



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

May 26, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 6/9/22)

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

The Meeting Began at 6:33pm.

Mrs. Curran moved to enter into executive session;

- a. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2): To conduct strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel: Seach Elementary School Principal Contract
- b. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to all collective bargaining negotiations and litigation: WEA Settlement MOA re: Unfair Labor Practice Settlement

Motion seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw and passed unanimously.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm

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

Chair Sullivan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moments of silence were observed:

For the victims of the school shooting and the community of Uvalde, Texas

James J. Mello, passed away on May 13, 2022, James Graduated from Weymouth Vocational Technical High School in 1985. After graduation, James served in the Army Reserves. James worked as a custodian in the Weymouth Public School system.

Marieta Farrell - passed away on May 17th - she worked for many years transporting students with special needs for Weymouth Public Schools. On the bus, she would often play music and share her contagious, happy energy with all.

Simon Tempest - Project Director for the New Chapman Middle School, passed away suddenly on May 16th. For the last five years, Simon has dedicated himself to the New Chapman Middle School. His role in the success of this project is immeasurable. His mark on Weymouth through this project will last for generations

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 46-2022 in the amount of \$804,824.40. Dated 5/16/22
- Regular Minutes: 5/12/22
- Executive Session: 5/12/22

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passed unanimously.

Student Advisory

Advisory students gave an update on:

National Honor and World Language Society Induction

Weymouth Evening High School Graduation

Honor Wall Inductees

The Diversity Summit

And the CTE child care program-Freshman classes are at capacity

The committee expressed their appreciation to the students for their update and encouraged donations for the CTE program.

Report of the Superintendent:

Superintendent Wargo turned the floor over to Principal Burm and Connelly-Day for school updates.

Hamilton - Principal Jeremy Burm joined by Liz Murray and students:

Kosi Okafor, Shivanthika Bakyaraj, Ronan Mannke, Emily Murphy, Ryan Collins, Sofia Timotina, Primrose Connolly, Xavier Lu, TJ Dunning, Paridhi Jain, Brody Nussbaum, Elaine McIsaac, Ashlynn Lynch, Olivia Coughlin, Hannah Akarsu, Natalie Gavrilov, Sophia Riberio, Shwan

Coughlin, Gianna Belyea, Teddy Trudeau, Evan Gavrilov, Connor Johnston, Charlotte Craif, John Garvey highlighted events and happenings at Hamilton. Highlights included:

Roar Pledge

Acts of Kindness bookmarks and quilt

Hamilton Heroes, recognition was shared for Connor Johnson's rewording of 'One Love'

Student Council

Grade level updates

ST Math Progress

Partnership with MA Cultural Council and the Audubon Society

BOKS

Appreciation was expressed to the Hamilton staff and specialists, the Mayor, School Committee, parents, and parent council as well as Ronan Mannke for their help in raising funds for the new playground, and Mr. Bowen for the enchanted Hamilton Village.

Talbot - Principal Kathleen Connelly-Day joined by students Liam McGrath, Aiden Norris, Emily Christopher, Sidey Caruso gave an update on happenings at Talbot. Topics included:

The Mayors Weymouth Historical 400 Art Contest-Noah DeBaradenis's art will be displayed in the Mayor office

Spring Music concerts

ROAR and PBIS

Community Service Monthly assemblies

Engagement, Equity, and Empowerment at Talbot

Partnership with Momenta-Data meetings, student centers-reading of Hidden Figures

The committee expressed their thanks and appreciation for the Principals, students and families for attending and presenting.

Superintendent Wargo invited students Teri Zeng, Gabriel Bernados Lewis, Josephine Burke, Colina Laye from the Human Rights Coalition who gave an update on the pride crosswalk and flag petition.

After working with the Superintendent and Principal Strauss, the rainbow crosswalk will be painted afterschool on **May 27, 2022** and the pride flag will be displayed at each school's entrance, donated by the Weymouth Pride Project.

Superintendent Wargo expressed his thanks to the students and advisors, Justin Galusha and Nicki Laporto for their passion. He shared that the flagpole will fly the American flag only and that flying the pride flag over each school's entrance will hopefully signify acknowledgement, acceptance, and inclusivity for all students.

Conversations will be forthcoming on adding an additional flag pole at schools and establishing guidelines and referenced the Boston vs. Sherloff case.

Thanks was expressed to WPD and SRO's for their presence at the schools this week.

More information was requested regarding the plaque dedication at Hamilton on 5/27/22 and for this meeting's presentations to be uploaded to the website as well as the updated Uniform refresh cycle.

Thanks and appreciation was expressed for the Resiliency, Inclusion and Respect Event that was held at Abigail Adams 5/25/22.

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.

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Weymouth Market Update - Dennis Jones, Assistant Curriculum Director for Social Emotional Learning & Brynn Cooper, District-Wide Family & Community Counselor

Dennis Jones and Brynn Cooper gave a history and timeline of the Weymouth Market. The purpose of the market was to break the stigma of food insecurity. Through the years many relationships and partnerships have been established and expanded upon, such as Well Spring and the Weymouth Food Pantry. Through these relationships and the work being done at the high school, the Food Market will be closing. It was emphasized that this is a good thing.

July will be the last market. Messaging and communication will be sent out.

The committee expressed their appreciation and thanks for the program and the other opportunities that came from it.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Updates and Status of Chapman Middle School Opening 2022 - Assistant Superintendent Melanie Curtin

Assistant Superintendent Curtin shared that student and family orientations are being finalized for August and that communication is forthcoming, playgrounds and landscaping are going in, millwork is complete on the broadcast studio and acrylics are being installed next week in the library media center. The punchout Maria Weston Chapman image on the entrance is complete.

Chapman Project Updates

The Committee expressed their excitement for the progress and the opening.

Principal Burm advised that the Thomas Hamilton plaque dedication is Friday, May 27, 2022 outside between 2-2:15. A new Hamilton school sign is to come.

Medal of Honor recipients' school honors was discussed.

b. Update and Status of Abigail Adams

Assistant Superintendent Smith advised that monthly walk-throughs are continuing, Request for Qualifications for Adams is in process, final sign off on the Academy Ave. ADA ramp entrance is complete, and the scope for the security entrance is underway. Materials for the maintenance garage roof repair have been delivered.

Currently vans drive through the loop by the cafeteria and maintenance garage.

It was requested for Abigail Adams to have a power washing from all the pollen.

Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Curran, on the town building committee, are working with administration to ensure the education and building sides are working together to move forward.

Announcements:

- Weymouth Market-June 1, 2022-3:30pm-WHS, Gold Cafeteria
- Budget Sub Committee-June 8, 2022-6:00pm-Administration Building/Zoom
- Town Wide Parent Council-June 14, 2022-WHS Humanities Center
- Town Scholarship Awards-May 31, 2022-Tuft Library

Next School Committee Meeting:

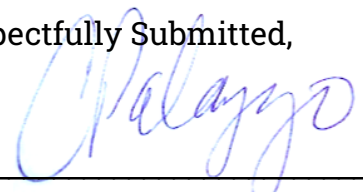
Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 16, 2022 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm on the motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shgangraw. Motion passed.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- Hamilton School Update
- Talbot School Update

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Palazzo
Secretary