

Weymouth School Committee Meeting  
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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.	
<b>MEMBERS</b> Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw <del>Robert Hedlund, Mayor</del>	Jen Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent <del>Susan Kustka, Assist. Superintendent</del> Mary Ann Bryan, Interim Assist. Superintendent Mickey McGonagle, Interim Business Manager
	<p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the pull the 3/22/18 Minutes from the consent agenda. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan read changes into the record.</p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the 3/22/18 Minutes as amended. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> * Items = tabled	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 41-2018, dated 4/9/18 in the amount of \$1,529,254.46</p> <p>Meeting of the Whole: 3/22/18</p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the Consent Agenda as presented SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<b>STUDENT ADVISORY</b>	Chair Belmarsh shared that she received an email from Sharon Yanizzi the adviser for the Student Advisory that participation was to inform School Committee members of issues at the high school as well as student achievements and ongoing events. This has been a different year at the high school, in that any student concerns or issues are immediately addressed by the principal. The will be discussion with Principal Strauss the purpose and role of the Student Advisory Group and will provide an update at a later time.	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> Bold = speaker	<p><b>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</b></p> <p>Tina Conte came to the table. She is a teacher and a member of the WEA executive board. Ms. Conte spoke on behalf of the WEA Executive Board and WEA members. She came to address the employment and approval of the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support contract. The WEA felt it necessary to make members concerns heard by School Committee.</p>	

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	<p>Chair Belmarsh stopped Ms. Conte to remind her that no personal statements about an individual that could be seen as defamatory or abusive be stated. She also reminded Ms. Conte that the WEA has clauses in their contract that they should go through a grievance process.</p> <p>Ms. Conte thanked the Chair and stated she would take that under advisement. She went on to state that the WEA is concerned about the quick hiring process for the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support. The WEA is respectfully requesting that item J under new business - Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support contract be tabled. Ms. Conte stated that there was a preliminary meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss staff concerns and the WEA would like the process to continue and item J be tabled until after further meetings are held.</p> <p>Ms. Conte stated that any questions or comments regarding this should be sent to Ydana Chella, WEA president.</p> <p>Maggie Long – WHS Senior – came to the table to discuss concerns that the senior class is having. She discussed the following events, Powder Puff, March Madness, Mr. WHS, Unplugged, and walking in alphabetical order at graduation.</p> <p>Principal Strauss came to the table. Mr. Strauss shared that he supports the WEA and all of the teachers. He shared that when you take on leadership roles you are held to standard higher than anyone else. We are the leaders. He shared that change is difficult. He struggles with our leaders who want the title and not put in the time. Change of habits of mind is complex. He disagrees with unit B's claim that they are being pushed too hard. We chose to be leaders. Not all of Unit B feels they are worked too hard. He does not want to see decisions made because of a few, but what is best for students.</p>
<b>REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple highlighted the following recent happenings in the Weymouth Public Schools:</p> <p>Weymouth Got Talent took place this week. It was an outstanding event. Thank you to our art and music teachers that made this event possible. Standing room only!</p> <p>WHS held its AP night on Wednesday. It was well attended with almost two hundred people World Language held there very first honor society induction last Thursday. This was a wonderful event. Congratulations to all inductees and thank you to our staff that made this possible.</p> <p>Seach, Wessagusset, Pingree, Chapman held instructional rounds this week. Thank you to the staff and administrators for planning these important visits.</p> <p>Pingree is holding their International Night event this evening. We wish them well. If it is anything like last year, it will be amazing.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran asked to see information about revolving accounts. Mr. McGonagle stated that they had been put on the blog two or three weeks ago.</p>

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	Chair Belmarsh noted that Town Hall would like to display student artwork.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><u>Transportation and McKinney-Vento Update – Robin Howard</u> Mrs. Howard came to the table. She reviewed WPS Transportation, First Student, WPS Busses, WPS Vans, 7D Driver’s License and Crossing Guards. She then reviewed the goals of McKinney-Vento &amp; ESSA, what the role of the liaison and POC is, 3 year McKinney-Vento counts, and grant and referral sources. Mrs. Curran asked about the procedure for when crossing guards were absent. There is a substitute who can be called. Sometimes due to staggered starting times, a guard can come from another school to fill in. If needed, other school staff sometimes fill in. Mrs. Nardone asked if fees would go up. Like other fees, they are on a rotation review schedule, and any changes would be considered then.</p> <p><u>Building Usage Report – Melanie Curtin</u> Ms. Curtin came to the table. She presented a power point presentation (attached to these minutes) to review the committee process and recommendations. All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.</p> <p><u>Budget Sub-Committee Report 4/4/18</u> MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to table the Budget Sub-Committee report SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh shared with everyone that Mrs. Sheehan had to leave the meeting due to not feeling well.</p> <p><u>Policy Sub-Committee Report 3/26/18 &amp; 4/2/18</u> MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the Policy Sub-Committee reports of 3/26/18 and 4/2/18 SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy KF-R – Regulations Governing Use of School Property – First Reading</u> Mrs. Curran read the Policy and changes into the record. Policy KF-R was moved to second reading on 4/26/18.</p> <p><u>Policy JLDD – Management of Prevention and Response to Life Threatening Allergies – First Reading</u> Mrs. Curran read the Policy and changes into the record. Policy JLDD was moved to second reading on 4/26/18.</p> <p><u>Policy JLDD – N – Allergen Alert Notification Letter – First Reading</u> Mrs. Curran read the Policy and changes into the record. Policy JLDD-N was moved to second reading on 4/26/18.</p>

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It was noted that there were many changes to the above policies and that they are available on the school website. There will be public comment on these at the next meeting.

Approval of 2018-2019 School Year Calendar (Action Requested)

Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the proposed calendar for the next school year (attached). All questions asked by the Committee were answered.

MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the 2018-2019 School year calendar

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Last Day of School 2017-2018 (Action Requested)

Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviewed the current year calendar and the snow days used. Students will be dismissed on June 27, 2018 and teachers who opted to do the make-up professional development day will end the school year on June 28, 2018.

MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the last day for students at June 27, 2018 and teachers for June 28, 2018.

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support contract (Action Requested)

Chair Belmarsh turned the meeting over to the Superintendent. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared the process she went through regarding this position. The position was posted on January 22, 2018. We are required to have it posted for a 30 day minimum, we are beyond that. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that she has reviewed all applications. She took into consideration that Dr. Bent's report that outlined that we have had tremendous turnover and it is very difficult to maintain momentum or progress. She shared she has had many conversations with School Committee regarding this. She has had multiple meetings with the union (phone conversation 3/21, in person meeting on 3/29 and a letter was sent requesting a meeting). Dr. Curtis-Whipple also shared that she is always open to meeting and that a date could not be decided upon at the 3/29 meeting. Dr. Curtis-Whipple also shared that she has had open forums and is open to hearing everyone's opinions and thoughts.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple has made the recommendation to move forward with a one year contract Grade F, step 2 for Mary Ann Bryan.

The Chair asked the Committee for Comments.

Mrs. Nardone shared that there have been many conversations around this even up to 1 hour ago and appreciates all of the emails and conversations that have been had.

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	<p>Chair Belmarsh also stated she appreciates the emails and comments that have been sent. There has been lots of discussion around this subject and multiple opportunities to meet. She shared her thoughts around Mrs. Bryan's work and leadership and will support this contract going forward.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran will support the one year contract.</p> <p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to approve the contract for Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support, Mary Ann Bryan</p> <p>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p><u>Policy JLCD – Administering Medications to Students – Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh asked if there was any public comment on Policy JLCD. There was none. Moved to third reading on 4/5/18.</p> <p><u>MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study</u> The Chair shared there have been no changes at this time. Still waiting for MSBA's review of our documents at this time.</p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> Annual "Who Wants to be a Know-it-All" will be on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Weymouth Elks.</li> <li>• Policy Sub-Committee – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – MJL Humanities Center</li> <li>• Budget Sub-Committee – April 4<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – 111 Middle Street</li> <li>• Weymouth Market – April 4<sup>th</sup> – 3:30 – 5:00 – Chapman Middle School</li> <li>• SEPAC Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alpha Sanford will be the guest speaker.</li> <li>• Community Series: Off the Ladder of Addiction – Prescription / Over-the-counter drugs and Methamphetamines, March 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. – Weymouth Police Station</li> </ul>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>Next Meeting of the WSC Meeting</b> Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>MOTION: by Ms. Nardone to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.</p> <p>SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<p>Warrant 41-2, dated 3/26/18 in the amount of \$1,027,400.83</p> <p>Field Trip: WHS CTE/Skills USA State Leadership &amp; Skills Conference, Best Western Conference Center, Marlborough, MA Thursday, April 26 – Saturday, April 28, 2018.</p> <p>Minutes: Regular Minutes: 2/15/18 &amp; 3/8/18</p> <p>Curriculum Presentation</p> <p>Budget Presentation</p> <p>Proposed 2018-2019 calendar</p> <p>Policy JLCD</p>

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John Sullivan, Secretary