

Weymouth School Committee Meeting  
MJL Humanities Center  
January 2, 2020  
Minutes

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CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE	7:04 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.  A moment of silence was had for Mary Quinton	
<b>MEMBERS</b> Strike out = absent	Lisa Belmarsh, Chair <del>Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair</del> John Sullivan, Secretary Carrie Palazzo Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw <del>Robert Hedlund, Mayor</del>	Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent
<b>SWEARING IN OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>	Chair Belmarsh invited Town Clerk, Kathy Deree to the podium to administer the oath to new Committee member, Carrie Palazzo and returning member, John Sullivan. Ms. Deree administered the oath to both Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Palazzo. 7:06 p.m.	
<b>ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	<p>Chair Belmarsh opened the nomination for the chair of the School Committee. On motion of Dr. Sullivan, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw, to nominate Lisa Belmarsh as Chair of the School Committee. No other nominations were made. Unanimously voted at 7:08 p.m.</p> <p>On motion of Chair Belmarsh, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, to nominate Tracey Nardone as Vice Chair of the School Committee. No other nominations were made. The chair explained that she has spoken to Mrs. Nardone who will accept the nomination and will be sworn in on January 6th when she returns from vacation. So voted at 7:09 p.m.</p> <p>On motion of Chair Belmarsh, seconded by Dr. Sherlock Shangraw, to nominate John Sullivan as Secretary of the School Committee. No other nominations were made. So voted at 7:09 p.m.</p> <p>Ms. Deree administered the oath of the Chair to Ms. Belmarsh. 7:10 p.m.</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh thanked members for their support and highlighted that this was the first day when child-care was available at the meeting, and that some parents had taken advantage of the service.</p>	
<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> * Items = tabled	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 28-2020, in the amount of \$1,289,863.62</p> <p>Field Trip: WHS, Grades 9-12 Choral Community Band, Providence Bruins, Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, RI Dates: January 19, 2020 - 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.</p>	

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	<p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to remove regular minutes of 12/12/19 from the consent agenda and to table. SECOND: by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the consent agenda SECOND: by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	<p>There was none.</p>
<b>REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT</b>	<p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared with the Committee about the loss of Mary Quinton. She shared the long history we have had with Mary and all she has done for our community. She expressed condolences to the Quinton Family.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that the primary schools are kicking off their enrichment clubs the second week of January.</p> <p>Many of our schools participated in various toy drives throughout the holiday season.</p> <p>Many of our students attended the Full STEAM Ahead (FACE* night at WHS). We wanted to thank Teri Flemming, Jeremy Angelos, and all of the STEAM teachers again for their work making this event possible. It was very widely attended.</p> <p>Grade 5 Computer Lit. students at Abigail Adams are learning about programming and debugging using resources on the site, "code.org."</p> <p>As part of their participation in PBIS, Nash students have made a bulletin board of shout-outs to staff made by students.</p> <p>There will be a parent night in February centering around the issue of vaping. A doctor will present data and helpful tips for cessation.</p> <p>The next FACE event will be a community forum about ALICE**. We will be meeting in the Humanities Center on Jan. 9th from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Representatives from the School Dept., The Fire Dept., and the Police Departments will be available to discuss the protocols surrounding our response to active shooter situations. It will be recorded by WETC for anyone who is unable to attend.</p>

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	<p>February 11, right before parent conferences at Chapman, there will be a meeting to update parents on plans for the new Chapman Middle school, particularly those that will impact students this year.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple welcomed new Committee member Carrie Palazzo and welcomed back Dr. Sullivan.</p> <p>* Family and Community Engagement</p> <p>**An acronym, standing for Alert Lockdown Inform Evacuate, ALICE is WPS' updated procedure for situations where someone comes on campus seeking to cause damage or injury.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><u>School Improvement Plan: Primary Schools</u> Principals Jeremy Burm, Patrick Costello, Richard Bransfield, Elizabeth Drolet, Lori Gover, Kathy Guilfooy, Patrick Higgins, and Nancy Schuhwerk came to the table. They provided a summary of student performance data, the four performance challenges (Literacy, Mathematics, Family Engagement and School Culture, Social Emotional and Behavioral Development), Accomplishments and Key Initiatives and Resource Priorities. (Presentation attached to these minutes)</p> <p>Mrs. Palazzo highlighted the importance of the SIP process and said it was a good way for parents to get involved in the life of their children's schools.</p> <p>All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.</p> <p><u>Educational Technology Update</u> Director Brett Lindholm and Coordinator of Infrastructure James Rekowski came to the table. They presented an update of year 4 of the 5 year plan. They provided an overview of staffing, infrastructure, devices and integration. (Presentation attached to these minutes)</p> <p>Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw asked if the one to one initiative extended to the night school. It does not yet.</p> <p>All other questions asked by the Committee were addressed.</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	<p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u> Review timeline for closing of Chapman January - June 2020 Dr. Curtis-Whipple gave a broad overview of what will be happening over the next 6 months to facilitate the closing of Chapman Middle School. Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that Weycare has moved out of the building, we are in the process of moving transportation out. Modularity will be installed at three primary schools in late spring.</p>

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	<p>Prior to vacation, Dr. Curtis-Whipple spoke with faculty and staff who would be impacted by staffing changes so they had a better understanding where they are going.</p> <p>As happens each year, several programs will be moving to different schools at the primary level and affected families were notified prior to winter break.</p> <p>There will be a parent meeting on February 11th at Chapman Auditorium for parents to ask questions. The community is welcome.</p> <p>Dr. Sherlock Shangraw asked a clarifying question regarding the work that will begin after April vacation. "Does that mean hard hats shovels in the ground?" Dr. Curtis-Whipple said there would be workers working in a sectioned-off part of the campus. All workers will have been checked through the CORI and fingerprinting process.</p> <p>Mrs. Curran shared that this subject was discussed at length at the December public forum if the community is interested in learning more.</p> <p>Next School Building Committee Meetings: January 7, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. - McCulloch Building January 28, 2020 - 6:30 p.m. - Town Hall</p> <p>Chair Belmarsh explained that as the project moved into a phase where schools would be affected directly, School Committee meetings would be used to disseminate information about things that may impact the daily life of students/staff, and School Building Committee meetings would be the place one could go to learn about the progress of the physical school itself.</p> <p>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building can be found at: <a href="http://www.anewchapman.org">www.anewchapman.org</a></p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Weymouth Market-January 8, 2020-3:30PM-WHS Gold Cafeteria SEPAC -January 7, basic rights workshop 6:30 in Adams Library TWPC-January 14, 2020 - 7:00 - Humanities</p>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>Meeting of the WSC</b> Thursday, January 16, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan at 8:53pm SECOND: by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
<b>ATTACHED DOCUMENTS</b>	<p>Field Trip: WHS, Grades 9-12 Choral Community Band, Providence Bruins, Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence, RI</p>

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John Sullivan, Secretary