

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center

Weymouth High School

May 23, 2013

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Weymouth School Committee met on May 23, 2013 in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chairperson Sean Guilfoyle with the following members present: Ms. Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mayor Kay, Mrs. Nardone, Mrs. Sheehan and Mr. Ford. Also present were Superintendent Kenneth Salim, Assistant Superintendent Matthew Ferron, Assistant Superintendent Garry Pelletier, and Business Manager Maria Hortaridis.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Approval of Minutes

- On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the April 22, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee as corrected.
- On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted 6-0-1 to approve the Minutes of the April 25, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee as corrected. Mrs. Sheehan abstained.

Student Advisory Committee

There was no report.

Public Comment

Constance Sargent addressed the issue of the video played at the Town's Annual Meeting by reading a letter to the Mayor. She commended the Boy Scouts' efforts toward their Merit Badge and discussed her personal experiences with the Weymouth Public Schools.

Kathy Curran spoke about the Summer Music Program and the music awards earlier this evening. She talked about a couple of ways to expand and fund the music program going forward and gave credit to Music Director John Duff for the great work he does. She asked the School Department to fund the music program going forward as much as possible.

Committee Announcements

- Mrs. Sheehan reported that the last Post Prom work party is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th. The prom is May 31st and anyone who can help is appreciated.

Report of the Superintendent

- Correspondence
 - Dr. Salim reported that on May 17th he attended an event at Bridgewater State University. Three Weymouth post graduate students were recognized at this event.

- Dr. Salim reported that on Tuesday, May 21st, the WTA's Friends of Education held their annual event celebrating several WPS milestones: first year teachers; three teachers celebrating their 25th anniversary, and Human Resource Supervisor Janet Dolan as this year's Friend of Education recipient;
 - Dr. Salim gave an update on the Harvard University Graduate Students work on Parent and Family Engagement;
 - Dr. Salim commended Principal Daniel Birolini and his team for bringing an education bus to the Adams Campus sponsored by CSPAN featuring a series on First Ladies of the US.
- Introduction of Skills USA Students – Julie Bowen
Weymouth High School will be represented by four WHS students at the SKILLS USA National Skills & Leadership Conference in Kansas at the end of June. Mrs. Bowen came to the table with Brianna Boidi, Sabina Khalid, Peter Newman, and Dylan O'Brien, the four students, and introduced other students who also won medals at the State level. There will be a fundraiser at the Main Street Grille on June 2nd. She spoke about Skills and how it ties in with the Frameworks and is very career and academic driven. Mrs. Bowen then read a letter from Jared Berman recounting his experiences and several other reflections from Skills students. The students were congratulated by Mr. Guilfoyle and the School Committee and received a round of applause.
- While setting up for the next item, Dr. Salim reported on an event he attended with Ms. Belmarsh and Mrs. Nardone last Sunday in recognition of the retirement of Reverend Terry Martinson of the Old South Union Congregation Church.
- Monthly Financial Report
(Taken out of order) Mrs. Hortaridis reviewed the monthly financial reports and said that all accounts were where they should be at this time of year.
- Summer Music Program – John Duff
John Duff came to the table accompanied by a student holding a sign about the Summer Music Program. He said the Marching Band, accompanied by Middle School students, would be performing in the Memorial Day Celebration. The Weymouth Summer Music Program will be held July 29th through August 2nd and the theme this year is "Space 2013." A discussion followed about funding the music programs.
- Mrs. Sheehan provided additional details about the Post Prom Party.

Report on Teaching and Learning

- Weymouth High School: Analytic Rubrics
Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Haviland came to the table to share information about 21st Century Analytic Rubrics. At this point, 8:24 p.m., Ms. Belmarsh stepped out returning at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Haviland presented data on the seven analytic rubrics and school wide expectation in alignment with the WHS Mission Statement. Mrs.

Stevenson presented on the rubrics for grades 9 through 12. Discussion followed relative to the application of skills through Capstone and grade 12 and future plans including the technology and active citizenship rubrics.

At 8:28 p.m., during this discussion, Mrs. Sheehan left the meeting.

Mrs. Stevenson gave an update on the status of students who have not yet completed their community service, which is a graduation requirement.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee

Ms. Belmarsh reported that at the Town Council meeting on May 20th, the Town Council requested that the School Department present its budget on May 30th, which is earlier than originally scheduled. The Town Council also voted to go to the Mayor with an additional appropriation request of \$500,000.00 to prefund the School Budget for FY2014. She reported on several other issues discussed relative to retiree health benefits and Net School Spending scenarios. Dr. Salim then presented a current budget analysis on meeting student needs. This included an overview on three proposals by the State which included the Governor's Budget; the House Budget; and the Senate Ways and Means; a comparison of the State Budget Proposals and Weymouth's Net School Spending requirements; needs that will be met with the Mayor's current \$59.5M proposal; and needs that would be met with an additional \$500,000.00 allocation for schools and the impact on the district at all levels. He reviewed a School Budget Projection Summary for FY14 and an Identified Needs list. Ms. Belmarsh thanked parents and parent councils, especially Mary Ellen Devine and Kathy Curran, for their invaluable input in formulating the FY14 budget. She also acknowledged and thanked Town Council members, Patrick O'Connor, T. J. Lacey, and Jane Hackett for their hard work and support. On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the Budget Sub-Committee.

- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee

There was no report.

- Policy Review Sub-Committee

There was no report.

Discussion Items

- Discussion regarding School User Fees-Lunch Fees for 2013-2014

School Business Manager Maria Hortaridis reviewed projections and reported on new Federal nutritional guidelines starting in FY2013. Currently, the lunch program is running at a deficit and there is old equipment needing to be replaced. Mrs. Hortaridis recommended an increase in lunch prices by .25 cents effective September 1, 2013. A discussion followed with Food Service Director David Zeoli. This item will be put on the next agenda for a vote by the Committee.

Action Items

- Bills Paid

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant #48-2013 in the amount of \$618,387.00.

- Proposed Changes to Weymouth High School Student Handbook 2013-2014 (3rd Reading

Mr. Guilfoyle allowed Kathy Curran to come to the table and express her concerns regarding security of the breathalyzer as to storage and calibration; and other language changes proposed. Mrs. Stevenson responded to Mrs. Curran's comments. A brief discussion followed. On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to approve the Weymouth High School Student Handbook for 2013-2014

- Proposed Copier Service Contract for FY14-FY16

Mrs. Hortaridis presented a proposal for copier service for FY14-FY16 and recommended a proposal submitted by Xerox. The approximate cost will be \$145,000.00 per year which includes staples and toner, saving the district approximately \$22,000.00 per year over the current vendor. Following a discussion, on motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to approve this recommended contract proposal.

New Business

- There was none.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Flemer, and seconded by Mr. Ford, to table executive session this evening. A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Guilfoyle with the following results: Mrs. Nardone, YES; Ms. Belmarsh, YES; Ms. Flemer, YES; Mr. Ford, YES; and Mayor Kay, YES.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on June 6, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

At 9:36 p.m., on motion of Mr. Ford, 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
- Minutes of April 22, 2013
- Minutes of April 25, 2013
- Monthly Financial Statement
- WHS Core Skills
- WPS Current budget Analysis
- FY14 School Budget Projection Summary
- Identified Needs School and District Based
- School Lunch Proposal
- Warrant #48-2013
- Proposed Changes to WHS Student Handbook 2013-2014
- Copier Service Proposal FY14-FY16