



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

June 16, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 7/14/22)

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

Members Absent: Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Mayor Hedlund

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

The Meeting Began at 6:05pm.

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw moved to enter into executive session;

- a. For the purposes of: Reviewing Executive Session Minutes to retain or release: 12/6/18
- b. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations: SEIU, Local 888 Custodians MOA - Floating Head Custodian Primary
- c. Pursuant to M.G. L c 30A s 21(a) (2) To conduct strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations: Superintendent Contract, WHS Associate Principal Contract, Coordinator of Family Engagement

Motion seconded by Mrs. Nardone. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.

The Meeting was called 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.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 48-2022 in the amount of \$946,322,.32. Dated 5/31/22
- Warrant 50-2022 in the amount of \$1,224,154.55. Dated 6/13/22
- Regular Minutes: 5/26/22
- Meeting of the Whole: 6/9/22
- Executive Session: 5/26/22, 6/9/22

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

Student Advisory

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

Report of the Superintendent:

Superintendent Wargo turned the floor over to Principal Perez and Schuhwerk for school updates.

JECC - Principal Maura Perez

Principal Perez highlighted work being done at the Johnson Early Childhood Center. Topics included: Physical Therapy Equipment acquired from grants, music class offered by Mr. Duff from WHS, the JECC art show where parent council raised over \$2600, and the Super Friend Ceremony. The ceremony is a monthly ceremony recognizing students during the kindness campaign.

It was mentioned that speech is the primary disability at JECC. Even though there isn't a formal teaching program for behavior pyramid model strategies are being implemented.

Seach - Principal Nancy Schuhwerk

Principal Schuhwerk joined by Student Council students Maryam Alsaabiri, Paa-Kwesi Boakye, Charlene Hou, and Stella Kosmidis gave an update on happenings at Seach. Artist in Residence, David Fitches is assisting students and staff with a school mosaic. It is a school wide effort including contributions from parents, parent council, school administrators and town officials. The mosaic will be displayed outside the school and is representative of students' best selves. The mosaic will be mounted on June 21, 2022 and there will be a ceremony for the reveal at 2pm on June 22, 2022.

Having artist David Fitches work with the school was made possible through the Massachusetts Cultural Arts grant.

All questions from the committee were addressed. The Committee expressed their thanks and appreciation to the Principals for their presentations and for attending.

The Superintendent recognized and thanked Principal Struass for his 5 years of service and Principal Guilfooy on her retirement after 28 years of service to Weymouth Public Schools.

Thanks was also expressed to Mary Ellen Divine for her years working on Town Wide Parent Council.

In observance of Juneteenth there will not be school on Monday, June 20, 2022.

The Town Budget Management Committee moved to vote on the Mayor's budget on June 21, 2022.

Covid Testing will no longer be held during the summer or through next year.; dependent on whether things change.

Thanks was expressed to the Weymouth Fire Department for their work in fire safety at the schools.

The eighth grade dance will be held June 23, 2022 and the promotion ceremony will be held June 24, 2022.

Recognition was expressed for the girls and boys track members who will be competing in Eugene, OR and Philadelphia, PA.

It was requested for an updated and corrected copy of the class of 2022 yearbook to be added to the WHS and Tufts Library archives.

NEW BUSINESS

a. SEPAC End of Year Report-Co-Chair Danielle Graziano and Secretary Christine O'Hara
Co Chair Danielle Graziano and Secretary Christine O'Hara reviewed the school year and gave an overview of SEPAC and their focus on advocacy. Throughout the year SEPAC offered presentations on: Understanding the IEP, Special Education rights, Effective Effort Consulting, Demystifying Applied Behavior Analysis, and Anti Bullying.

April is Autism Awareness month, The Special Olympics also were held in April. Shout outs were given to Maggie Murphy, Principal Strauss, Mary Ellen Divine, grand marshall John Graziano and peer buddy Jackson Crowley,.

A 4 week Unified Arts program was held at Wessagussett. Pictures of events and programs as well as videos were shared.

The Committee expressed their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for members and involvement of SEPAC and for the presentation and attendance.

b. Fee Cycle (Action requested)

The fee cycle was summarized.

There will be no changes in fees for:

Pay Rider Transportation, CTE Post Grad Cosmetology, Evening High School, Instrumental Music, JECC full and half day tuitions, Summer School, and WHS parking.

Fees affected by increase are:

Family Sports Cap (3 year pilot program of \$1200/family, per year), WHS Staff child care rates, school meals, and hall rentals.

The fee for competitive middle school sports will be waived for the next 3 years thanks to town and school collaboration. Thanks was expressed to Councilwoman Belmarsh and Town Council for using ARPA to fund the program fees for the next 3 years, about \$60K per year. The school is funding the program's start up cost of \$40K.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the new fee cycle in it's entirety as presented tonight. Seconded by Mrs. Curran. Motion passed unanimously.

Thanks and appreciation was expressed to town and school and community members for making this possible.

c. WEA Settlement Memorandum of Agreement re: MUP-21-8991 Settlement for Professional Development regarding Labor Relations (Action Requested)

The MOA has been ratified by the membership. It provides training in labor relations for: Building Principals and Assistant Principals, Associate Principals, Deans, Directors and Executive Directors.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept the WEA Settlement Memorandum of Agreement re: MUP-21-8991 Settlement for Professional Development regarding Labor Relations. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passed unanimously.

d. SEIU, Local 888 Custodians MOA - Floating Head Custodian Primary (Action Requested)

A small correction has been made so that there may be a floating custodian at both WHS and MWC.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone to accept SEIU, Local 888 Custodians MOA - Floating Head Custodian Primary. Seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Approval of contract for Robert Wargo, Superintendent of Schools - correction of dates in Article 3 and consideration of possible payout for unused vacation days (Action Requested)

The Chair explained that dates were incorrect in Article 3 of the Superintendent's contract. In order to correct them it must be voted on in open session. He further stated that Superintendent Wargo is exercising his right to be paid out for unused vacation time. The Superintendent will be paid for 5 unused vacation days.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone and seconded by Mr. Buccigross to accept the approval of contract for Robert Wargo, Superintendent of Schools - correction of dates in Article 3. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Nardone and seconded by Mrs. Curran to allow the payment of unused vacation days according to the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Assistant Superintendent Smith confirmed that there is liability on the books to cover the payout.

f. Report out on retention or release of Executive Session Minutes: 1/18/18, 2/1/18, 11/7/18, 12/6/18, 12/12/18, 12/20/18, 1/17/19

Dr. Sullivan reviewed the status of minutes:

1/18/18-Released

2/1/18-Release with a redaction due to privacy

11/7/18-Released

11/14/18-Released

12/6/18-Released except for medical note

12/12/18-Released

12/20/18-Released

1/17/19-Released

OLD BUSINESS

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

Assistant Superintendent Curtin shared that the gym floor is sealed and complete and that carpet is being installed in the administrator suite and acoustic panels in the auditorium.

Orientation Session Dates:

Monday, August 22, 2022-Grade 6

Tuesday, August 23, 2022-Grade 7

Wednesday, August 24, 2022-Grade 8

Thursday, August 25, 2022-Parents

Chapman Project Updates

b. Update and Status of Abigail Adams - Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith

Assistant Superintendent Smith advised that the Request for Qualifications will be released next June 22, 2022. Monthly walk throughs are continuing and van transition from the High School to Adams is underway. Vans will be housed outside.

The Maintenance Garage replacement is almost nearing completion.

Announcements:

-Final Weymouth Market-July 6, 2022-3:30pm-WHS, Gold Cafeteria

Next School Committee Meeting:

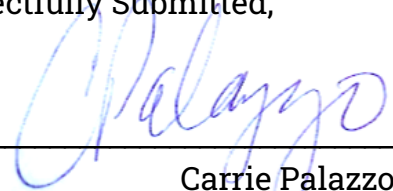
Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm on the motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shgangraw. Motion passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- JECC School Update
- Seach School Update
- SEPAC Presentation
- Fee Cycle

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Palazzo
Secretary