

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
May 24, 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 Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Curran 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. 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	7:35 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge. A moment of silence was had for Elizabeth McMahon.	
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 48-2018, dated 5/26/18 in the amount of \$778,790.99 Regular Minutes: 5/10/18 Executive Minutes: 5/10/18 School Committee voted to retain the executive session minutes for April 26 and May 10, 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 that - again - Weymouth students have won and placed in the State Competition for the Elks Essay Contest - "Why Our Veterans are America's Heros" <u>Grades 5 & 6 Division 1</u> Jack Daley- First place <u>Grades 7&8 Division 2</u> Alexandria Rubini-Parker- Second place Owen Bates- Third place	

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The WHS Music Department's competition at Music in the Parks (Six Flags) this past weekend yielded the following results:

Concert Choir won 2nd place with a rating of Excellent

Concert Band won 1st place and Best Overall with a rating of Excellent

Jazz Band won 1st place and Best Overall with a rating of Excellent

The Best Soloist award was given to Zach Baker, meaning he performed the best solo of all the ensembles both choral and instrumental at the festival.

The WHS Music Dept. also received the "Esprit de Corps" award. Out of the 8 schools from NY, CT, and MA, who participated in the festival, Weymouth was chosen as the organization who best displayed positive character both on and off the stage.

Pingree and Nash had Zach Prescott set a world record for juggling while running. The children had some wonderful questions and the time he gave us was priceless. Belmarsh Proud!!!

Academy

Academy hosted its 4th annual International Night on Friday May 18th-27 countries on display with three presentations in the gymnasium.

Academy Health and Wellness concludes our running club next week-96 students

Academy Gr. 4 attends the Chapman Production of the Wizard of Oz on May 22

Veterans visiting on Friday May 25th

Academy grade 3 visited the Science Center and the Library

Weymouth Public Librarians visited our 1st grade students last week.

Academy art show is on Tuesday May 29th

Pingree

5K at Wompatuck State Park

DOT Bike Safety Assembly

Voya Financial spent the day beautifying Pingree. The company secured donations and delivery whereas 18 employees volunteered and spent the day raking, planting flowers and mulching the front of the building.

Presentation/ Q & A on perseverance by Zach Prescott, Lisa Belmarsh's son, who set the world record for juggling while running.

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	<p>Adam's 6th graders buddies came to Pingree to work with 3rd graders on STEM activities</p> <p>NASH: Language Based Program will be performing Snow White next Tuesday, May 29th. They have been working so hard to learn all of their lines, make props, scenery, and are excited to perform in front of their peers!</p> <p>Wessagusset: May 2nd we started the first running Club at Wess. It runs for 5 weeks every Wednesday as a build-up to our 5K on Sun. June 3rd This Friday, May 25th Wess is holding its' annual Grandparents/Veteran's Day Celebration from 10-11:30</p> <p>Pingree was nominated for the Exemplary School Award for the 2017-2018 School Year. I am proud to say that Pingree has won the Honorable Mention for Exemplary School of the Year for the Southeast, MA region! This award is given to a School that has exemplified hard work, dedication, and true values of safety and transportation education. Pingree has been a significant role model for the State and truly deserves this Honorable Mention!</p> <p>The Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") and State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the MSBA Board of Directors, recently held the 12th Annual "My Ideal School" Contest. This year, they received over 2,500 drawings from first grade students across the Commonwealth. Of these drawings, eleven winners were selected, one of which will be chosen as the grand prize winner and have their artwork featured on the cover of the MSBA's 2018 Annual Report. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that one of the winners is Abigail Kearns from Pingree Primary School in Mrs. Donehey's class.</p> <p>Weymouth has been the recipient of a grant to offer a Farm to School Program with the 3rd graders in Weymouth has been funded in full. This grant covers a curriculum-connected field trip to Holly Hill Farm in the fall of 2018 for all 3rd graders in all 8 Weymouth Public Schools including \$2400 to cover the cost of busing the children to the farm. It also included teacher training for the teachers at Academy Ave and Murphy, the 2 schools that have existing gardens. And there was funding for curriculum-connected garden education lessons with 3rd graders at those 2 schools as well.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple also shared that this years RAD Systems of Self-Defense Program was a huge success. We would like to thank the Weymouth Police Department, specifically Officer Ryan Hamacher.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<u>Acceptance of Gifts</u>

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Mrs. Curran shared that the total of gifts received was 91,774 and the fair market gifts was \$14,556 over a period of a year. Dr. Curtis-Whipple also thanked Mr. Dennis Brooks for the incredible amount of money he raised to pay for school lunches.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to accept the gifts.

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Special Education Presentation - Alpha Sanford & Patricia Hayes

Special Education Director Alpha Sanford and Assistant Director, Patricia Hayes came to the table. Ms. Sanford provided an overview and key strategies for the Special Education Department. She reviewed the vision and mission of weymouth public schools as well as the Special Education Department vision and mission. She went on to discuss the purpose of the plan and key strategies. Ms. Sanford reviewed the 4 key strategies of the plan, inclusion, teaching and learning, program enrichment and processes and procedures. She also reviewed core initiatives, extending the work and theory of action. Ms. Sanford provided data and survey results around inclusion, team chair results, administrator results. Questions asked by the Committee were answered by Ms. Sanford.

Policy Sub-Committee Report 5/23/18

Mrs. Sheehan read the Policy Sub-Committee report for 5/23/18 into the record.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the Policy Sub-Committee report of 5/23/18

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Non-Union Employee FY19 Salary Proposal

Chair Belmarsh turned the meeting over to Superintendent Curtis-Whipple who explained the rationale for a 2% cost of living increase for non-union employees.

Mrs. Curran asked for what the total amount of this would be. Mr. McGonagle shared that the cost would be \$122,260.57.

Mrs. Sheehan asked Dr. Curtis-Whipple about the list of non-union employees she provided the committee. She wanted to clarify that Dr. Curtis-Whipple is not on the list and that the Committee will be voting for the 2% cost of living increase for the employees on the list that was provided not including the Superintendent..

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the 2% Cost of Living increase for non-union employees effective FY19

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Weymouth High School Childcare Program Fees

WHS Childcare Program Fees: Recommendation is to no make any changes to the current WHS Childcare Fees.

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone not make any changes to WHS Childcare Program Fees. .

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

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	<p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>Mrs. Nardone wanted to share that recently she did a rate comparison on child care costs, this is a deal of a century! The cost for infant care for one week is \$455.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Policy JRA-R Student Records - Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on Policy JRA-A. There was none. This will be moved to third reading on June 7, 2018.</p> <p><u>District Portion of Student Handbook - Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on the changes to the district portion of the student handbook. There was none. This will be moved to third reading on June 7, 2018.</p> <p><u>High School Student Handbook - Third Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh invited members of the high administration team to the table. Mrs. Sheehan confirmed all changes in the handbook that had been discussed were made. She asked Ms. Fisher to explain the change in the attendance policy. Ms. Fisher provided the information. Principal Strauss also provided statistics for 2016-2017 for comparable towns. Ms. Fisher explained the difference between unexcused/excused absences. She also discussed that the administration team meets with families for children with health/mental or any other issues to work with them on absences. All questions from the Committee were addressed.</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the High School Student Handbook SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy JICA – Student Dress Code – Third Reading</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve Policy JICA - Student Dress Code. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy JQ - Student Fees, Fines and Charges – Third Reading</u> Mrs. Sheehan clarified the changes made to this policy as suggested at the last meeting. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve Policy JQ - Student Fees, Fines and Charges. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u> Chair Belmarsh shared that the Building Committee met on May 17 at 6:30, Whipple Senior Center to review Preferred Schematic Design and Configuration options. MSBA said we have to consider all configurations on the table.</p>

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	<p>There will be a joint meeting on June 19th to take under consideration the new configuration of the middle school. Members are asked to think about any additional questions they may have for the June 19th meeting.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran shared there will be another meeting on Tuesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Whipple Senior Center. The minutes are not on the website, please ask Ted Langill to post.</p> <p>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>Policy Sub-Committee Meeting –June 4th - 6:00 p.m. – Administration TWPC - June 5th - 7:00 p.m. - MJL Humanities Center Weymouth Market – June 6th – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School Joint Meeting School Building Committee & School Committee - June 19th at 6:30 p.m. - MJL Humanities Center SEPAC on June 5th and Townwide Parent Council June 12th.</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting Thursday, June 7, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHMENTS	<p>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</p>

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary