

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 10/22/15)**

Date: June 11, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center
Weymouth High School

Present: Chairman Guilfoyle, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone, Ms. Belmarsh

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendent Susan Kustka and Business Manager David Proule.

Absent: Mayor Kay and Jennifer Curtis-Whipple

Call to Order

At 7:09 pm Chairman Guilfoyle called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A moment of silence was held for Fire Chief Stark's mother and former student Patrick Collins who passed away.

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to approve the minutes for March 23, 2015. So voted, 7:10 p.m.

Student Advisory

Mrs. Sharon Yannizzi came to the table and introduced two new members of the Student Advisory group, Nick Ames and Matt Cronin. The students came to the table and discussed a few issues one being parking sticker costs and asked for a reduction. Costs are not consistent. The second issue that was brought to the table was around extra help for students who have sports practice. They have a meeting with Mr. Mackin to discuss this.

Discussed that communication in the building has gotten better. Concerned that students are not checking school email. Would like some of the information in the emails to be announced during school. Announced that Skills USA Competition was on May 1st, it is a great group. Teaches you to be professional. Would like the program to be advertised more and communicated to all.

Two further items brought to the table, summer reading ad no trays at lunch. Mrs. Yannizzi stated that all of these items will be brought to Principal Haviland and Associate Principal Stukenborg.

Public Comment

Mr. John Sullivan came to the table. Mr. Sullivan proposed a few questions for the Committee to have in mind for the Chartwells presentation later in the meeting. Discussed the quality and abundance of food. Level of concern with how things are going so far. Discussed comments from the meeting Chartwells attended at Townwide Parent Council.

Committee Announcements

Mr. Guilfoyle announced the summer meeting dates for July 30th and August 27th.

Mrs. Sheehan announced SEPAC Annual Family Picnic on Saturday, August 22nd at the Hamilton School. All are welcome, bring your own lunch.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she and Mrs. Curran attended the South Shore Educational Collaborative Graduation. We had one student from Weymouth graduating. Invited to come back for a tour of the new building.

Mrs. Curran announced the Relay for Life will be on Saturday, June 13th at Weymouth High School.

Mrs. Curran announced the Middle School concert will be on June 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Guilfoyle announced that this past Saturday was Weymouth High School's graduation. He stated his youngest graduated and is very proud. Four members of the Committee had students graduated. It was a wonderful day.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Salim invited Mr. Paul Comerford to the table. Mr. Comerford is the new Director of Maintenance for Weymouth Public Schools. Mr. Comerford thanked the Committee.

Dr. Salim attended the Retirement Reception at the Robert West Library at Weymouth High School. Eight retirees returned for the event. Thank you Susan Kustka and Laurie Duane for organizing the event.

This week Dr. Salim attended the Wessagusset Senior Citizen Sundae Social. This was between senior citizens and fourth graders at Wessagusset who have been pen pals. This program has been in place for the past 13 years. This is a great event. Thank you to Mrs. Robinson and all the teachers for their work on this.

Students from Chapman Middle School participated in the Project Invention Convention Competition at Bridgewater State University. The students place third for their wind and water energy blades project.

On Saturday, June 20th the grand opening of Legion Field will take place from 2-6 p.m. There will be activities for children, Weymouth Hall of Fame presentation, Malcolm Butler from the New England Patriots will be there and one of our Assistant Superintendents will be signing.

On Monday, June 15 the first Annual Weycathlon will be held at Weymouth High School. We will be celebrating nearly 100,000 hours of community service performed by Weymouth students across the district. Special thank you to Justin Galusha and Principal Haviland and all of the teachers and students who have put time in planning this event.

On Tuesday, June 23rd the STEM Community Compact meeting will be held at Weymouth High School. Exhibits will open at 6:30 and the Compact meeting will be immediately following in the Mary Jo Livingstone Humanities Center. All are invited.

SEPAC Recognition and Update

Dr. Salim invited Lisa McCrossen, Michelle Quinn and MaryEllen Devine to table to present the Outstanding Special Educator Award. Michelle Quinn gave a brief overview of the 2014-2015 school year. Parents and the nominated teachers were called to the table. Three teachers were recognized, Jan Jepson, Amy Carroll and Jennifer Stark. The parents read the nominations to the Committee.

Hershey Park Trip Update

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to table the Hershey Park Update. So voted, 7:58 p.m.

Chairman Guilfoyle and Dr. Salim stepped out of the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Chartwells Food Service Update

Dr. Salim invites Food Service Direct, Cindy Lucas-Terra, Chartwells Regional Director, Scott Valentino to the table to provide an update on their first year with Weymouth Public Schools. Mr. Valentino provided an update about the first years accomplishments. Announced they have received four grants for next year. Described each grant and the program at Seach associated with the grant. Reviewed budget details.

Mrs. Sheehan asked the Committee if they had any questions.

A robust discussion was held regarding surveys, trays, meetings with parents, food selections, payments, dietitian and budget. All questions were addressed.

Chairman Guilfoyle returns at 8:06 p.m.

Mr. Perez asked to be recognized, Chairman Guilfoyle allowed. Mr. Perez comes to the table to ask about financials for next year in the Chartwells presentation. Asks for specifics around custodian costs. David Proule addresses.

Chairman Guilfoyle thanked Chartwells and Ms. Lucas-Terra for attending.

Southfield

There were no updates.

Mrs. Sheehan stepped away from table.

Report on Teaching and Learning

There was none.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
- Ms. Belmarsh reviewed the past meeting dates. Ms. Belmarsh stated there was no new report. Dr. Salim shared a brief presentation shared with the Town Council Budget Management Committee on June 8th. Dr. Salim reviewed in detail the needs met with an override. Ms. Belmarsh thanked Dr. Salim and Town Council for all of their support going forward.
- Ms. Belmarsh stated we will be scheduling a full school committee meeting on June 17th at 6:30 at Administration for Budget Subcommittee. We will be going over the presentation for the June 23rd override meeting.
- Mrs. Nardone asked if the needs are in any particular order. Dr. Salim stated that they are not listed by priority of need. Mrs. Nardone would like a solid plan of where to place the priorities.
- On motion of Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Flemer it was voted to accept the report of the Budget Sub-Committee. Ms. Belmarsh wanted to clarify voting the FY16 Budget. Reviewed the process going forward and where the funds will be placed.
- Ms. Flemer stated it is important to provide clarity on these needs and fund use going forward.
- Mrs. Nardone states the public needs to be confident that we have placed the funds in the right places. Need to let everyone know where the needs are and where our priorities are.
- Mr. Perez asks to be recognized. Chairman Guilfoyle allows. Mr. Perez states the slides are a great improvement over the earlier ones. Discusses ongoing transparency. Positions need to have dollar amounts attached to each of them. Refers to the updated presentation from public works. Should demonstrate exactly where the funds are going.
- Ms. Flemer discusses how important the needs list with financials are.
- Chairman Guilfoyle calls for a vote. So voted at 9:00 p.m.
- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee
- There is no report for Collective Bargaining at this time. Ms. Flemer stated that there have been various meetings with unions.
- Policy Review Sub-Committee
- There is no report at this time. Mrs. Sheehan stated that there will be another meeting before the end of the school year.

Discussion Items

Proposed Changes to the Weymouth High School Student Handbook – First Reading

Dr. Salim asked Principal Peter Haviland and Dean Kristen Kelley to the table to review the first reading of the WHS Student Handbook.

Ms. Kelley presented the proposed changes in detail. With copies provided to the Committee. Some of the changes include community service, class dues, capstone projects, homework policy and minor language changes.

Chairman Guilfoyle leaves the meeting at 9:00 p.m. returns at 9:01 p.m.

Mrs. Curran asked about tardiness numbers. Would like the 3rd quarter report on tardiness in drop box. Mr. Haviland addresses, there is a process in place and the new language should bring in parents as well as students to address this.

Chairman Guilfoyle asked the Committee to consider combining the 2nd and 3rd reading of the Weymouth High School handbook at the next meeting.

Chapman Feasibility

There was no report.

Chairman Guilfoyle recognized a parent wishing to make a comment. Mr. Curtis came to the table to discuss his opinion on making announcements in the morning to communicate events at the High School. Thanks the Committee.

Action Items

- Bills Paid
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant # 50-2015 in the amount of \$301,199.26 with money to pay. So voted, 9:15 p.m.
- WHS Program of Studies addition of a new AP Computer Sciences Course
Dr. Salim invited Associate Principal Kelly Stukenborg to the table to discuss the addition to the Program of Studies. Discusses how the course came about and how will be implemented in fall 2016.
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to combine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings and approve the addition of the AP Computer Sciences Course to the WHS Program of Studies. So voted, 9:20 p.m.
- Policy for Definition of Immediate Family
Mrs. Sheehan discussed the language of the policy for definition of Immediate Family and read to the Committee. A discussion was held regarding adding language to contracts going forward and the negotiation process. We will move to a second reading at our next meeting.

New Business

Mrs. Nardone had a conversation with Dr. Salim regarding childcare program at Weymouth High School. Interested in the changes being proposed and shared with the

Committee in the past the costs, etc. Would like to support Weymouth Public Schools in any way possible.

Mrs. Sheehan asked if we have hired a Human Resource Supervisor. Dr. Salim stated Lisa Coyne will be starting.

Mrs. Sheehan heard that Mr. Proule is leaving and wishes him well. Wondering if there is a plan in place? Dr. Salim will share with the Committee.

Mrs. Sheehan wanted clarification around the requests for the superintendent's individual evaluations that the Committee wrote and why they are not available for the public. Chairman Guilfoyle addresses.

Executive Session

At 9:28 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Flemer and seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy for nonunion personnel, and to return to open session only for the purpose of adjournment. A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Guilfoyle with the following results: Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Ms. Flemer, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Ms. Belmarsh, YES; and Mrs. Curran, YES.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on June 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 10:00 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Chartwells Food Service Update
- Proposed Changes to the WHS Student Handbook
- WHS Program of Studies addition of a new AP Computer Sciences Course
- Warrant 50-2015, \$301,199.26