

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES (approved 4/27/17)

Date: April 6, 2017

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Nardone, Ms. Flemer, Dr. Sullivan

Absent: Mrs. Curran and Mayor Hedlund

Also present: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg,
Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mary Lee

Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Payment of Bills: Warrant 41-2017 in the amount of \$418,345.82

Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017, for Meeting of the Whole; School Committee, and Executive Session

Field Trips:

- I. WHS Grade 12 – ICDC Career Development Conference, Marriott, Anaheim CA, April 26-30, 2017
- II. WHS Grade 10-12 – Skills USA CTE, Best Western Conference Center, Marlborough MA, April 27-29, 2017
- III. WHS Grade 9-12 – Weymouth High Theater Company, Broadway, NY, NY, May 6-7, 2017
- IV. Confirmation of Field Trip: WHS Grades 9-12 Weymouth Robotics Team; UNH, Durham, NH 4/5-8/2017.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the consent agenda with money to pay, and with changes to the March 23, 2017 Executive Session Minutes as read by Chair Belmarsh. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Sabrina Manzilli, Neil Bowen, Phina Le and Mrs. Yannizzi came to the table. Ms. Manzilli reported that the Capstone Fair was last week. Discussed her experience with her local history project. Mr. Bowen described his project. He was surprised how quickly the fair went. Felt it was a great experience.

Mr. Bowen stated that they had their third Student Voice Summit of this school year and he discussed the process of introducing bills, discussion and voting. The committee met with Mr. Haviland today regarding the pep rally and decided that there are too many kids and not enough space.

Ms. Le discussed that communication of events is not effective and they have formed a Communication Committee. Ms. Lee presented a powerpoint presentation summarizing the proposals to improve communication at Weymouth High School, where now they will be having a pweekly powerpoint in homerooms and teachers will not have to do a thing.

Ms. Manzilli passed out their new edition of their newsletter to School Committee members.

Mrs. Sheehan thanked the Student Advisory Committee for keeping the School Committee informed.

Chair Belmarsh shared her experience at the Capstone Fair as a judge.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment. There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that on Tuesday many of us were able to attend the Barnes and Noble Teacher Recognition program. Again, congratulations to Donnie Norton; Grade 5 Teacher, Adams Middle School, winning Essay written by Danny O'Loughlin, WHS Senior.

Congratulations to Finalists:

Adams Middle School

Jared Converse

Team Churkin

Selena Chen

Amanda Burke

Jenifer Griffin

Weymouth High School

Melinda Galusha

Kristen Kames

David Knott

David Powers

On Thursday we had a Groundbreaking ceremony for Lovell Field. The Pingree staff and students joined many town officials to celebrate this exciting project.

MCAS Infrastructure testing was successful and Computer Based Testing begins this week.

Saturday at WHS Lynn Howard will be hosting our second STEM Conference for Girls in Grades 4 – 8. There will be 18 Interactive Workshops. Keynote Speaker: Jenny Poisson, Lead Cyber Security Engineer, The MITRE Corporation

On Tuesday, April 11th there will be a FACE: Full STEAM Ahead! Let's F.A.C.E. Our Future Together event. There will be Activities * Exhibits * Resources * STEAM * and More. This is a Weymouth Public Schools district-wide event and part of the WPS Family and Community Engagement, STEM and College & Career Readiness Initiative

ADAMS

Newbery Award winning author Lauren Wolk, this year's winner of the Silver medal for Wolf Hollow will be visiting us on May 2nd. She will do 2 presentations that day, one for each grade.

March Madness was a huge success and Elizabeth Gilmore's team was finally dethroned by her very own, Patricia Delgallo's team. Camp Burgess is in full swing.

Chapman

Our Project 351 Students had a clothing drive for Cradles to Crayons. The school donated over 60 bags of clothing totaling over 3000 items! Just another example of Chapman Pride and our students and parents stepping up!!!

NASH

Nash has Miss High School Massachusetts from WHS visit our school and present to our grades 3/4 around the BRAVE anti-bullying program. It was a wonderful way for students to make a connection and learn about the importance of being kind. One of the students also asked her if she was the Queen of England.

PINGREE

International Night was last Thursday - event comprised of 20 tables provided by Pingree families representing numerous countries that included information, food, music, and crafts.

TALBOT

Talbot 4th graders have created a partnership with 5th graders from Pittem, Belgium. Ralph Talbot was instrumental in saving this village during the War. The art work and writings from our students and the Pittem students will be on display in Pittem and at the Tufts Library in the Jones Room. They will be unveiled on May 26 and displayed for the summer.

WHS:

The Capstone Fair was a great success it was wonderful to see so many well thought out projects and the well-developed presentation skills of our students.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning: McKinney-Vento Update

Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg came to the table. She presented a powerpoint presentation and reviewed the key components of McKinney-Vento; homeless students in MA, district homeless statistics; McKinney-Vento transportation, McKinney-Vento grant support, advocacy and outreach.

Ms. Stukenborg then reviewed the purpose of McKinney-Vento, the role of the liaison as well as how homeless is defined. She also discussed outreach efforts and collaborations with state agencies.

The Chair opened the meeting to questions from the Committee.

Ms. Flemer asked how much is budgeted for homeless transportation. Ms. Stukenborg shared that the budget was \$350k this year. She also shared how numbers have decreased. Ms.

Stukenborg also pointed out that the Super 8 is no longer a shelter and that the numbers decreased when the shelter closed.

Mrs. Sheehan asked for clarification of “doubled-up” and how the Title 1 Funding is used. Dr. Curtis-Whipple clarified.

Chair Belmarsh discussed the Super 8 closing and that there are no more homeless families there. It is difficult to find where they went. Information is confidential and makes it difficult to provide housing for them if they are still in a shelter at another location. One of our Town Employees who is involved with housing is working with Patti Hayes to obtain this information. The Chair also commented on her focus on finding permanent and stable housing for these families. The town is creating a housing plan for the town and part of the discussion is what the needs of our homeless families and students are.

Old Business

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh shared that the Building Committee is in process of choosing a designer, presenting the top three to MSBA on May 9th. The next meeting will be on April 20, 2017. Chair Belmarsh shared the links to the Building Committee information sites.

Proposed Policy Changes to EEA - Student Transportation Services – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public hearing on policy EEA – Student Transportation Services. There were no comments. Chair recommends moving to third reading. Ms. Flemer recommended making this a combined second and third reading. Chair would like to keep to moving to third reading.

Proposed Policy Changes to IKB: Homework – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public hearing on policy IKB: Homework. Dr. Michael Murphy comes to the table. Wanted to speak to this but was not prepared this evening. Asked if he may come back and comment at third reading. Chair Belmarsh agrees. Also let Dr. Murphy know he could reach out to Mrs. Curran with questions or comments. There were no further comments. Chair recommends moving to third reading.

Proposed Policy Changes to JB: Equal Educational Opportunities – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public hearing on policy JB: Equal Educational Opportunities. There were no comments. Chair recommends moving to third reading.

A question was asked if a policy was removed from the agenda. Ms. Stukenborg explained Policy JJA-R - Student Travel Regulations is being brought back to the next policy sub-committee meeting, as there are additional questions that will be discussed at the next meeting.

Announcements

- ♦ Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that a Career Fair was held today, and it went very well. STEM Conference for Girls in Grades 4 – 8; 18 Interactive Workshops! - Saturday, April 8, 2017; 8:00 am—1:00 pm, contact information: Lynn Howard, Murphy Primary School
- ♦ STEM Event: Full STEAM Ahead, Tuesday, April 11 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; WHS

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Adjourn

At 7:51 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sheehan – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

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- McKinney-Vento Presentation
- Policies:
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 - Proposed Policy Changes to IKB: Homework – Second Reading
 - Proposed Policy Changes to JB: Equal Educational Opportunities – Second Reading