reading and provide insight to how to find the requirements and how to enjoy a good book.

Also, we have been very fortunate to work with Mary Heinrichs and her team at WETC to highlight the BOKS efforts that are taking place here in Weymouth. These efforts have been noticed by Harvard University and one of their lead neuropsychologists, Stephanie Peabody. Tonight we have a five minute clip of the WETC BOKS production that is currently airing on WETC channel 11.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked all of our BOKS volunteers and champions that are helping to keep BOKS alive and well in Weymouth. This program has shown great benefits to our students and I am hopeful that the Harvard Research will shed even more light on the benefits of BOKS.

Our maintenance teams are working hard to prepare our schools for the fall and if you have been to our Administrative offices, you will have noticed that our carpenters have been working to create an environment that is more conducive to the needs of our human resource department. We are looking forward to the final reveal of the many projects that are taking place in all of our school settings.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple has had the pleasure to meet with Dr. Paul Dakin, the former superintendent for the Revere Public Schools. Through my participation with the Department of education and MASS, Dr. Dakin has been assigned as my Coach to support my transition into the Superintendent role. I look forward to working with him and hopefully you will be able to meet him in the near future.

Mrs. Sheehan asks about the water quality issue in the schools. Dr. Curtis-Whipple explains and shares information.

### **New Business**

#### **Report of Sub-Committees**

There was none.

#### **WHS CTE Admission Policy – First Reading**

Cathie Rebelo, CTE Director at WHS came to the table. Reviewed the new policy and the changes. State the Department of Education approved the changes made to the policy on July 21, 2016. Ms. Rebelo reviewed in detail the changes that add language for Title IX. There were changes to section 3 – Eligibility; Section 4 – Organizational Structure; Section 5 – Recruitment Process; Section 6 – Application Process; and Section 7 – Criteria. All questions asked by the Committee were answered by Ms. Rebelo. It was decided that the information be posted on the website as well as work with WETC to advertise the changes.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to move the WHS CTE Admission policy to second reading at the August School Committee Meeting. So voted 7:40 p.m.

Approval for Superintendent Curtis-Whipple to Participate on the Board of South Shore Educational Collaborative effective July 1, 2016

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve Dr. Curtis-Whipple to participate on the board of South Shore Educational Collaborative effective July 1, 2016. So voted, 7:42 p.m.

Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Weymouth Educators Association, Unit B

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Weymouth School Committee and Weymouth Educators Association, Unit B. So voted, 7:46 p.m.

Ydana Chella came to the table to discuss Unit B contract and changes. Chair Belmarsh listed all the members of Unit B. Ms. Chella thanks everyone for their hard work and dedication.

Mrs. Sheehan asked for the identifying funds source list for this contract (Unit B) and Unit A to be posted on website, as was stated at the June 23rd School Committee meeting. Chair Belmarsh stated it would be posted.

Mrs. Nardone asks if the program director for Decisions is on Unit B. Assistant Superintendent Kustka responded.

Chair Belmarsh announced the School Committee Workshop on August 4, 2016. Mrs. Sheehan asks for the Special Education consultant's report. Dr. Curtis-Whipple responds that she will be sharing it at the Administrators retreat first and then will have her come to a school committee meeting to report out.

**Old Business**

There was none.

**Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee**

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on August 25, 2016 at 7:53 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

**Adjourn**

At 7:57 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Sheehan – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Warrant 05-2017 in the amount of \$367,165.87
- Unit B contract
- Assistant Superintendent Contract (2)
- WHS CTE Policy