

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
February 15, 2018
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:02 PM The regular meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. All that were present stood for the pledge. A Moment of Silence was held for the victims of the school shooting in Parkland Florida.	
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
	Chair Belmarsh read a statement regarding events around the tragedy in Florida. MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to remove the minutes of 1/18/18 from the Consent Agenda as they were already approved. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	Payment of Bills - # 34-2018 Warrant dated February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$860,377.53 Regular Minutes: 1/2/18, 12/21/17, 2/1/18 Executive Session Minutes: 12/21/17, 2/1/18 Field Trips: Weymouth High School, Grades 9-12, Robotics – Bryant University, Smithfield, RI 3/23, 3/24, 3/25 MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the Consent Agenda as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker	Chair Belmarsh opened public comment. There was none.	
STUDENT ADVISORY	There was no report.	
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Curtis- Whipple spoke about continued support for anyone that needs support during this very difficult time. She shared that there will be help available during the school vacation. Please call the buildings or Administration. WHS dance team placed 3 rd at Competition All primary schools have begun "Walk to Compute," which follows a similar model as "Walk to Read" Murphy held academic Olympics today – Quick report Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that the WHS dance team came in third place at the Bay State League Championships for Dance and Cheer. We are very proud of them. All primary schools have begun Rock to Read. The Murphy Primary School held their academic Olympics today.	

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	<p>Nash has put together our own "Give Back Olympics". Each day the children will wear the color of the charity that is being supported. Families can choose to bring in pennies and loose change to put them in the jar provided in the classroom. Each day the money raised will be donated to that charity.</p> <p>Each charity came about from the direct impact it may have on our students / families in our community. This is a wonderful way to raise awareness and show our students how they can give back to our community! Attached is the flyer as well.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked for an updated presentation schedule to be put on the blog.</p> <p>All schools celebrated the 100th day of school.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Job Descriptions</u></p> <p>Chair Belmarsh shared there are two job descriptions on the agenda for a vote this evening and then turned the meeting over to Dr. Curtis-Whipple. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that these two positions come directly out of Dr. Tony Bent's report. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared the rationale around the positions for the district.</p> <p>The Chair discussed that these positions have been available on the School Committee blog and have been reviewed by the Committee. The Chair opened the meeting for questions from the Committee</p> <p>Questions from Committee members were asked about the use of "preferred" versus "required" when describing the qualifications for these postings. Dr. Curtis-Whipple said putting the word required limits our pool of candidates. She did include the term "highly preferred" at the request of a committee member, but says that "preferred, highly preferred, and desired" are functionally the same.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that currently 4 of these positions are posted and that some are being posted for the second and third time in the same listing services. she stated that we really need to get them posted to have the best candidates apply. Mrs. Sheehan asked if these were posted on the website for the public prior to the meeting. The Chair stated they were not.</p> <p><u>Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations (Action Requested)</u></p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the job description for Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations as presented</p> <p>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7:16 p.m.</p> <p><u>Human Resource Director (Action Requested)</u></p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the job description for Human Resource Director as presented</p> <p>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7:16</p>

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	<p><u>Budget Sub-Committee Report 2/7/18</u> Mrs. Nardone read the report of the budget sub-committee into the record. MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the report of the Budget Sub-Committee as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7:21</p> <p>Mrs. Curran asked for confirmation of the public budget hearing on March 8th. The Chair confirmed that the Public Hearing on the budget will be on Thursday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the MJL Humanities Center.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Weymouth High School, Program of Studies – Second Reading</u> The Chair welcomed Associate Principal Karen Monahan, Curriculum Directors, Kate Shannon and Terri Marculitis, and Principal Alan Strauss to the table. Also in attendance, Assistant Curriculum Directors, Sarah Hickey, Justin Galusha, Kathryn Palladino, and Kelly Stukenborg.</p> <p>Associate Principal Monahan reviewed the changes outlined in the summary page attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Regarding a previous request from members, the team stated that there would be no change to the definition of “successful completion” at this time, but that there was a working group considering this question, and they would report back when that group was done.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan thanked them for the changes. Mrs. Curran asked for clarification about units versus credits. Ms. Monahan clarified.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran asked about Capstone being required, every senior will be enrolled in that course. Mrs. Curran asked about AP students and CTE students being able to fit this in with their schedules. Ms. Monahan discussed that ideally CTE should be able to incorporate into their curriculum. Teachers in the class will hopefully be the capstone advisors. Ms. Monahan clarified how AP students would be able to also incorporate this into their curriculum. Mr. Strauss discussed how this course will relieve the pressure on finding time to get their capstone done.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran talked about looking at the whole program and how will students work together in cross over teams? Ms. Monahan discussed how this would be done.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh moved to third reading.</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u> The Chair shared that there was a question about School Committee voting our school configuration. The Chair shared that there was a vote in 2015. The School Building Committee is still in the process of submitting multiple scenarios to the Mass. School Building Authority. Once this round of approvals is done, their next step will be to submit a schematic design proposal which will propose a single grade configuration and schematic design. As we get closer to that due date, Chair Belmarsh suggested that the school committee vote about the grade configuration.</p>

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	<p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the Educational Plan that we will be submitting to MSBA in detail. She thanked Mary Ann Bryan, Melanie Curtin, Kate Shannon, Terri Marculitis, Paul Duprey, and Matt Meehan. Everyone did really great work</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked if this document will be posted somewhere. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared it is on the website.</p>
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Sheehan shared that the 17th Annual “Who Wants to be a Know-it-All” will be on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Weymouth Elks. Mrs. Sheehan shared all of the new changes for this year at the Elks. • Public Hearing on Budget will be March 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the MJL Humanities Center. • Policy Sub-Committee – Monday, February 26th – 6:00 p.m. – 111 Middle Street • Weymouth Market – March 7th – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School • “Exploring the Dark Web. What Every Parent Should know..” – Plymouth County Sheriff’s Department Training Center – 24 Long Pond Road, Plymouth – February 27th 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. • Community Series: Off the Ladder of Addiction – Prescription / Over-the-counter drugs and Methamphetamines, March 15th – 6:00 p.m. – Weymouth Police Station
NEXT MEETING	<p>Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHMENTS	<p># 34-2018 Warrant dated February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$860,377.53 Regular Minutes: 1/2/18, 12/21/17, 2/1/18 Executive Session Minutes: 12/21/17, 1/18/18, 2/1/18 Field Trip: Weymouth High School, Grades 9-12, Robotics – Bryant University, Smithfield, RI 3/23, 3/24, 3/25 Job Descriptions: Assistant Superintendent Finance & Operations; HR Director Needs List Ed Plan</p>

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary