



# Weymouth

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

March 10, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

*(approved 3/24/22)*

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**Members In Attendance:** Dr. John Sullivan, Chair; Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steve Buccigross

**Members Absent:** Mayor Hedlund

**Also Present:** Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Curtin, Assistant Superintendent

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**The Meeting Came to Order At 7:00pm.**

The chair informed that the meeting is being recorded and available on WETC.

Chair Sullivan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for Richard Jenner, a 1991 WHS graduate who passed away on February 22, 2022 and for Marilyn Patricia 'Pat' Hoffman, a former Weymouth teacher and guidance counselor who passed away on March 2, 2022.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 34-2022 in the amount of \$1,313,863.27. Dated 2/22/22
- Warrant 36-2022 in the amount of \$1,463,097.56. Dated 3/7/22
- Regular Minutes: 2/17/22
- Executive Session: 3/2/22
- Policy Sub-Committee Minutes: 2/17/22
- Budget Sub-Committee Minutes: 3/2/22

Motion by Mrs. Curran to withdraw the Executive session minutes of 2/17/22 from the consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed. The secretary will work with Mrs. Curran on any possible revisions and will be placed on the next agenda.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

The Chair reminded that public comment be in accordance with Policy BEDH, items on the agenda and kept to 3 minutes and gave instructions if members wish to speak; name and address should be added in the chat. It was advised that there will be multiple opportunities for public comment throughout the meeting.

There was none.

### **Report of the Superintendent:**

The Superintendent expressed his thanks and appreciation to the communication team of Alyssa Haggerty and Kelly Powers for their work on the website. They will provide more information about the website at the March 24, 2022 meeting.

Superintendent Wargo presented an update (attached to these minutes) on the following:

- Weymouth Covid numbers have decreased to 2.8% positivity, school cases down to 12
- Test kits are passed out every other Friday to community families and staff (with testing on Tuesdays) who have opted in to the DESE program.
- Updated website and branding and logo
- Looking at goals-equitable distribution of students and school start times (Elementary first, then Middle and then High School). If there are changes they will not be until the 2023-2024 school year.
- Chapman information night on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 was well attended
- Kindergarten Parent Orientation night on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30
- School updates:
  - Murphy-Trivia night and book bingo, ST Math Challenge
  - Nash-Read across America, ST Math Challenge
  - Academy-Panda Day, NE Wildlife Center partnership with 5th grade class, ST Math Challenge
  - WHS-Girls Ice hockey award James F Mulloy Ice Hockey Sportsmanship award
  - WHS-Skills USA medal winners
  - Seach-Afternoon chess club
  - Adams-PBIS theme weeks in March and PE wellness
  - Hamilton-Special thanks to the Ms. O'Connell trust

The committee was reminded to check expiration dates of covid home tests and shared their enthusiasm for the updated website.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Elementary Student Achievement Data-Executive Director Richard Bransfield**

Executive Director of Elementary Education Bransfield gave an overview of the presentation (attached to these minutes) and data collected. He expressed his appreciation and thanks to all stakeholders, teachers, coaches, and principals and reiterated that the data reflects the Superintendents vision of equity, engagement, and empowerment. Instruction is in small group with observation, feedback and coaching. The Momenta Group is providing embedded professional development to coaching staff and principals on literacy.

Dibels (K-1) and iReady data was reviewed. Reflection and refinement during data meetings as well as student growth was emphasized.

ELA vs math growth and grade level growth was talked over. Numbers of students, not percentage of growth at grade level, was requested.

Thanks was expressed for the coaches and principals. In attendance at the meeting: Kristie Edelman, Emily Winrow, Joan Fitzpatrick, Jean Rousseau, Kristina Melanson, Liz Murray and Principles Burm, Costello, Angelos, and Schuwerk.

The committee shared their positivity for the growth (surpassed the 20% yearly mark) and thanked Mr. Bransfield for the presentation.

### **b. Job Description-Athletic Director:**

With the new alignment, the AD position after approval will be posted. The start date will be July 1, 2022 and report to the Assistant Curriculum Wellness Director (will oversee PE). The salary grid has already been established.

It was suggested that the AD help in retaining athletes in Weymouth who want to play sports in college.

## **CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Subject #1: School Choice-As reported in the February 9, 2022 edition of the Patriot Ledger**

The Chair explained that school choices is something that is voted on each year relating to the Education Reform Act, Chapter 76, Section 12B.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to open public hearing on School Choice as reported in the Patriot Ledger on February 9, 2002. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion carried.

No Public Comment

Motion by Mrs. Nardone and seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to close public hearing on School Choice. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone not to participate in school choice for the 2022-2023 school year. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion carried.

**Subject #2: The FY23 Budget as of February 9, 2022 for the Weymouth Public Schools-As reported in the February 9, 2022 edition of the Patriot Ledger**

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to open public comment on the FY23 Budget as reported in the Patriot Ledger on February 9, 2022. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw.

Assistant Superintendent Smith expressed his thanks to Alyssa Bosse and Kelly Powers for their work in preparing the budget presentation (attached to these minutes) and gave an overview of the FY23 Budget.

Topics of the presentation included:

Zero Based Budgeting

Budget calendar and schedule, budget funds,

Capital plan=high priority needs-\$6,220,650

ESSER funding=\$10,360,130 and expenditure examples; More information will be presented at the 3/24/22 meeting by Assistant Superintendent Curtin and Executive Director Bransfield, Budget planning of ESSER III

Thanks were expressed to Rep. Murphy for securing a \$100K grant for CTE

Chapter 70 aid-which makes up 37% of the budget. Weymouth is below the average

Cherry Sheet reimbursement/assessment=Weymouth is at a net negative of \$189K

Budget drivers and approach-strive for level service each year

Needs list, ESSER and operating will be able to fund \$3.6M of \$7.2M needs list

Enrollment history-The Assistant Superintendent reminded that even though less kids it doesn't mean less cost.

Proposed FY23 budget of \$81,169,277 which is \$3,034,155 (3.88%) over FY22

All questions by the committee were addressed

Motion by Mrs. Nardone and seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw close public hearing on the FY23 budget. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Abigail Adams Building Repurposing Discussion**

Superintendent Wargo briefly reviewed the presentation (attached to these minutes) from the last meeting. The 3 options:

A. Adams will become the 9th elementary school

B. JECC relocated to Adams

C. JECC and Kindergarten classes relocated to Adams

There were 2 informational community forums and staff meetings which were well attended. Some concerns expressed during those meetings were: redistricting, transportation, transitions, special education, cost to families, and pick up drop to name a few.

Administrators visited early education centers in Dedham and West Bridgewater for scalable comparison.

There was a suggestion to have a school based meeting for those schools which will be most impacted.

To allow more time for questions and possible forums The Superintendent will make a recommendation at the next meeting on March 24, 2022 for the School Committee to vote on at the April 7, 2022 meeting.

## **b. Job Descriptions**

### **i. Primary School Assistant Principal (action requested)**

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the job description of Assistant Principal as outlined tonight. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passes.

### **ii. Department Head (action requested)**

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the job description of Department Head as outlined tonight. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passes.

### **iii. Assistant Curriculum Director (action requested)**

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the job description of Assistant Curriculum Director as outlined tonight. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passes.

## **c. Updates and Status of Chapman Middle School Opening 2022-Assistant Superintendent Curtin**

Assistant Superintendent Curtin expressed thanks to Principal Meehan and Paulhus and HMFH for the Chapman presentation on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The Chapman program of studies is forthcoming and work is being done to update the Library Media Center Collection and the Assistant Superintendent shared her gratitude for Diana Flemmers help. The graphics for each grade are being finalized; 6th grade-diversity, 7th-empathy, 8th-inclusion.

 Chapman Project Updates

**Announcements:**

- Policy Sub-Committee-March 21, 2022-6:00pm, Administration Building
- Weymouth Market-April 6, 2022-3:30pm-WHS, Gold Cafeteria-Market will return to pre-Covid model of in person pick up
- SEPAC-Anti Bullying presentation, March 22, 2022
- Daylight savings is this weekend.
- Bricks can still be purchased in support of the new playground at Hamilton

**Next School Committee Meeting:**

Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022 - 7:00pm

**The Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm** on the motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passed.

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**Documents Attached to These Minutes:**

- Superintendent Update
- Student Achievement Data presentation
- Athletic Director Job Description
- FY23 Budget Presentation
- Chapman Project update

Respectfully Submitted,



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Carrie Palazzo  
Secretary