

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom June 8, 2023 MEETING MINUTES (approved 8/17/23)

Members In Attendance: Tracey Nardone, Interim Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran, Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steven Buccigross

Members Absent: Mayor Hedlund

Also Present: Robert Wargo, Superintendent

The meeting began at 7:01pm

The chair informed that the meeting is being recorded and available on WETC.

Mrs. Nardone led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interview Candidates for Open Seat on School Committee:

The Chair gave an overview of the process. Candidates were drawn from a hat and will be called in order and asked a question by Secretary Palazzo and have 5 minutes to answer. Mrs. Curran will alert applicants when there is 30 seconds remaining.

The chair introduced and thanked each candidate for their interest in applying and for interviewing. Secretary Palazzo welcomed each candidate and asked: "Why are you interested in serving on the Weymouth School Committee and what would your priorities be?"

-Mary Ellen-Devine

Expressed her thanks for the opportunity and gave an overview of her lengthy and varied experience within the district and her ability to contribute immediately to the committee.

Examples of community involvement: Weymouth parent, coach, SEPAC, TWPC, and volunteer for numerous town organizations/programs.

-Ellen McNulty

Expressed her thanks for being considered and shared her experience in teaching, union leadership and education technology as well as her excitement for being an active member within the community. Her priority would be to get to know the members and what imminent concerns there are.

-Danielle Graziano

Expressed her dedication to Weymouth schools and families as well as her experience of SEPAC, numerous volunteering and hiring committees, as well as Adams repurpose committee, in addition to attendance of all school committees and sub meetings. Her priority would be safety and inclusivity.

The committee thanked the candidates for their interest and expressed their appreciation for the caliber of applicants and the difficulty of the decision before them.

Discuss and Vote Candidate for Open Seat (Action Requested):

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw shared her support for Ms. Graziano for her consistent attendance of sub and school committee meetings and respectful and collaborative interactions.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to appoint Danielle Graziano to the vacant school committee seat ending December 31, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Discussion:

Mrs. Curran expressed her support for Mary Ellen-Devine. Roll call, Mrs. Curran voted no. Motion passed.

Amended motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw: to appoint Danielle Granziano to the vacant school committee seat ending after the November election is certified. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Roll call vote, amended motion passed.

It was suggested that Ms. Graziano reach out to the Town Clerk before the next meeting to be sworn in.

Next School Committee Meeting:

Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2023 - 5:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm on the motion of Mrs. Curran, seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

Letters of Interest

- Mary Ellen Devine
- Ellen McNulty
- Danielle Graziano

Respectfully Submitted,

AMD

Carrie Palazzo Secretary