

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
March 8, 2018
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:02 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge. A moment of silence was held for School Committee Member, John Sullivan's father who passed away earlier this week.	
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
	MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to table the minutes of 2/15/18 from the Consent Agenda SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED	
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	Payment of Bills - # 37-2018 Warrant dated March 12, 2018 in the amount of \$822,734.34 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 , reminding those gathered that additional public comment would be allowed during the public hearing. There was none.	
STUDENT ADVISORY	There was no report.	
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Curtis- Whipple shared that March is "Music in our Schools Month" and that Weymouth's Got Talent would be a part of that celebration A PBIS Team (Which supports a system that emphasizes positive reinforcement to influence behavior) from Adams has been invited to present at a national conference. Kate McHugh has been working to spread mindfulness practices at Adams. Thanks to the many members of the community who read to students during celebrations around Dr. Seuss' birthday. On Thursday, March 1st, at the SkillsUSA district 3 competition we had the following winners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zachary Struzzieri a junior in Allied Health will be moving on to compete for state office. • Charles Borkowski a senior in Information Technology won gold in Internetworking. • Benjamin Moseley a sophomore in Automotive Technology won gold in Power Equipment Technology. • Maria Lento a junior in Automotive Technology won silver in Diesel Equipment Technology. • Liam Folan a senior in Architectural Drafting won bronze in Architectural Drafting. • Paul Lennon a sophomore in Information Technology won bronze in Information 	

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	<p>Technology.</p> <p>They will all be going to state competition. State competition is April 26, 27, & 28th in Marlboro, MA.</p> <p>WHS Dance Team- Took 3rd place Varsity and 4th place JV at the State championships. Varsity will be competing in the New England Championships on Saturday in Vermont</p> <p>Color Guard competed in its first competition and took bronze last week</p> <p>Weymouth High Theatre Company - Took 1st place in its division at Festival and will compete on Saturday at the state Semifinals in Framingham. WHTC also took top award for set , costume, makeup, sound and top two actor awards</p> <p>Boys basketball received the sportsmanship officials award from the MIAA</p> <p>The First World Language Honor society induction is Wed March 14 in the Auditorium</p> <p>Johnson ECC just celebrated their first ever Spirit Week. Each day we celebrated something new such as School Pride Day in which students and staff wore their maroon and gold to show their Weymouth Pride. They demonstrated patriotism by wearing red, white and blue, celebrated favorite sports teams, whether they were professional, Weymouth youth, or WHS sport teams. They wore crazy socks to celebrate Dr. Seuss and had a PJ Day. All of these events led up to the Annual Open House which was held on Saturday, March 3rd. Considering the bad weather, there was terrific turnout, with more than 150 parents and their children in attendance. Twenty-three staff members volunteered their time to come in, meet and greet potential new families and students, and organize activities for children to participate in.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple provided an update on activities each school will be participating in for the March 14th recognition of Parkland Florida. Mr. Strauss, Principal from WHS came to the table and spoke about activities and allowing students to express themselves in a thoughtful manner. WHS's activities would center around a student-designed 17 minute walk around the outdoor track with speakers emphasizing supporting each other and creating a safer school for all.</p> <p>Chapman events would be preceded by a lesson on civil disobedience written by Assistant Curriculum Director for Social Studies, Mr. Galusha.</p> <p>Elementary students would make "kindness chains" that would be carried by high schoolers during their event.</p> <p>Mary Ellen Devine came to the table she asked about communication to parents and safety for the students. Dr. Curtis-Whipple said that schools were required to have their final plans in to the central office by tomorrow (3/9/18) and that details would be shared with parents after they were reviewed.</p>
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	<p>Mrs. Sheehan asked about the status of the robotics program. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that we have been moved to the next phase on the way to approval, and that not all districts were invited to move to the next step.</p> <p>The town will be having a clean-up day on March 17, to help with debris from recent storms.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh mentioned that the school web site has many opportunities for interested parties to volunteer at school events.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Policy Sub-Committee Report</u> Mrs. Sheehan read the Policy Sub-Committee report from February 26, 2018 into the record. The report is attached to these minutes.</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve the report of the Policy Sub-Committee as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED 7:21</p> <p><u>Policy ILCD – Administering Medications to Students – First Reading</u> Mrs. Sheehan read the policy with changes into the record. Attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh asked for questions from the Committee. All questions were addressed.</p> <p>Chair moved to second reading</p>
CONDUCT OF PUBLIC HEARING	<p><u>SUBJECT #1: School Choice*</u> *As reported in the February 21, 2018 edition of the Weymouth News On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, the Committee voted to open the meeting for the Public Hearing on School Choice. So voted 7:41 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh shared that School Choice is something that we have to vote on every year. This relates to a provision in the Education Reform Act as stipulated by MGL Chapter 76 section 12B. Under this program non-resident students can attend schools in the community without paying tuition on a space available basis. There is an element of the law that makes community participation in school choice mandatory unless a vote is taken not to participate.</p> <p>Due to the lack of space, it is the chair’s recommendation that Weymouth Public Schools withdraw from the obligation of enrolling non-residential students referred to as School Choice for the school year beginning 2018.</p> <p>There was no public comment on School Choice.</p> <p>On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to close Public Comment on School Choice. So voted, 7:43 p.m.</p> <p>On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, it was unanimously voted that</p>

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Weymouth Public Schools withdraw from the obligation of enrolling non-residential students referred to as School Choice for the school year beginning 2018. So voted, 7:43 p.m.

SUBJECT #2: The FY2019 Budget as of February 21, 2018 for the Weymouth Public Schools**

**As reported in the February 21, 2018 edition of the Weymouth News

At 7:43 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, it was unanimously voted to open the meeting for the Public Hearing on Budget.

Chair Belmarsh officially opens public hearing. Chairman Belmarsh described in detail the budget process and submission of the budget to Town Council.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Interim Business Manager Mickey McGonagle came to the table to provide an overview of the FY19 budget (attached to these minutes).

Elizabeth Foster-Nolan – Thanked the Committee and Dr. Curtis-Whipple for a great presentation. She spoke about the need for transparency and encouraged the committee to look at the budget as needs based.

Jane Hackett – Thank you for a fabulous presentation and process. Asked several quick questions about the current status collective bargaining contracts and how they might affect the budget.

Carrie Palazzo – Mrs. Palazzo thanked the Committee and Dr. Curtis-Whipple for the presentation. She asked about adjustment counselors and where they would be located. Dr. Curtis-Whipple clarified that if the needs list was funded, there would be an adjustment counselor in every elementary school. She also questioned why additional resources were being sent to schools that were already testing better than the rest of the district.

Gus Perez – Mr. Perez came to the table – Best presentation around budget he has seen over the past several years. He asked about the FY19 budget breakdown, IT, Capital. He shared some observations around how the community has rallied around school funding over the past several years. He reviewed DESE net school spending as well. Agrees with earlier speaker that we need to ask for a needs based budget.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone seconded by Mrs. Sheehan it was voted to close the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 School Budget. So Voted 8:53 p.m.

Mrs. Curran there is no furniture replacement in the budget. Dr. Curtis-Whipple clarified it is on the capital needs list.

Mrs. Sheehan would like to echo previous speakers' requests to present needs based budget.

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asserted that the upcoming vote was on only a segment of the budget, and that many

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	<p>millions in capital improvements and other funding needs had already been requested. He asked that the public remember that we have been communicating the full need of the system throughout the fiscal year.</p> <p>The Chair reminded everyone the next steps in the process. There will be a budget subcommittee meeting on March 14th with full school committee attending. The budget needs to be voted by School Committee potentially on March 22nd. The budget will be sent to the Mayor in April</p> <p>Mrs. Curran thanked Dr. Curtis-Whipple for the great presentation.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Weymouth High School, Program of Studies – Third Reading</u></p> <p>The Chair welcomed Associate Principal Karen Monahan, Principal Alan Strauss to the table. Associate Principal Monahan reviewed the changes outlined in the summary page attached to these minutes.</p> <p>Ms. Monahan asked whether or not we should add the robotics program as it is not completely approved yet or should it be an addendum. Chair asked what would work for the High School. A discussion was had around this.</p> <p>The Chair is agreeable to having the language in the POS that the robotics program is pending.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan shared that she has heard from some teachers that this is the first they were hearing about changes in the POS Mr. Strauss clarified. that the ILTs, which included teachers, was where the changes came from in the first place.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan also shared that she heard that some of the math teachers were not told about the changes in the programs. Mrs. Bryan spoke to this, sharing that this discussion has been ongoing for quite some time. Discussions have involved some teachers, but they were waiting for the details and approvals to be finalized before rolling it out to all faculty.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked a series of questions around Capstone. Mr. Strauss shared with the committee. that capstone would not directly impact the availability of electives. The elimination of electives with very low enrollment (which would have been eliminated anyway) would make space for a capstone course. He also explained that when seniors completed capstone, they would be utilized to advise juniors.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan thanked Mrs. Monahan and Mr. Strauss for all of the extra work they put in to the program of studies. However, she stated she still does not support the POS due to the current grade required for successful completion.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran is appreciative that the high school team is looking into successful completion going forward. However cannot support due to the current successful completion requirements.</p> <p>On motion of Mrs. Nardone seconded by Dr. Sullivan it was voted to accept the 2018-2019</p>

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	<p>Weymouth High School Program of Studies. 4/2 vote 9:44 p.m.</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u></p> <p>The Chair shared there have been no changes at this time. Waiting for comments from MSBA on documents submitted.</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.• Policy Sub-Committee –Monday, March 12th – 6:00 p.m. – MJL Humanities Center• Budget Sub-Committee – March 14th – 6:00 p.m. – 111 Middle Street• Weymouth Market – March 14th – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School• SEPAC Tuesday, April 3rd – Alpha Sanford will be the guest speaker.• 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</p> <p>Thursday, March 22, 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee of the Whole 6:00PM• Regular Meeting 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m.</p> <p>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHMENTS	<p># 34-2018 Warrant dated February 20, 2018 in the amount of \$860,377.53</p> <p>Regular Minutes: 2/15/18</p> <p>Budget Hearing Presentation</p> <p>Policy Sub-Committee Report</p> <p>Policy JLCD</p> <p>Program of Studies Summary</p>

Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary