

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES (Corrected)**

Date: March 23, 2017

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Nardone, Mrs. Curran, Dr. Sullivan and Mayor Hedlund (arrived at 7:09 p.m.)

Absent: Ms. Flemer

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

Call to Order

At 7:05 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

On motion of Dr. Sullivan seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to pull the March 9, 2017 minutes from the consent agenda. So voted

Consent Agenda

Warrant 39-2017 in the amount of \$552,478.79

Approval of Minutes as corrected: December 1, 2016, February 16, 2017

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:07 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the minutes of March 9, 2017 with changes as discussed at the meeting. So voted, 7:09 p.m.

Mayor Hedlund arrived at 7:09 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Sabrina Manzilli and Mrs. Yannizzi came to the table. Ms. Manzilli reported that the March madness unplugged event raised \$1393.50. The money raised will go towards new gym equipment. Ms. Manzilli reported on the 2017 District Skills USA Competition. There were 5 students who medaled.

Ms. Manzilli provided the Committee a full report on the Student Voice Summit where dress codes, the Student Bill of Rights, Positive Reinforcement, the Spirit Rally and how the whole school would be able to participate and Communication were discussed.

Ms. Manzilli announced that the Capstone Fair will be on March 28th and 29th at Weymouth High School and also shared that the Robotics Team placed second out of 42 teams.

Mrs. Curran asked what gym equipment will be purchased with the March Madness money. Ms. Manzilli will find out.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment.

Elizabeth Foster-Nolan came to the table. Ms. Foster-Nolan asked that since the Town Council passed funding for the High School's Chiller at their meeting on Monday night, will the chiller be staying on our Capital Budget list. Chair Belmarsh responded yes it would be staying on our list.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that she attended the Weymouth's Got Talent event. 200+ Adams kids to perform at Weymouth's Got Talent, both singers and instrumentalists. 6th graders will be sharing the stage with students at Chapman! It was a great event and thank you to everyone who made the event happen.

The Lyons club donated \$2500 for camperships so students could have a reduced or free attendance at Camp Burgess.

Ernie Boch Jr.'s response to his visit to AAMS was overwhelmingly positive. He wants to professionally record our staff and student musicians performing our original song, Music Drives Us.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2017; 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at Weymouth High School "Full STEAM Ahead! Let's F.A.C.E. ... Our Future Together". 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 Sponsorships Available.

On Sat. March 25th 9-11:00 AM at Johnson Early Childhood Center there will be an Open House. Join us for a FUN and INFORMATIVE Visit *Slide Show, Literacy, STEM Activities, Informational Tables - Come visit and See Weymouth's Public Preschool.

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

The 9th Annual Special Olympics will be on April 27th from 9-1 at Weymouth High School.

Introduction of New Ed. Tech Director: Brett Lindholm

Dr. Curtis-Whipple introduced Brett Lindholm. Brett will be joining WPS as the Ed Tech Director on April 3, 2017. Brett comes to us from Upper Cape Technical Regional High School where he served as the Technology Director and has past experience as a senior systems administrator for Jacobs Engineering in Boston and NY. Brett is a graduate of University of Connecticut and we are excited to welcome him to Weymouth Public Schools

New Business

Report of Sub-Committees

Budget Sub-Committee

Dr. Curtis-Whipple provided a powerpoint presentation with an overview of the FY18 Budget. She presented variables impacting budget development, personnel budget drivers, projected increases for FY18, budget development process, FY18 Budget breakdown, FY17 needs list accomplishments and capital budget requests for FY18 to be submitted. The needs list has been broken out into a five year timeline. Dr. Curtis-Whipple described the process going forward.

Mrs. Nardone then read the budget sub-committee report from March 16, 2017 into the record. The discussion included a FY18 Budget Update, discussion on the FY18 Needs list and an agreement on a five-year propose plan. Collaboration between the town and school should be applauded.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the report of the budget sub-committee. So voted, 7:37 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to vote an approved level service budget in the amount of \$67,940,060.02 and the fiscal year needs list for review by the Mayor and consideration by Town Council.

The Chair opened for discussion.

Mrs. Sheehan asked if we should we send the level service budget with that number without an amount for the needs list added into the amount of our request.

Mrs. Nardone clarifies what was discussed and agreed upon at the Budget Sub-Committee Meeting. Mrs. Sheehan stated that it is our job to send over what we need and feels that both amounts should be tallied and then sent.

Chair Belmarsh states that her hope with this vote is that we do not just present a number to the town for consideration. Budget process in the past few years has been transparent. We are seeking level service and we are also seeking to fund our needs as well. A number does not tell the whole story of the work that has been done during the budget process. Seeking a process similar to how we reviewed and voted our capital budget which was a full prioritized needs list.

Mrs. Curran agreed with Gail that we should include the number with the budget we are asking for. Likes the five-year plan but if we go for the level service number, the lower number, she has concerns.

Mayor Hedlund assured Mrs. Sheehan the town knows that the schools has a needs list and it is an "ask". It will be considered along with your level service request. Mayor Hedlund then read a prepared

statement into the record. Discussed level service and numbers associated with it. Thanked the Superintendent and members of the committee for fostering the cooperation between the town and school with the new budget process.

Mayor Hedlund acknowledges that the Town has had difficulty providing the needs of the schools over the past ten years. We have made gains over the last two budget cycles in our net school spending. Discussed finding ways to promote beyond level services in budgets, i.e. Union Point projects moving forward over the next few years.

Dr. Sullivan agreed with the mayor particularly about the level of cooperation in the budget process this year. Understands that the needs list is the needs list and we all agree what we are asking for. We do not need to “squeeze out” more from the town. We have already sent over our capital list, tonight is the level service number and the needs list request.

Chair Belmarsh calls for a vote on the motion.

The motion was re-read. Motion was made by Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to move the level service budget in the amount of \$67,940,062.02 and FY18 Needs list presented on March 9, 2017, So voted, 8:00 p.m. 5/1 Mrs. Sheehan voted NO.

Ms. Belmarsh shared that the budget will go over to the town in the form of our budget book, presented to town council at the end of April and the process will go from there.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she is concerned that there is not enough in the Special Education piece and that the number of teachers do not match up.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Dr. Kustka asked if they could speak about this individually with Mrs. Sheehan and look at the details together.

The next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee meeting will be on April 12th at 6:15 p.m. at the Adams Library.

Policy Sub-Committee

Mrs. Curran read the report of the Policy Sub-Committee from March 13, 2017 Meeting was called to order at 6:06; in attendance were Kathy Curran, Gail Sheehan, John Sullivan, Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg, Principal Kathy Guilfooy, Hank Goldman and Maryellen Devine. There were five items on our Agenda; Review/Revise Policy JJA-R: Student Travel Regulations; Review/Revise Policy EEAG: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles; Review of Policy IKB: Homework; Continued Review of Section J of Policy Manual. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

The following policies will be brought forward for first reading; Proposed Policy Changes to EEA: Student Transportation Services; Proposed Policy Changes to EEAG: Student Transportation In Private Vehicles; Proposed Policy Changes to IKB: Homework; Proposed Policy Changes to JB: Equal Educational Opportunities and Policy JJA-R for second reading.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:07 p.m.

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

Mrs. Curran read the proposed changes to Policy EEA – Student Transportation Services.
Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading on April 6, 2017.

Proposed Policy Changes to EEAG: Student Transportation in Private Vehicles – First Reading

Mrs. Curran stated questions around this policy were raised; this policy will go back to Policy Sub-Committee. Chair Belmarsh stated she raised concerns upon reviewing the policy and sent her questions to Kathy and the Superintendent. The issue of students driving in private vehicles for afterschool activities and sports is still not addressed.

Proposed Policy Changes to IKB: Homework – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the proposed changes to policy IKB. All questions were answered.
Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading on April 6, 2017.

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

Mrs. Curran read the proposed changes to policy JB. All questions were answered.
Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading on April 6, 2017.

Old Business

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh shared that the Building Committee is in process of choosing a designer. The next meeting will be on April 20, 2017.

Proposed Policy Changes to JJA-R: Student Travel Regulations – Second Reading

Mrs. Curran read the changes to the policy.
Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting for Public Comment on Policy JJA-R. There was none.

Policy JJA-R was moved to third reading.

Announcements

WEF Quiz night is on Friday, March 31st.

The next SEPAC meeting will be on April 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Tufts Library there will be a speaker on Autism.

The next TWPC Meeting will be on April 5th at 7:00 p.m. at the MJL Humanities Center.

Executive Session

At 8:21 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of approving and reviewing Executive Session Minutes: 2/16/17 and 3/9/17 only to return to open session for the purpose of adjournment. A roll call vote was taken; Dr. Sullivan: YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mrs. Curran, Yes; Mayor Hedlund, YES; Chair Belmarsh, YES. So voted.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee Meeting of the Whole

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on April 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

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Adjourn

At 8:47 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sheehan – Secretary

APPROVED

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
March 23, 2017

Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Warrant 39-2017 in the amount of \$552,478.79
- Minutes: December 1, 2016, February 16, 2017; March 9, 2017
- Budget Presentation FY18 overview
- Budget Sub-Committee Report
- Policy Sub-Committee Report
- Policies:
 - Proposed Policy Changes to EEA: Student Transportation Services – First Reading
 - Proposed Policy Changes to EEAG: Student Transportation In Private Vehicles – First Reading
 - Proposed Policy Changes to IKB: Homework – First Reading
 - Proposed Policy Changes to JB: Equal Educational Opportunities
 - Proposed Policy Changes to JJA-R: Student Travel Regulations – Second Reading