

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S
(approved 2.4.16)**

Date: October 22, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center
Weymouth High School

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone,
and Mayor Kay. Mr. Guilfoyle arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Curtis-Whipple
and Business Manager Mickey McGonagle. Assistant Superintendent
Kustka was absent.

Call to Order

At 7:00 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Kay asked the Chair that payment of the bills be removed from the consent agenda. On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to move the payment from the consent agenda. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to approve the WHS, grade 11, CTE Culinary Arts to Johnson & Wales, Harborside, Providence RI, December 7, 2015. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

Payment of Bills

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant # 17-2016 in the amount of \$700,152.67 with money to pay. So voted, 7:07 p.m. Mayor Kay abstained.

Public Comment

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Student Advisory Committee

Dr. Salim invited the Student Advisory Committee to the table. Mrs. Yanizzi wanted to congratulate committee member Nicholas Ames who helped rescue a woman and helped her down a mountain. Jonathan Dimodica reviewed Spirit Week in detail. The students brought up water being substituted for milk. Joe Bronski discussed the fee system for students and suggested changes. Also discussed were AP courses being available to CTE students and the committee has been working with Mr. Haviland on this. Nicholas Ames discussed the safety training and issues with some of the ropes and door stops.

Mrs. Sheehan asked for follow-up from the students on items brought to the School Committee, the students addressed.

Correspondence

Dr. Salim reviewed statewide testing around PARCC and MCAS from Commissioner Mitchell Chester. The vote for a decision around testing will be on November 17, 2015.

Dr. Salim announced that four Weymouth High School Seniors, Agata Caluj, Ma'ila Kaumeheiwa, Megan McDonagh and Brian Warner have been named Commended students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Dr. Salim reported that Weymouth High School administered the PSAT to over 930 students last week to all 10th and 11th grade students.

As part of our college readiness efforts, we had a cohort of students who visited Salem State this past week. Sharon Yanizzi, Kate McDonald, Mark Kowalski and Kelly Brennan organized the campus visit and a tour for a group of students who may not have thought about college.

Dr. Salim shared that four Weymouth High School students participated in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute 28th Annual Invitational Mathematics Meet. The high school's top scorer, Rohith Parvathaneni won a \$1,000 scholarship to WPI.

Last night the Career Technical Educational program hosted the advisory meetings for the different shops. The culinary students did an outstanding job presenting a sit down dinner for teachers, program advisors and other guests.

This week the Patriot Ledger and WBZ radio covered the latest Buddy Bench dedication at Hamilton Primary School. Principal Jeremy Burm led a ceremony which included a poem by teacher Makayla Rycroft and a song led by teacher Jeanne Gilbert. In addition to Lisa Maroney who has generously donated the Buddy Benches for our primary schools, community partners Vinny and Marie Jankord and State Representative Jaime Murphy joined the ceremony.

The first STEM Hot Spot will be on Saturday, October 24th at 1:00 p.m. at Great Esker Park. Tom Heyman will be doing a family outing at Great Esker Park.

Dr. Salim reported that a follow up letter was sent to MSBA following the Senior Study site visit at Chapman Middle School. We sent information about the building facility and the challenges it presents to meeting the educational program needs at the middle school level. We also indicated that the feasibility study has the support of both the Mayor and Town Council. More updates will be given as it evolves.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Inquiry and Data Analysis in Weymouth Public Schools

Dr. Salim invited Assistant Superintendent Dr. Curtis-Whipple, Data and Assessment Strategy Manager, Dr. Pamela Stazesky, Principal Jeremy Burm, and teacher and data coach Jeremy Angelos to the table. They presented a PowerPoint presentation on how we are using data in Weymouth Public Schools to support learning and results for Students. All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.

Mr. Guilfoyle left the meeting at 7:56 p.m. and returned at 8:03 p.m.

Committee Announcements

Letter to Linn Torto

Chair Belmarsh announced that the School Committee, along with Mayor Kay and Town Council President Patrick O'Connor wrote a letter to Linn Torto who is the Executive

Director of Interagency Council on Housing and Homelessness urging her to make Weymouth a priority.

MASC Resolutions

On motion of Mr. Guilfoyle, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to waive the reading of each of the resolutions. So voted

- *Resolution 1 – Regarding High School Starting Times*
On motion of Mayor Kay, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.
- *Resolution 2 – Poverty and Children*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.
- *Resolution 3 – Tying Test Scores to Chapter 70 Funding*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to approve this resolution.
- *Resolution 4 – Support for an Equitable and Sustainable Placement Program for Students Covered under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.
- *Resolution 5 – Tax Reform Ballot Question*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution
- *Resolution 6 – Membership of a School Committee Member on the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.
- *Resolution 7 – Relative to the Teaching Strategies Gold Assessments for Kindergarten Students*
On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to approve this resolution.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
- Mrs. Nardone announced there will be a Budget Sub-Committee meeting on October 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the School Administration Building. All are welcome.
- On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve the report of the Budget Sub-Committee meeting. So voted, 8:35 p.m.

Committee Announcements

There will be no SEPAC Meeting in November due to elections.

The next TWPC meeting will be on November 10th in the MJL Humanities Center at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

This Saturday, October 24th is U-Mass Band Day will be at Gillette Stadium. This is a great event.

Weymouth High School Homecoming weekend is this weekend with the football game against Braintree on Friday night and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 8:50 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Inquiry and Data Analysis in WPS
- Warrant 17-2016
- Field Trip Request
- MASCS Resolutions
- Letter to Linn Torto