

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S
(approved 2/4/16)**

Date: October 8, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center
Weymouth High School

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone,
Mr. Guilfoyle and Mayor Kay

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

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.

Chair Belmarsh reviews the new format of the agenda and discusses the focus of the new format.

Chair Belmarsh thanked Dr. Salim and Dorothy Presser from MASC for working on the new format with us. The public is welcome to comment on the new format.

Consent Agenda

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2015 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. So voted, 7:04 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. So voted, 7:04 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2015 meeting of the Weymouth School Committee. So voted, 7:04 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant # 15-2016 in the amount of \$1,343,792.13 with money to pay. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to approve the Chapman Middle School 8th grade French Class to Montreal/Quebec Canada, Wednesday, April 13 – Friday April 15, 2016. So voted, 7:06 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to confirm the WHS, grades 9-12 Music to the Providence Bruin's game, Providence RI, Friday, October 9, 2015. So voted 7:07 p.m.

Student Advisory

Student Advisory came to the table. Mrs. Yanizzi provided information around the class officers have that have been added to each group, will not be here at every meeting but hope to have most.

Michael Fay, Victoria Ang, Daniel Beaton, Hannah Hutchinson, Jon DiModica. Distributed handouts to the School Committee members. Reviewed recent fundraisers, how they advertise. Announced the Craft Fair at Weymouth High School on December 5th. Feel that school and senior pride is up this year.

The class officers for 2017 and 2019 came to the table. The president of the skills USA chapter in Weymouth. Describes how skills USA helps CTE students succeed and excel.

Results of the student voice surveys were reviewed in detail with the Committee. Handouts were given to the School Committee.

Public Comment

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Salim shared information regarding the early release professional development day this past week. This professional development was focused on building based professional development.

At the end of September Dr. Salim and Director of Technology, Laura Stevenson attended an event on new science technology standards it also included state wide and

national standards. There was a large focus on knowledge and application. Will keep the Committee updated with this as it progresses.

We will be beginning a new program STEM Hot Spots a monthly event on Saturday's focused on different areas of STEM. The first Hot Spot will be on Saturday, October 24th, Tom Heyman will be doing a family outing at Great Esker Park.

Dr. Salim thanked the Friends of South Shore Hospital for their donation of first aid kits to the BOK's program.

Dr. Salim reviewed the Family and Community Event that was on Saturday, September 29th from 10-3 at Weymouth High School. It was a great event and well attended. Dr. Salim invited Assistant Superintendent Susan Kustka, MaryEllen Devine and Diedra Aieta to the table to review the event and provide details around the planning of the event. Mrs. Kustka reviewed the event and all of the different activities that were at the event. It was a great turn out.

Weycathlon

Dr. Salim invited Program Coordinator Justin Galusha to the table. Mr. Galusha and several students came to the table to provide an update on the Weycathlon that was held at Weymouth High School on June 15th. Students reviewed how the event evolved for them and working their teams. The Weycathlon raised \$12,000. Money was donated to Johnson Early Childhood Center, the 8 Primary Schools and the Weymouth Elder Services Program. The next Weycathlon will be on June 6, 2016.

8:20 p.m. Mr. Guilfoyle leaves meeting returns at 8:24 p.m.

New Business

Solar Initiative Presentation

Dr. Salim invited Director of Maintenance, Paul Comerford and Sandra Brown from Blue Wave Capital to the table. They provided a powerpoint presentation to the Committee outlining the work they to do provide solar services. Blue Wave specifically works with non-profits and schools. They have extensive experience in Massachusetts. They presented how their company can provide alternatives to Weymouth Public Schools for energy conservation and creation. All questions from the Committee were addressed.

Report on Teaching and Learning

Social and Emotional Development: Overview of Trauma Sensitive Schools.

Dr. Salim invited Assistant Superintendent Susan Kustka and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Curtis-Whipple to the table. They presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing

the safety initiatives supporting traumatized students and the impacts on learning. Mrs. Kustka refers to a copy of the book "Helping Traumatized Students Learn" in School Committee folders for their review. Dr. Curtis-Whipple reviews the trauma sensitive framework overview and mindfulness. All questions asked by the Committee were addressed.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee
- Ms. Flemer reported the need for an Executive Session tonight, it will be very short at the end of the meeting. We are meeting with two unions, the teachers, Unit A and Unit B. Ms. Flemer is hoping that we will have contracts soon.

Committee Announcements

The next TWPC meeting will be on October 13th in the MJL Humanities Center at 7:00 p.m. in conjunction with the SEPAC Basic Rights workshop. All are welcome.

Town Wide Parents Council will be doing a candidates forum with the School Committee on October 15th.

Old Business

Southfield

Dr. Salim provided an update regarding the Town Council meeting he, Chair Belmarsh and Business Manager Mickey McGonagle attended on Monday where the by-laws and zoning for Southfield were discussed. Mr. McGonagle provided an update on the proposed additional units to Southfield. The additional units are for 55+ and it was indicated that there would be little to no impact on schools. Their projection over a 10 year period is 488 additional students. Mr. McGonagle reviewed details around further commercial development, traffic and zoning issues. Ms. Belmarsh added that the developer seems to be very energetic and committed to the project.

Chair Belmarsh recognizes Mr. Gus Perez. Mr. Perez made comments regarding the zoning changes on the Southfield proposal. Mr. Perez asked if the 488 was the end number at full development. Dr. Salim addressed saying it was the 10 year projection although we are working with LStar about possible revision.

Chapman Feasibility

Dr. Salim reported that we had the senior study site visit on October 7, 2015 in response to our statement of interest submitted last spring. We started off in the conference room at the Chapman Middle School. We then toured the building in detail with the team. We expect to hear in the December or January if we have been accepted into the program.

Executive Session

At 9:13 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion. Ms. Flemer makes a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy relative to negotiations with union personnel, specifically Unit A and Unit B, returning to open session for the purpose of only to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Guilfoyle: YES Ms. Flemer, YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mrs. Curran, Yes; Mayor Kay: YES; Chair Belmarsh, YES.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on October 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 9:47 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mayor Kay, 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
- Social and Emotional Development
- Solar Initiative Presentation
- Warrant 15-2016
- Field Trip Requests