

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center

Weymouth High School

April 11, 2013

7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Weymouth School Committee met on April 11, 2013 in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by Chairperson Sean Guilfoyle with the following members present: Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Nardone and Mr. Ford. Also present were Superintendent Kenneth Salim, Assistant Superintendent Matthew Ferron, Assistant Superintendent Garry Pelletier, and Business Manager Maria Hortaridis.

Ms. Belmarsh, Mayor Kay and Mrs. Sheehan were not in attendance.

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

Approval of Minutes

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee.

Student Advisory Committee

Marisol Chase came to the table and updated the School Committee on Community Service, Senior Awards Ceremony on May 8th, and the Junior Prom on April 26th. She asked about early graduation if all requirements are completed. Mr. Guilfoyle responded that there is a policy procedure to be followed, but asked her to write her proposal and present it to the High School and the Policy Sub-Committee.

Public Comment

Kathy Curran spoke about the new Educator Evaluation process and asked if that is something that could be outsourced.

Committee Announcements

- Mr. Guilfoyle reported that he attended a Parliamentary Procedure Workshop this past Saturday and that the School Committee is following protocol.

Report of the Superintendent

Correspondence

1. Dr. Salim reported that the Massachusetts House Budget was released on April 10, 2013. There are no changes in the Chapter 70 funding for Weymouth in the House and Governor's budget. There will be a small decrease to the Special Education Circuit Breaker. Mr. Guilfoyle asked Dr. Salim to invite a representative from DESE to attend a School Committee meeting and explain Net School Spending. He also asked Dr. Salim to invite Town Council Present Arthur Mathews to attend the same meeting.

2. Dr. Salim reported that Mayor Kay will present her budget to the Town Council on Wednesday, April 17, 2013.
3. Dr. Salim reported on the new Safety and Security Program from the Norfolk District Attorney's office called IMPACT Program and deferred to Mr. Ferron.
4. Mr. Ferron reported that he has been working with the Weymouth Police Department regarding Safety and Security issues in light of the Newtown incident. He was looking for support from the Committee. This is a free service from the District Attorney's office which will send a vendor to the schools to evaluate and provide a safety plan. This would happen during the summer. He strongly recommended this Program to reevaluate security across the district.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to support the IMPACT Program over the summer.

Ms. Flemer asked if this also includes medical responses. Mr. Ferron responded that it covers a large scale of emergencies, including large medical responses.

5. Dr. Salim reported on the formation of a Safety and Security Committee as a sub-committee of the School Committee. This was prompted by the reevaluation of security district wide. Mr. Guilfoyle added that a few people have volunteered and he is asking for parent representation on this committee. He asked people to contact the administration office with their interest.
6. Dr. Salim reported that kindergarten registration has increased by 50 students and there is also a large increase in requests for the full day kindergarten program. Two full day sessions will be added to accommodate these requests. He discussed housing of these sessions and half day sessions as well. He said administration is currently looking at the impact of adding all full day kindergarten sessions and eliminating half day sessions in FY2014-2015.

Dr. Salim then invited Jared Berman, a Weymouth High School senior and State Officer for Skills USA, and Julie Bowen, Director of the Early Childhood and advisor for the Skills USA students. She reported that 52 students went to the District Competition in March and 17 WHS students received medals. She also introduced students who came this evening. Fourteen students are going on to the State Competition in April. Jared then gave a "year in review" as a State Officer and the different events he participated in. He provided a slide show and distributed information to the School Committee. A discussion followed. Jared has nominated Ms. Bowen as Advisor of the Year and she is one of four candidates. The State Competition will be April 25-27, 2013 and all are welcome to attend. Jared was congratulated on a job well done by Mr. Guilfoyle who also wished him well after graduation.

- Educator Evaluation Presentation

Dr. Salim then presented an overview of the regulations on the new evaluation of educators, including the timeline, priorities, Massachusetts standards, rating summary, Educator Standards, 5 step evaluation cycle, model system, ESE

training, and collective bargaining and reporting. (At 8:28 p.m., during this presentation, Mrs. Nardone stepped out, returning at 8:30 p.m.) There will be training workshops for teachers. ESE has established this to make the evaluation process a useful and positive process. In response to a question from Mrs. Nardone, Dr. Salim explained the process from the principal down within each building and described the overall requirements and process. Mr. Guilfoyle asked about the funding, to which Dr. Salim responded there is no additional funding.

Dr. Salim then reported on the Sustainable Wey Fair held on April 6th and the great turnout. It was a wonderful success and he extended special thanks to Betsy Harris for coordinating it.

Dr. Salim also reported on the WEF Quiz Night. It was a great evening and he extended thanks to Ms. Flemer and Mrs. Sheehan. He also congratulated Ann Barry and her Murphy School Team for winning first place.

Report on Teaching and Learning

- ELL Presentation (WIDA, updates)
Maryann Bryan came to the table and presented an overview of Weymouth's Program, including RETELL-new initiatives, and the timeline. Currently, there are 393 students in WPS whose first language is not English. There are 28 languages spoken. (At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Guilfoyle stepped out, returning at 8:50 p.m.) Her presentation included enrollment increases since 2009 which continue to grow. There are currently 3 teachers at the primary level, 1 at the middle school level, and 1 at the high school level. There is one Title 1 paraprofessional and 1 part-time Director. The two components of ELL Education are ESL (English as a Second Language) and SEI (Sheltered English Immersion). WIDA is a consortium of 32 states providing curriculum to all ELL programs. CORE teachers are now required to have a Sheltered Immersion Endorsement attached to their license for recertification. Ms. Bryan reviewed the timeline for RETELL, ACCESS, and Professional Development for teachers as well as additional programs provided by Title 111 Funding. A discussion followed.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
There was no report in Ms. Belmarsh's absence.
- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee
Ms. Flemer stated there was no report.
- Policy Review Sub-Committee
There was no report in Mrs. Sheehan's absence.

Discussion Items

- There were none.

Action Items

- Bills Paid

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant #40-2013 in the amount of \$756.653.09 with money to pay as reported by Mrs. Hortaridis.

- Approval of Last Day of School – June 26, 2013

Dr. Salim reported that all 5 snow days had been used this year and recommended that Wednesday, June 26, 2013 be the last day of school. On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, it was unanimously voted that the last day of school be Wednesday, June 26, 2013.

New Business

- Mr. Guilfoyle reminded the School Committee that if they wished to attend MASC's Legislative Advocacy Day on May 21, 2013 at the State House, they need to register by May 13, 2013.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on April 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

At 9:11p.m., on motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mr. Ford, 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 March 21, 2013
- Educator Evaluation Regulations
- 2013 ELL Program Review
- Monthly Financial Statement
- Warrant #40-2013