

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
M I N U T E S (approved 2/25/16)**

Date: November 12, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center  
Weymouth High School

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone,  
and Mr. Guilfoyle.

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Curtis-Whipple,  
Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mickey  
McGonagle.

Absent: Mayor Kay

**Call to Order**

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**Consent Agenda**

Warrant 20-2016 in the amount of \$1,299,144.41.

Field Trip Request, WHS, grade 10, 11 & 12 CTE Automotive Technology, New England Tech, Warwick, RI Friday, January 8, 2016

Field Trip Request; WHS, grades 9-12 Music to the Providence Bruin's game, Providence RI, Friday, November 15, 2015

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to approve consent agenda. So voted, 7:01 p.m.

**Student Advisory Committee**

The Student Advisory Committee to the table. The Committee Announced that the Freshman and Sophomore class will be collecting gift cards for a raffle at the Weymouth High School Craft Fair. Announced the Culinary students will be having a pie drive. All orders must be in by November 20<sup>th</sup>.

WCAT is working on getting a new Principals Corner together at least once a month. Student Advisory will be starting a Twitter account WHS. The next Student Voice

Summit will be on November 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a daylong event discussing issues and student concerns. The PEP Rally will be on November 25<sup>th</sup>.

WHS Drama Group came to the table and provided a report on their upcoming show “Footloose”.

### **Public Comment**

There was none.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### **Correspondence**

Dr. Salim reviewed the recommendation from Commissioner Mitchell Chester, for the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education regarding PARCC. Dr. Salim shared a few summary points of the results.

Dr. Salim shared that this past week Mayor Kay put forward a measure for a supplemental budget to Town Council which includes a provision for schools. The schools portion of the supplemental proposal includes items that have been on our needs list and recent discussion on one time needs that might be funded from free cash. The three items are the \$45,000 for curriculum materials for English language learners and students with disabilities; \$50,000 for technology support for break-fix needs; and \$25,000 for curriculum mapping to complete curriculum resources on our Aspen X2 system. The measure has been referred to the Budget management Committee.

Dr. Salim reviewed the recommendations for Chapter 70 funding. They found that special education updates would require an additional \$432 million in Chapter 70 aid. We anticipate the findings will be discussed as the state works on the FY17 budget.

Last Tuesday we held our second PD Day with teachers. High School teachers continued work on the preparation for the NEASC accreditation process while preK-8 teachers convened at Abigail Adams for district-wide work on Accountable Talk. Teachers worked in grade level and content based groups facilitated by district administrators. In addition, specialized support and elective staff were able to work together.

In the afternoon, we held an “unconference” which allowed teachers to propose and participate in different sessions based on their interests and expertise.

The next STEM Hotspot will be on Saturday, November 21, 2016 from 10:00 – 12:00 at the Abigail Adams Cafeteria. In collaboration with the South Shore Natural Science Center we will be running a Science Inquiry activity called “Stellwagen Shipwreck”.

Also related to STEM, the WETC Lens on Learning featuring our work supporting STEM learning is now airing on WETC and is also available streaming on the Weymouth TV website.

This fall, Weymouth High School applied to be part of a domestic violence prevention challenge initiative by The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership. This is an innovative approach to violence prevention education funded by the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation and the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office. Weymouth High School Counselors applied for the training and because of the great work that Weymouth High has done with the foundation, the football team will be shooting a public service announcement next week produced by the Patriots and covered by WBZ. The public service announcement will include the entire team making a “this won’t be me” pledge against domestic violence. The team also received 70 tickets for players and chaperones to attend Thursday’s game at Gillette Stadium.

Dr. Salim shared that senior Kevin Lyons has been selected by the MIAA as their student-athlete of the month for October. Kevin is the captain of both the football and basketball teams at Weymouth High School.

### **New Business**

#### Superintendent Search Process – Glenn Koocher, Executive Director, MASC

Chair Belmarsh invited Mr. Koocher to the table to provide an overview of the Superintendent Search Process. Mr. Koocher provided a document to the School Committee on “Key Decisions for School Committee Planning for a Transition”. He then summarizes the process. Mr. Koocher discussed such as in an interim, an internal search, external search and or retain a search consultant.

Chair Belmarsh opened for questions. Reminded everyone that we currently do not have an opening, this is hypothetical.

Mrs. Curran likes the idea of live community forums and asked who would initiate them. Mr. Koocher stated these should be joint meeting of the School Committee and a Public meeting. Describes in detail. Mr. Koocher will provide the MASC guide to contracting and asks that the Committee work with MASC when discussing the contract.

Chair Belmarsh asks Mr. Koocher if he would mind answering questions from the public. He agreed. The Chair recognizes Mr. Gus Perez. Mr. Perez asked when the window would close for a July 2016 start. Mr. Koocher suggests that you can expedite the process by streamlining, get started as soon as possible and making a decision no later than end of March.

Chair Belmarsh thanks Mr. Koocher for coming to this evenings meeting and for the detailed information.

Mr. Guilfoyle leaves the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and returns at 7:51 p.m.

### Report on Teaching and Learning

#### Technology Update – Laura Stevenson

Dr. Salim invited Director of Technology, Laura Stevenson to the table. Mrs. Stevenson reviewed a powerpoint presentation, she reviewed the technology vision, accomplishments, current status, priorities and challenges and resource needs. Mrs. Stevenson reviewed the vision for the future of technology in WPS. All Committee questions were addressed.

Mr. Guilfoyle leaves the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and returns at 8:04 p.m.

### Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
- Mrs. Nardone stated there was a Budget Sub-Committee meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the School Administration Building. Mrs. Nardone discussed the requests from certified free cash, homeless transportation costs, and state reimbursements. Mrs. Nardone read a list of items needing funding. The next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee Meeting will be on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the School Administration Building.
- On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve the report of the Budget Sub-Committee meeting. So voted, 8:58 p.m.
- Policy Sub-Committee
- Mrs. Sheehan stated there will be a Policy Sub Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building. Discussion of posthumous diploma will be an agenda item.

### Committee Announcements

#### MASC Convention Report

Mrs. Curran reported that she and Mrs. Sheehan attended the MASC Convention and provided an update on the resolutions and workshops that she attended.

- *Resolution 1 – Regarding High School Starting Times – passed on voice vote.*
- *Resolution 2 – Poverty and Children – passed on a voice vote.*

- *Resolution 3 – Tying Test Scores to Chapter 70 Funding – passed on voice vote.*
- *Resolution 4 – Support for an Equitable and Sustainable Placement Program for Students Covered under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act – passed on voice vote.*
- *Resolution 5 – Tax Reform Ballot Question – failed on hand vote.*
- *Resolution 6 – Membership of a School Committee Member on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education – passed on voice vote.*
- *Resolution 7 – Relative to the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessments for Kindergarten Students - passed on voice vote.*

Mrs. Sheehan also reported that she attended several workshops. Attended one on Parliamentary Procedure. Discussed her findings from these workshops and would like to have a workshop on this.

The next SEPAC meeting will be on December 1, 2015 at the Abigail Adams Library.

The next TWPC meeting will be on December 2, 2015 in the MJL Humanities Center at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

#### **Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee**

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on December 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

#### **Adjourn**

At 9:13 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Warrant 20-2016
- Field Trip Requests
- Technology Presentation
- Budget Sub-Committee Report