

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
 MJL Humanities Center – WHS
 February 1, 2018
Minutes (approved 2/15/18)

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| Executive Session | <p>Pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Sec 21(a)(2), to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and contract negotiation with nonunion personnel</p> <p>At 6:02 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion. Ms. Nardone made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and contract negotiation with nonunion personnel. A roll call vote was taken 6/0 (yes – Belmarsh; yes – Sheehan; yes – Curran; yes - Nardone; yes – Sullivan; yes – Sherlock-Shangraw).</p> | |
| CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE | <p>7:09 PM</p> <p>The regular meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. All that were present stood for the pledge and a moment of silence for a Weymouth High School Teacher, Donald Watson who recently passed away.</p> | |
| MEMBERS Strike out = absent | Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor | Jen Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Susan Kustka, Assist. Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Interim Assist. Superintendent Mickey McGonagle, Interim Business Manager |
| | <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to remove the regular minutes of January 2, 2018 and December 21, 2017 and Executive Session minutes of December 21, 2017 from the Consent Agenda SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to table the regular minutes of January 2, 2018 and December 21, 2017 and Executive Session minutes of December 21, 2017 SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve the minutes of January 18th, 2018 as amended SECOND: by Ms. Nardone UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> | |
| CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled | <p>a. Payment of Bills - #32-2018 Warrant dated February 5, 2018 in the amount of \$993,703.04</p> <p>b. Field Trips:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Weymouth High School, Grades 9-12, Weymouth High Theatre Company, May 5-6, 2018, New York, NY ii. Date Change: Weymouth High School DECA Business, Grades 11-12, Quincy, MA; February 1-2, 2018 (rescheduled from January 4-5, 2018) <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the Consent Agenda as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> | |
| PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker | <p>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</p> <p>There was none.</p> | |
| STUDENT ADVISORY | <p>There was no report.</p> | |

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| REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT | <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple reminded everyone that on Sunday the Weymouth High School STEP team will be performing for the first time at Emmanuel College. The Scholar Wall Night is at the Weymouth High School at 6 p.m. on February 6th. On February 12th, the Bay State League Championship for Dance and Cheer will be held here at Weymouth High School and we can route on our dance and cheer teams. On February 8th at 6 p.m. potential new students can walk with a wildcat and see our school that we are very proud of. At the Ralph Talbot School they have been holding a “kindness rocks” event. The students are painting rocks and they are displayed in the Talbot foyer. The students are tying their kindness with creativity. Also, on February 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a BOKs training. This training for families is being offered by Reebok. It is for adults only and there will be childcare offered.</p> |
| NEW BUSINESS * Items = action required | <p>Report on Teaching and Learning <u>Weymouth High School, Program of Studies – First Reading</u> Those in attendance introduced themselves: Alan Strauss, Principal; Karen Monahan, Associate Principal; Terri Marculitis, Ed.D; Katheryn Shannon, Ph.D.</p> <p>The Board was provided with a copy of the “WHS Program of Studies 18-19 Summary of Changes”</p> <p>The Board was advised that they are changing from credits to units in order to keep in context with the State wording.</p> <p>The Board asked about CTE programs and the need for advisors. Instead of afterschool meetings the Capstone will be held during school hours. It’s too much for the advisors meeting after school. The changes will work with the four periods and they will come out for three periods out of a seven day cycle. Although it’s mandatory as a graduation requirement, we are trying to hold it during the school day in order to help students with time management.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked about the requirement of "successful completion" to move on in the math courses, when most of the other courses have higher grade % requirements. Dr. CW said that since we have the new Curriculum Directors, this can be looked at before the next meeting, and they can share their discussion about this with us then.</p> <p>A lot of the language is clean up and updating the program to reflect same.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh asked if the program of studies could be put on the website in order to get the word out because the community may not be aware of all that WHS has to offer.</p> <p>It was asked about budgetary changes or impacts with the proposed changes/amendments in the Program of Studies. It was noted that they would be discussing this next week during the budget discussion scheduled for next week. If there were any changes, it would be minor in nature, except if the robotics program comes to fruition.</p> <p><u>FY2019 Budget Projections and Updates, Chief of Staff Ted Langill</u> Chair Belmarsh noted that the Governor’s budget came out last week and as such our district is wrapping up its budget discussions and what we get from the state will</p> |

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| | <p>significantly impact our requests. The Mayor's office was asked to provide an overview of the proposed fiscal budget.</p> <p>Mr. Langill provided a presentation on the continued progress goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-No operating reliance on free cash (\$1.65M)<ul style="list-style-type: none">-no level services gap last two years-Fund and support IT improvements<ul style="list-style-type: none">-\$1,575,000 in IT devices and infrastructure in two years-additional IT support personnel (\$120,000)-Fund Additional Needs (from school needs list)<ul style="list-style-type: none">-\$400,000 above level services last two years<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Special Education Teachers-Curriculum leader-Finance Department Support-New Growth = Tax Revenue Growth<ul style="list-style-type: none">FY16 Budget Tax Levy = \$93,288,098FY17 Budget Tax Levy = \$97,255,945 (+4.3%)FY18 Budget Tax Levy = \$101,383,864 (+4.2%) <p>Preliminary Estate for FY19 Budget Tax Levy = \$106,211,239 (+4.8%)</p> <p>Local Receipts Growth – fees, permits, licenses, motor vehicle excise, meals/room tax</p> <table><tr><td>FY2016 Local Receipts Budget</td><td>\$11,669,727</td></tr><tr><td>FY2017</td><td>\$12,900,000 (+10.5%)</td></tr><tr><td>FY2018</td><td>\$13,907,100 (+7.8%)</td></tr><tr><td>FY2019</td><td>unknown at this time</td></tr></table> <p>He noted that the Town is doing its part</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-Tax Levy FY16 – FY18 = 8.7% growth (\$8,095,766)-Local Receipts FY16 – FY18 = 19.2% growth (\$2,237,373) <p>Mr. Langill briefly spoke about the Charter School decrease in reimbursement. It is projected for FY19 preliminary net state aid = \$764,586 net decrease. As it was outlined with regard to charter school reimbursement was to be 100% for the first year and then 25% for five years thereafter. Last year it was 70% for the first year and 0% for five years. We are over \$900,000 +\ - net decrease for the charter school reimbursement. Currently, it is \$20 (\$.11 per day for 180 day school year) per student reimbursement for Chapter 70 funding.</p> <p>Overall preliminary FY2019 Revenue Growth Estimates:</p> <table><tr><td>Tax Levy</td><td>4.8%</td></tr><tr><td>Local Receipts</td><td>3.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Local Aid (Gov)</td><td>-0.4%</td></tr><tr><td>Total Revenue</td><td>3.2%</td></tr></table> <p>Expense Factors Impacting FY19 bottom line:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-collective bargaining agreements-health insurance-contributory retirement (pensions)-state assessments | FY2016 Local Receipts Budget | \$11,669,727 | FY2017 | \$12,900,000 (+10.5%) | FY2018 | \$13,907,100 (+7.8%) | FY2019 | unknown at this time | Tax Levy | 4.8% | Local Receipts | 3.2% | Local Aid (Gov) | -0.4% | Total Revenue | 3.2% |
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| | <p>Mr. Langill also spoke about the School Operating Budget:</p> <p>FY2016 = \$61,979,972 FY2017 = \$65,160,413 FY2018 = \$68,158,728 FY2019 = unknown at this time 2.5% = \$69,862,696 (+\$1,703,968) 3.0% = \$70,203,490 (+\$2,044,762)</p> <p>Ms. Sheehan asked if the School Department is being asked to only ask for a certain number, rather than include our needs list number also.</p> <p>Mr. Langill stated that they are being asked for a level service budget request. It is very clear what the needs are in accordance to the budget requested.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh advised that they held a Budget Sub meeting last night where they discussed the FY19 budget in preparation for the upcoming budget hearing. She also noted that the Town of Weymouth is getting hit by the Charter School costs as the reimbursement is a lot lower than anticipated. Also, the assessments were more which caused Weymouth to receive less. Also, the circuit breaker is lower this year as well. She suggested a letter being drafted for the Board to send to the state level on behalf of funding or lack thereof. She offered to draft the letter and forward to all members for review and input.</p> <p>Mr. Langill stated that they have been shorted about \$930,000 on behalf of Charter schools as due from the state budget.</p> <p>Dr. Sullivan also suggested that the Ch. 70 funding reimbursement needs to be addressed as well.</p> <p>Ms. Nardone thanked the Mayor's office with keeping the money flowing into the town. At least on a town level we are addressing the concerns.</p> |
| <p>OLD BUSINESS</p> <p>* Items = action required</p> | <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to take the MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study out of order SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study – Chief of Staff, Ted Langill</u></p> <p>Mr. Langill advised that they need to submit a PDP due to MSBA on February 19, 2018. Then on May 9, 2018 they need to file a more detailed report. He noted that back in August, 2017, they studied different options. They ultimately held 20 informational meetings.</p> <p>There was a concern about grade consideration; it was suggested strongly to hold a discussion regarding this item.</p> <p>Ms. Sheehan asked about minutes for the meetings. The Town website has minutes only to 2016; and the project website August 8th, 2017 minutes. She would like to see the minutes posted.</p> <p>Mr. Langill noted that all the minutes have been posted up to four days ago. There is</p> |

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| | <p>one set that is missing that he is waiting for.</p> <p>Ms. Sheehan asked that Mr. Langill double check to be sure they are on line.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan commented on Chief of Staff Langill’s statement at the last Building Committee meeting on 1-30-18, which the School committee does not need to vote on the change of the grade configuration from our current grades of 5-8 to grades of 6-8 for the new Chapman middle School. The change of our grade configuration of grades 6-8 was voted on by the Building Committee on 1-30-18. . As elected officials, she thinks this is something we would vote on to support or not, and asked Chair Belmarsh to have this on our agenda for the next meeting. Chief of Staff Langill indicated that if ultimately any of the options on configuration ended up being changed then School Committee would vote on those. Chair Belmarsh said she would review the matter and make sure an upcoming agenda includes a vote on the configuration plan.</p> <p>Ms. Curran stated that this building will hopefully help with our charter school. There were a lot of students that left because of the current school.</p> <p>Mr. Langill noted that there will be a funding vote due on April 9, 2019 to ask for funding either by Town Meeting or Town Council.</p> <p>Ms. Curran asked for better numbers on the Abigail building project.</p> <p><u>Budget Sub Report – 1/18/18 and 1/31/18</u></p> <p>Ms. Nardone provided an overview of the meeting held on January 18, 2018.</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve the report of 1/18/18 SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve the report of 1/31/18 SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy Sub Report – 1/8/18 and 1/22/18</u></p> <p>Ms. Curran noted that she did not have a report at this time.</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to table the Policy Sub Reports SECOND: by Ms. Curran UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> |
| Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Sub-Committee –Monday, February 26th at 6:00 p.m. – MJL Humanities Center – WHS • SEPAC Workshop “Dissecting and IEP” – Tuesday, February 6th, 7:00 p.m. – Adams Library • Budget Full School Committee – Wednesday, February 7th, 6 p.m. – School Administration Building • Weymouth Market – February 7th – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School • TWPC – February 13, 7:00 p.m. - MJL Humanities Center • Community Series: Off the Ladder of Addiction – Prescription / Over-the-counter drugs and Methamphetamines, February 15th – 6:00 p.m. – |

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| NEXT MEETING | Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS |
| ADJOURNMENT | MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED |
| ATTACHMENTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warrant - #32-2018 dated February 5, 2018 in the amount of \$993,703.04• Regular Session Minutes – January 18, 2018• Field Trips:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Weymouth High School, Grades 9-12, Weymouth High Theatre Company, May 5-6, 2018, New York, NYDate Change: Weymouth High School DECA Business, Grades 11-12, Quincy, MA; February 1-2, 2018 (rescheduled from January 4-5, 2018)• Weymouth High School, Program of Studies• Mayor Hedlund's FY 2019 Budget Preview – School Committee Presentation, February 1, 2018 by Chief of Staff Ted Langill• MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study - School Committee Update, February 1, 2018 by Chief of Staff Ted Langill |

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary