

## WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center

Weymouth High School

April 25, 2013

7:00 p.m.

### MINUTES

The Weymouth School Committee met on April 25, 2013 in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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

#### Executive Session

At 7:05 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 in preparation for contract negotiations with union personnel. A roll call vote was taken by Mr. Guilfoyle with the following results: Ms. Belmarsh, YES, Ms. Flemer, Yes; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mayor Kay, YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; and Mr. Ford, YES.

At 7:50 p.m. the School Committee returned to Open Session for the purpose of continuing with the agenda.

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

#### Approval of Minutes

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was voted 6-0-1 to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. Mrs. Sheehan abstained as she was not at this meeting.

#### Student Advisory Committee

Student Advisory comments were tabled until the next meeting.

#### Public Comment

Mr. Perez asked if he could reserve his comment until after the report of the Budget Sub-Committee.

#### Committee Announcements

Mrs. Nardone wanted to remind everyone that the first work party for the 2013 post prom celebration is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. at the high school. Please meet at door #10, which is located under the connector and behind the Wildcat weight-lifting "dungeon." Volunteers are needed and it is a great opportunity for students to work towards their community service requirements.

Mr. Ford reported that the Nash Parent Council is hosting a comedy night call "Big Kid Bash for Nash" on Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Elks at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Flemer reported that WEF has raised approximately \$12,600. She acknowledged all the good work done by WEF and said she would report a final figure soon.

#### Report of the Superintendent

- Correspondence
  1. Dr. Salim reported on the aftermath of the Boston Marathon Bombing. He stated that he worked with the Central Office Administrators on how to help students. Materials have been provided to the schools and specialists have been consulted.
  2. Dr. Salim reported on the Special Olympics event that took place on April 24, 2013. There were 110 student athletes and 45 volunteers. He specifically thanked Theresa Skinner, Administrator for Special Education, for her leadership and Betsy Harris for organizing with community partners who helped sponsor this wonderful event.
- Monthly Financial Reports

Ms. Hortaridis reviewed the Monthly Financial Report with the School Committee and that Payroll, Expenses, and Revolving Accounts are all expended appropriately to date.
- Upcoming Academic Presentations

The Weymouth Public Schools has collaborated with the Harvard EdLD Doctoral Program. Twenty-five students participated. This program is three years old. Dr. Salim stated the five projects that these students are working on:

  - Refining School Improvement Plans and Inquiry Process
  - Increasing Parent Engagement
  - Enhancing Instructional Technology
  - Aligning Special Education Programs and Expanding Inclusive Practices
  - Developing a South Shore STEM Compact

He also reported the dates for the Upcoming Academic Presentation are as follows:  
May 16, 2013 – Weymouth Middle School: NELMS (New England League of Middle Schools)

May 23, 2013 – Weymouth High School: Analytic Rubrics

June 6, 2013 – Primary Schools: Instructional Rounds  
Special Education Update

#### Report on Teaching and Learning

There was none.

### Report of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee  
Mrs. Belmarsh reported that the Budget Sub-Committee has not met since the last School Committee meeting. Mrs. Belmarsh also reported that the full School Committee and the Town Council's Education Committee met on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. Roger Hatch, the Administrator of School Finance with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, attended this meeting and explained how Chapter 70 and Net School Spending relates to Weymouth. The Mayor was to submit her budget to the Town Council later that evening. Mrs. Belmarsh reported that the next Budget Sub-Committee meeting will be on May 8, 2013. On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to accept the report of the Budget Sub-Committee.
- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee  
Ms. Flemer stated that there was nothing to report at this time. Ms. Flemer requested that all union contracts be posted on the Weymouth Public Schools website because they are public documents.
- Policy Review Sub-Committee  
There was no report.

### Public Comment

Kathy Curran expressed her dismay that the School Department is not being funded properly for next year's budget. She urged parents to attend the May 18, 2013 Town Meeting.

Gus Perez expressed his concerns relative to the seriousness of not funding the schools properly in order to meet the Net School Spending deficit. He urged the Town Council Members to work with the Mayor to fund our schools properly. Mr. Perez stated that it has been five years straight that the Town has not met their Net School Spending for the schools. These are facts not opinions. Mayor Kay responded to Mr. Perez's remarks.

### Discussion Items

- Proposed Changes to WHS Student Handbook 2013-2014 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)  
Laura Stevenson, Principal of Weymouth High School, and WHS Dean Kelly Stukenborg reviewed the proposed changes to WHS Student Handbook for 2013-2014. There will be a second reading at the next meeting of the School Committee.
- Proposed WPS School Year Calendar for 2013-2014  
Dr. Salim reviewed a draft of the WPS School Year Calendar for 2013-2014 which identified some of the key dates. A brief discussion followed.

### Action Items

#### - Bills Paid

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant #44-2013 in the amount of \$740,910.73 with money to pay.

#### - Approval of WPS Regular Education Transportation Contract with First Student

Mrs. Hortaridis reported that the First Student Contract for WPS Regular Transportation will end on June 30, 2013. An Open Bid Session was held on March 21, 2013 and we received one proposal from First Student. The annual cost calculation is as follows:

2013-2014	\$1,787,770.60
2014-2015	\$1,836,960.00
2015-2016	\$1,887,468.40

Mrs. Hortaridis recommended that the School Committee award the Regular Transportation Contract to First Student for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2016. On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to award a three year contract for Regular Transportation to First Student commencing July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

#### - Confirmation of Action Taken on Field Trip Request by WHS Skills USA Team to Attend State Competition at Blackstone Valley RVTHS, Upton, MA, April-25-27, 2013

Dr. Salim reviewed prior action taken by the School Committee on this Field Trip Request. On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to confirm this action. Mr. Guilfoyle asked that the Skills Team and Ms. Bowman be invited to the June 16<sup>th</sup> School Committee meeting to report on the competition.

### New Business

1. Mr. Guilfoyle requested that Dr. Salim send a letter to Town Solicitor George Lane relative to remote participation at School Committee meetings following a conversation he had with Mayor Kay that Town Council would have to adopt a policy for this. On motion of Mr. Ford, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to have Dr. Salim send a letter to Town Solicitor George Lane for this purpose.
2. Mr. Guilfoyle reported that summer meeting dates need to be scheduled.

### Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on May 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

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At 9:57 p.m., on motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, 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
- Minutes of March 28, 2013
- Monthly Financial Statements
- Proposed Changes to WHS Student Handbook 2013-2014
- Proposed WPS School Year Calendar for 2013-2014
- Warrant #44-2013
- WPS Regular Education Transportation Contract with First Student
- Field Trip Request by WHS Skills USA Team