

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center

Weymouth High School

March 28, 2013

7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The Weymouth School Committee met on March 28, 2013 in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 7:01 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 relative to negotiations with union and non-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 8:20 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 Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted 6-0-1 to approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. Mrs. Sheehan abstained as she was not at this meeting.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted 5-0-2 to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. Mrs. Sheehan and Ms. Flemer abstained as they were not at this meeting.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted 5-0-2 to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2013 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. Mrs. Sheehan and Ms. Flemer abstained as they were not at this meeting.

Student Advisory Committee

Marisol Chase came to the table and updated the School Committee on current events at Weymouth High School including Credit for Life, Freshman/Sophomore semi; Special Olympics on April 24th, Junior Prom on April 26th, and the Capstone Fair. She also reported that 200 seniors have not completed their community service. Mr. Guilfoyle reminded all parents that if their child does not complete community service, they will not walk at graduation. Ms. Belmarsh noted that she attended the Capstone Fair and was very impressed. A brief discussion followed.

Public Comment

Francesco Hladysz was invited to the table. He thanked everyone for allowing him to present this evening. Francesco is a post graduate student at Weymouth High School and attends the I.C.E. Program at Bridgewater State University. He shared a presentation he had prepared on how Special Education could be improved and how it could be better in the Weymouth Public Schools. A discussion followed about the possible use of the Alternative Building for Special Education and about the program Francesco attends at Bridgewater State University. Francesco was congratulated by the members of the School Committee for a job well done.

At this point, Ms. Belmarsh made a motion to take the report of the Budget Sub-Committee out of order. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Sheehan and unanimously approved.

Ms. Belmarsh then updated the School Committee on recent meetings of the Budget Sub-Committee. She thanked Kathy Curran and Gus Perez for leading the public representation and their contributions to budget discussions. During this discussion, Mr. Guilfoyle stepped out returning at 9:03 p.m. Mrs. Sheehan took the chair while Mr. Guilfoyle was out of the meeting room. Ms. Belmarsh emphasized the "Needs List" is not a "Wish List"; it is necessary to run the district and meet Net School Spending. The budget being proposed is less than level service and further adds to the Net School Spending deficit. Ms. Belmarsh also proposed that a separate account be used for funds received from Southfield and not be included in the FY2014 School Budget. The meeting was then open to public comment by Mr. Guilfoyle.

Kathy Curran expressed her dismay that the School Department is looking at another year of Net School Spending deficit.

Chris Primiano commented on education as an investment in Weymouth, the children and the future as the parent of a Weymouth Public Schools student.

Mary Lou Buell, President of the Weymouth Teachers Association which has 700 members, expressed their support of Dr. Salim and the budget he presented on March 14th. She respectfully encouraged a positive vote on that budget as presented.

Dr. Mike Murphy, as a parent of two Weymouth Public Schools students, discussed the budget issue from his perspective as a parent and urged support of the budget proposed by Dr. Salim.

Lori Fennell, a parent of Weymouth students, expressed her concerns for safe, good schools. Her family has considered leaving Weymouth.

Anne Brennan, the parent of a sophomore at Weymouth High School, and a member of Weymouth Band Parents, discussed the importance of music in education.

Lisa Walker, the mother of two children, felt that it was short sighted not to at least fund a level service budget and that public schools needs to be a priority.

Gus Perez expressed his concerns relative to the seriousness of not funding the schools properly. He addressed the Net School Spending deficit and urged the community to contact the Town Council and Mayor's office and let them know that the schools need to be number one.

Pam Oliver asked that whatever could be done for the children needs to be done and thanked them for everything they do.

Sethany Griffin, the mother of two students, expressed her concern that her children are not getting what they need.

A motion was then made by Ms. Belmarsh, and seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, to move the proposed School Department Budget for FY2014 in the amount of \$62,878,750 to the office of the Mayor. The motion was approved 6-0-1 with Mayor Kay abstaining.

Committee Announcements

- Ms. Belmarsh inquired about Trivia Night.
- Mrs. Sheehan reported that Townwide Parent council meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Humanities Center and SEPAC meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Abigail Adams Middle School.
- Ms. Flemer then responded to Ms. Belmarsh's inquiry about Trivia Night. It is scheduled for April 5th. There are currently 29 teams registered and more are welcome. Ms. Flemer also stated that the Weymouth Educational Foundation's golf tournament has been scheduled for August 26, 2013.

At 9:41 p.m., Mrs. Sheehan left the meeting.

Report of the Superintendent

- Correspondence
 1. Dr. Salim reported on the success of the first Parent University held on March 16th. He thanked parents and staff and looks forward to another opportunity to hold this event. Mr. Guilfoyle also remarked on the significance of the event.
 2. Dr. Salim reported on the Robotics Competition at Boston University he attended to support the Weymouth Public Schools team. He said it was remarkable to see the intergration between STEM and CTE.
 3. Dr. Salim reported that South Shore Stars recently launched their program at Chapman Middle School. It was attended by Mayor Kay and Senator Hedlund and has been funded by the 21st Century Grant.
 4. Dr. Salim reported that on April 6th there will be a STEM Fair at Weymouth High School from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a green industry focus. Mr. Pelletier added that it will be a great day for families with a lot of activities for children.

5. Dr. Salim commented that he had included information in School Committee folders this evening about Educator Evaluations and will discuss this at a later meeting.
 6. Dr. Salim reported that due to a conflict, the May 9th School Committee meeting will be changed to May 16th.
- Monthly Financial Report
Mrs. Hortaridis reviewed the Monthly Financial Report with the School Committee and reported that Payroll, Expenses and Revolving Accounts are all expended appropriately to date.

Report on Teaching and Learning

- ELL Presentation (WIDA, updates)
On motion of Ms. Belmarsh, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to table this item.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
Reported on earlier in the meeting.
- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee
There was no report.
- Policy Review Sub-Committee
There was no report.

Discussion Items

- There were none.

Action Items

- Bills Paid
On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Ms. Belmarsh, 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 Proposed FY2014 School Department Budget
Voted on earlier in the meeting.

New Business

- There was none.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on April 11, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Mr. Guilfoyle reported that there may be a meeting of the School Committee next week with a one item agenda for the purpose of discussing the budget.

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At 9:56 p.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 February 28, 2013
- Minutes of March 14, 2013
- Minutes of March 18, 2013
- Monthly Financial Statement
- Warrant #14-2013