

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
December 12, 2019
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:18PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.	
MEMBERS Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor	Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent
CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 25-2020, in the amount of \$2,877,599.56</p> <p>Field Trip: WHS, Grades 9-12 Athletics Indoor Track, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH Dates: January 11-12, 2020</p> <p>Field Trip: Adams Middle School, Grade 5, Camp Bournedale, Plymouth, MA Dates: June 8-10, 2020</p> <p>Approval of Minutes: Meeting of the Whole: 11/14/19* Regular Minutes: 11/14/19</p> <p>MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan to remove meeting of the whole minutes from the consent agenda and to table. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the consent agenda SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
STUDENT ADVISORY	Members of Student Advisory came to the table and read their update into the record. The report is attached to these minutes.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Mr. Smith left at 7:37pm returned at 7:38pm</p> <p>Mary Ellen Divine and Elizabeth Foster Nolan came to the table to recognize and thank Mrs. Sheehan for her 12 years of service to parents and students on School</p>	

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	<p>Committee and reiterated that Mrs. Sheehan looks out for the children of Weymouth. A donation will be made to WEF in honor of Mrs. Sheehan. There will be cake and water after the meeting. Ms. Divine and Ms. Foster Nolan thanked the Chair for allowing the recognition even though it wasn't on the agenda.</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Bryan presented Mrs. Sheehan with a basket in recognition of her 12 years of service on the school committee and volunteerism since 1997. Assistant Superintendent Bryan and Smith expressed their thanks and appreciation and recognized the many years of service and awards. They presented Mrs. Sheehan with a certificate from the WTA.</p> <p>Mayor Hedlund presented a tile of recognition to Mrs. Sheehan on behalf of the town of Weymouth for her many years of service on the school committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran communicated her thanks to Mrs. Sheehan as a friend and mentor and working so hard for the families of Weymouth and hopes she enjoys retirement.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan shared her thoughts and read her comments into the record (attached to these minutes).</p>
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**REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT**

Assistant Superintendent Bryan reported on the following:

The Full STEAM Ahead event was last night. It was a huge success and very well attended. Assistant Super. Bryan thanked Olympic Pizza for donating 50 pizzas, Mike Richards for running the Planetarium, and MEP Manufacturing and South Shore Health for being present. Thanks also to Teri and Jeremy and the rest of the curriculum team

Weymouth Public Schools has been awarded an FY20 Teacher Diversification Pilot Program grant of \$7,530. The grant will be supporting 30 MTEL examination vouchers and other initiatives.

Chapman students donated 1,000 non-perishable food items for thanksgiving, and staff bought a turkey for each basket.

“Chapman’s Got Talent” was held recently, with performances during the day for students, and in the evening for parents.

Thanks to Mr. Landry and others who supported Hamilton’s 3rd and 4th grade winter concerts.

Johnson Early Childhood Center was awarded at \$10,000 grant for special education and PBS (Positive Behavioral Supports) initiatives.

Murphy’s Turkey Trot resulted in the collection of 300 pounds of food.

The high school speaker series began recently. This first of three sessions had over 20 members of the community come and share their experiences with students.

Winter sports season is underway at the high school.

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NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Updates to Fund our Future, Chapter 70 Formula Changes and Anticipated Impact to School Budget-Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith</u></p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Smith read an overview of the Student opportunity Act into the record. He explained adjustments to the Chapter 70 funding formula, highlighting that Weymouth is slated to only receive the minimum increase, which has been the case with the old formula as well. Circuit Breaker funds are slated to be increased to account for transportation costs for outplaced special education students. Beginning in 2021, 25% of costs will be covered, with more being reimbursed each year following. This could eventually result in an additional \$500K for Weymouth. There are also changes to the reimbursement of charter school tuition, which could result in an additional \$1 million for Weymouth.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh restated that information will be more certain in January when the budget is submitted and expressed her thanks to Senator O'Connor for working with the School department.</p> <p>A copy of the act is attached to these minutes.</p> <p><u>Capital Plan-Assistant Superintendent Smith, John Barker, Deputy Director of Maintenance</u></p> <p>Deputy Director of Maintenance, John Barker and Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith came to the table and gave an overview of their presentation. Topics included the capital planning process, capital needs and a recap of items completed this year, such as maintenance and facilities, vehicle replacement, technology enhancements, curriculum purchases, and purchase CTE (career and technical education) materials.</p> <p>The definition of a capital item is that it cost over \$25,000 with useful life of over 5 years.</p> <p>Dr. Sullivan left the table at 7:59pm and returned at 8:02pm Mrs. Curran highlighted the need for a new building for vans</p>

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Chair Belmarsh advised that the Pleasant Street crosswalk could potentially be added to needs list and reiterated the list goes to town hall for prioritization and emphasized that the JECC parking lot and the boilers are a priority. Chair Belmarsh also commented on the long list of accomplishments over the last year especially the tech plan and the 1:1 device initiative and how tremendous it would be if it could be funded for grades K-12.

Mayor Hedlund gave an overview of the town's process for crosswalk requests as his office receives more than they can handle. The Mayor reiterated that the town is working hard on grant money to improve crosswalks.

School Improvement Plan: Adams Middle School, Chapman Middle School & Weymouth High School-Principals-Matthew Meehan and Alan Strauss, Associate Principals Rebecca Paulus and Karen Monahan.

Brian left the table at 8:14pm and returned at 8:17pm

Assistant Superintendent Bryan commented that the team is working well together in a unified approach in preparation for the transition for students and families without a Chapman school.

Topics of the presentation included performance challenges, such as attendance, instructional practices and transition planning; Advanced placement, Chapman and Abigail Adams accomplishments, Key initiatives and transition planning. Packing and moving was also discussed.

The committee expressed their thanks for the collaboration and extra work with such a big project.

Assistant Superintendent Smith conveyed his thanks to the team and also to Melanie Curtin for all of the extra work.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

The Mayor left the table at 8:27 and returned at 8:27

The Chair thanked the team for all of the extra work and recognized the union and Mike Murphy, Joan Cederholm, Haika Tupland.

Budget Sub-Committee Report

Chair Belmarsh read her notes into the record.

The meeting began at 6 pm and items discussed were , full day K, budget requests, meeting with The Mayor and Mr. Langil, addressed questions regarding the Mayor's memo, food service request for proposals, capital requests, IT plan, Special Ed update, increasing rates for ESY and Q5.

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	<p>A copy of the notes is attached to these minutes</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr, Sullivan to approve the report of the budget sub committee SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy Sub-Committee Report</u> Mrs. Sheehan read her notes into the record. The meeting was held on December 2, 2019 and the next meeting will be December 17, 2019. A copy of the notes is attached to these minutes</p> <p>Brian left the able at 8:57 and returned at 8:58</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the report of the policy sub committee SECOND: Mrs Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support Contract</u> Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith gave an overview of Robert Wargo’s background and experience and thanked the interview team. Mr. Wargo holds his undergraduate degree from the University of Maryland College Park, where he majored in Counseling/Psychology. Mr. Wargo went on to receive his Masters of Education from Northeastern University and is working towards his Doctorate of Education, Curriculum, Teaching, Learning and Leadership from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Mr. Wargo comes to us from his current position at Scituate High School where he has served as Principal since 2012. He has previously held positions as a Director of Athletics, Guidance Counselor, Health Teacher, Dean of Students and Assistant Principal.</p> <p>It is anticipated that Mr. Wargo will start with Weymouth Public Schools on January 27th. This is a one year contract at step 2 of Assistant Superintendent salary grid, \$136,057</p> <p>Mr. Wargo will replace retiring Assistant Superintendent Bryan.</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr Sullivan to approve the contract of the Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services and Support SECOND: Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
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	<p><u>FY19 Audit of the Student Activity Funds conducted by Town Auditor</u> Recommended that Richard Swanson to conduct the audit.</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to assign town auditor, Richard Swanson to conduct the audit of the Student Activity funds SECOND: Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Unit B Job Descriptions</u> It was reiterated that the descriptions have been effect for a long time and that they review was a request by the union to look at descriptions</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept all Unit B job descriptions SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u></p> <p>A Community Forum will be held on December 17, 2019 at 6pm at Town Hall and topics discussed will be site plan, building design, construction plan, and truck traffic plan (during construction). All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan requested that the Superintendents evaluation be placed on the next agenda.</p>
Announcements	<p>Policy Sub Committee-December 16, 2019-6:00PM-School Administration Weymouth Market-January 8, 2020-3:30PM-WHS Gold Cafeteria SEPAC -January 7, basic rights workshop 6:30 in Adams Library TW-Jan 14, Hum</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, January 2, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Mrs. Sheehan at 9:04pm SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant, in the amount of \$</p> <p>Field Trip: WHS, Grades 9-12 Athletics Indoor Track, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH</p>

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Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary