

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
May 10, 2018
Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION	At 6:03 p.m. In the open session of the School Committee Meeting Chair Belmarsh called for a motion. Motion made by Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to enter into executive session a. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: Assistant Superintendents and Superintendent Contracts. b. Review Executive Session Minutes to determine to release or retain such minutes for the following dates: 4/26/18. A roll call vote was taken 6/0 (yes – Belmarsh; yes – Sheehan; yes – Curran; yes - Nardone; yes – Sullivan; yes – Sherlock-Shangraw).	
CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:12 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge. A moment of silence was had for Helen Callanan and Vin Haggerty.	
MEMBERS Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor	Jen Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Susan Kustka, Assist. Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Interim Assist. Superintendent Mickey McGonagle, Interim Business Manager
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	Payment of Bills Warrant 46-2018, dated 5/14/18 in the amount of \$829,146.88 Regular Minutes: 4/5/18 and 4/26/18 Executive Minutes: 4/4/18 and 4/26/18 School Committee voted to retain the executive session minutes for April 26, 2018 as release of such minutes would defeat the lawful purposes of executive session as they contain contract negotiations information and personal information regarding current school employees. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the Consent Agenda with changes to the minutes as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker	Chair Belmarsh opened public comment. There was none.	
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that Chapman Middle School will be putting on the production of Wizard of Oz and Adams Middle School will be putting on their production of Beauty and the Beast. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that on Friday, May 18th Academy Avenue Primary School will be holding their first International Night.	

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	<p>Dr. Stazesky has received a \$15,000 grant for data use that she has applied for we thank her for all of her hard work.</p> <p>Norfolk County Teacher Association will be presenting Kathleen Knudsen with a service award at their event.</p> <p>May 23rd we will be having our bi-annual Memorial Garden Ceremony at Chapman Middle School.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan requested numbers for Southfield.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran reminded everyone that the Annual town meeting is May 21st - Mayor's budget will be presented. The meeting will be at Abigail Adams Middle School Auditorium. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that the Acceptance of Gifts is on the agenda this evening. She shared that we have invited Mr. Dennis Brooks to the meeting but was unable to attend. Mr. Brooks spearheaded the go fund me drive to pay off school lunches in December. We thank him very much!</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Acceptance of Gifts</u> Mrs. Sheehan asked that this item be tabled. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to table the acceptance of gifts. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Budget Sub-Committee Report</u> Dr. Sullivan read the budget sub-committee report into the record from 4/4/18</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardonen to approve the Budget Sub-Committee report of 4/4/18 SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Budget Sub-Committee report 5/9/18</u> Chair Belmarsh read the report of the budget sub-committee into the record from 5/9/18</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardonen to approve the Budget Sub-Committee report of 5/9/18 SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Review of School Fees</u> Athletics: Recommendation is to allow athletic fees to stay the same hockey is \$400 and retain the waiver system that is in place - 50% reduction of fees is automatic for students on free and reduced lunch.</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to keep athletic fees the same. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>

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Weycare: Recommendation is to not make any changes at this time - will look at fees at annual review

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to not make any changes to WeyCare at this time

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Instrumental Music: Recommendation is to not make any changes at this time.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to not make any changes to Instrumental Music at this time

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

School Lunches: Recommendation is to increase by 25 cents. There has not been a raise in lunches since 2012. This is a DESE recommendation.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to increase school lunches by .25 cents.

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Building Usage: Recommendation is to table until policy is aligned.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to table Building Usage

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Review of Priority Items on FY19 Needs List

Chair Belmarsh and Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the items on the FY19 Needs list.

1. request 3 adjustment counselors for the district if we could fund we would like to move forward with. This is not only an administration and committee priority, but has received significant public support.
2. discussed the primary level instructional coaches: There are currently 2 math coaches for entire district would like to add two more and potential increase for middle school as well
3. discussed the need for support staff for intervention or providing coverage for our teachers co-teaching an inclusion model
4. discussed the need for level one intervention teachers supporting math, reading, ELA at the middle school level
5. middle school world language teacher
6. would like to add an additional cte teacher to instruct robotics program if we go forward with the program

A discussion was had about the potential for doing this and the impact for students and teachers. Support for our staff would do wonders for our district. Appreciates the support for this committee.

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	<p>Mrs. Shared her concern about having that amount of money to take items off the needs list after giving our budget to the town. Chair Belmarsh shared that the committee will be having that conversation in a couple of weeks, it is good to prepare and make some decisions.</p> <p><u>Policy Sub-Committee Report 4/30/18</u> Mrs. Sheehan read the Policy Sub-Committee report for 4/30/18 into the record. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the Policy Sub-Committee report of 4/30/18 SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh stepped out at 7:45 p.m. returned at 7:55 p.m.</p> <p><u>Policy JRA – Student Records – First Reading</u> Mrs. Sheehan deferred to Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to discuss the the changes. Policy JRA-R to second reading 5/24/18.</p> <p><u>Changes to District Portion of the Handbook</u> Mrs. Sheehan reviewed the summary sheet of the district handbook into the record. The changes are posted online in both the summary sheet as well as the full district handbook. Changes to the District Portion of the Handbook moved to second reading on 5/24/18.</p> <p><u>Space Request for non-school sponsored trip in April 2020 to Lucerne</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve space request SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Space request for non-sponsored trip sponsored trip in January 2020 to Quebec</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve space request SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>School Committee 2018-2018 Calendar</u> Mrs. Curran suggested pushing up the School Committee meeting dates up by one week from September through November, and meeting twice in November. The schedule thereafter would remain as presented in members’ packets. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the 2018-2019 School Committee calendar dates with changes. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>High School Student Handbook - Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on the Student Handbook.. There was none. Mr. Strauss explained how the new attendance policy will be rolled out: Meetings will be held with students this spring, a School Messenger alert will be sent over the summer, families will be notified by mail, and administration will meet with students in the</p>

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	<p>first two days of school. He also noted that, at families' requests, the High School will once again have a Facebook Page in the near future. Mrs. Sheehan asked if recommended changes were made. Ms. Fisher stated they will be done for third reading. Moved to third reading on 5/24/18.</p> <p><u>Policy JICA – Student Dress Code – Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on Policy JICA. There was none. Dr. Sullivan recommended edits to the sentence about penalties. Mrs. Sheehan said those changes would appear in the third reading. Moved to Third Reading 5/24/18.</p> <p><u>Policy IQ - Student Fees, Fines and Charges – Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on Policy IQ. There was none. Moved to Third Reading 5/24/18.</p> <p><u>Policy JLDD – Management of Prevention and Response to Life Threatening Allergies – Third Reading</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve Policy JLDD - Management of Prevention and Response to Life Threatening Allergies. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED Thanks were extended to the many people who contributed to this policy, especially the Nurse Leader and Parent Council President Palazzo.</p> <p><u>Policy JLDD – N – Allergen Alert Notification Letter – Third Reading</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve Policy JLDD-N - Allergen Alert Notification Letter SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u> Chair Belmarsh shared that the next meeting will be on May 17 at 6:30, Whipple Senior Center to review Preferred Schematic Design and Configuration options. There will also be a joint meeting with the School Building Committee and the School Committee on June 19th at the MJL Humanities Center.</p>
Announcements	<p>Weymouth Evening High School Graduation - May 14th - 7:00 p.m. - WHS Auditorium Annual Town Meeting – May 21st - 7:30 p.m. – Abigail Adams Auditorium Policy Sub-Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Administration Weymouth Market – June 6th – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School SEPAC - May 15th - Abigail Adams Library</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan</p>

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ATTACHMENTS	Warrant Minutes: 4/5/18, 4/26/18 Executive Session: 4/4/18, 4/26/18 Gift Report Student Handbook Budget Sub-Committee Reports 4/4/18, 5/9/18 Policy Sub-Committee Report 4/30/18 Policy JRA-R - Student Records Policy JICA – Student Dress Code Policy JQ - Student Fees, Fines and Charges Policy KF-R – Regulations Governing Use of School Property Policy JLDD – Management of Prevention and Response to Life Threatening Allergies Policy JLDD – N – Allergen Alert Notification Letter

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary