

WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES (approved 10/27/16)

Date: October 13, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone and Dr. Sullivan and Mayor Hedlund (arrived at 7:57 pm)

Also present: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg, Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mary Lee

Call to Order

At 7:03 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 16-2017 in the amount of \$256,764.72

Minutes

July 28, 2016

August 25, 2016

September 15, 2016

September 29, 2016

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:04 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Chair Belmarsh invited the Student Advisory Committee to the table.

The Committee provided a report about Sprit Week, stated this year they had the highest number of tickets sold for the homecoming dance. Discussed in detail raising school spirit. The Committee discussed the NEASC visit and being shadowed during classes and lunch. Surveys were given out and the committee discussed concerns and how they felt that school spirit was progressing this year. The Committee stated there is a student advisory check in meeting with Mr. Haviland on October 25th.

Surveys were given out by Student Advisory members, results shared with School Committee. Concerns were about capstone, PSAT's and difficulty getting new clubs approved.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Tina Conte came to the table to reiterate her comments from the last School Committee Meeting. Speaking as a tax payer she is supporting the cap on charter schools.

Lynn Howard came to the table. Stated she is a taxpayer in Weymouth as well as a parent and educator. She urged the Committee to support the resolution tonight to keep the cap on charter schools.

Alice Arena came to the table. Concerned about charter schools. Discusses how much money is going into charter schools. Urges the committee to not support the resolution to keep the cap on charter schools.

Matt Bryer came to the table. Discussed the impact charter schools have now and what will happen if the cap is lifted.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared last week Weymouth High School participated in a NEASC visit. The visit began on Sunday October 2nd. During this time staff presented information gathered during the self-study phase and met with members of the NEASC visiting team. I want to thank all of our Weymouth High School staff members that attended the Sunday visit as well as those that participated in this rigorous process. Many students were also present to share information about career academies, prepare and serve delicious appetizers as well as entertain our visitors with music. In 12-14 weeks a draft report will be sent to Principal Haviland to review for two weeks. Principal Haviland can agree with or challenge any facts in the report and the tone of the report. The report will then be review by NEASC again and the final finding will be shared with us in the spring. This was a rigorous review and I am looking forward to the final report.

On October 6th Fourth grade students at Nash spent the day at Gillette Stadium. Mr. Taylor Nash's physical education teacher joined the students at an event called Fourth Grade Fitness Day at Gillette Stadium: The program included physical fitness activities on the Gillette Stadium field with many other schools in addition to remarks from Revolution players and coaches. Our students were all enthusiastic about the event as they encouraged one another through their sit-ups, burpees, and other exercises. Students submitted questions for the players to answer around their training, healthy eating habits, and how they stay healthy in the off season. Mr. Taylor will continue to emphasize the importance of health and wellness.

Today, Academy Avenue students attended an assembly with School Resource Officer Favreau regarding stranger awareness and personal safety. Similar trainings will be taking place at Abigail Adams.

Gail Callahan our interim technology director began last week. She has already reached out to many staff members and is working to move our five year technology plan forward.

Students at Talbot are podcasting the morning announcements. The link can be found on our homepage under quick links.

Lastly, I want to share that our annual Weylapalooza event sponsored by Mike Letorney will be taking place this Friday at 4:00 at WHS. This event is open to all staff members and their families. We hope to have a great turnout!

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Capital Update – Paul Comerford

Director of Maintenance Paul Comerford came to the table. Mr. Comerford provided the committee with a powerpoint presentation. Mr. Comerford provided an update on the initial goals of the department, hiring, beautification of the schools and safety in the workplace. He then gave an update on the work that was done to each building over the summer. Mr. Comerford spoke about door replacements, roof analysis at all schools and painting at each school. Mr. Comerford thanked the principals at the schools for being accommodating and willing to help the maintenance department get their job done. Mr. Comerford praised his staff for the work they have done.

Mr. Comerford then reviewed the top 10 requests for maintenance across the district in 2018. Mr. Comerford answered questions from the Committee in detail.

Chair Belmarsh stated the Committee will review the list of priorities and will be on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

Report of Sub-Committees

Policy Sub-Committee Report

Mrs. Curran read the minutes to the October 6, 2016 Policy Sub-Committee meeting.

Meeting Notes: October 6, 2016

Meeting called to order @ 6pm; in attendance were members, Kathy C, Gail S, John S, ELL Director/ Maryann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg, Health Service Coordinator Jean Marie Vaughn and Hank Goldman.

Agenda item 1: Policy JICH Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug use by students prohibited, returned to policy on 9/15. Discussion took place about the language with concerns over the use of the word drug and may be disciplinary action. Members were satisfied with language on a motion by GS/ second by JS voted 3-0 to move forward favorable action with no changes for a second reading.

Agenda item 2: Continue review of section J. Policy JLCD Administering Medications to Students, returned to policy 9/15. Question was from a parent about being able to give medications if they worked in same building. A parent would be listed in the medical administration plan and able to administer to their child. Question under Exceptions, 3rd paragraph, added the word 'said' to clarify. Motion made by JS/second GS voted 3-0 to move forward favorable action with that addition for a first reading.

Continue Review of WPS Policy Manual Section J: Students in reviewing 13 policies discussion was held on simple language changes, cross-referencing and updating with new MA G.L. The following need updating:

- a. **Policy JICFB** Bullying
- b. **Policy JIE** Pregnant students

- c. **Policy JII** Student complaints and grievances
- d. **Policy JJ-R** co-curricular & extracurricular activities release

Next meeting is for Monday Oct 17th at 6pm, we will be reviewing EE-EEAG Transportation, JICC student conduct on school bus. We have 3 additional dates on our calendars, Nov 28th, Dec 5th.
Meeting adjourned at 8:04p.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee meeting. So voted, 7:47 p.m.

Budget Sub-Committee

Mrs. Nardone announced the next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee will be on Thursday, October 20 at 6:15 p.m. at the Administration Building.

JLCD – Administering Medications to Students - First Reading

Mrs. Curran reads the full policy into the record (attached to these minutes). Mrs. Nardone points out a typographical error. Chair Belmarsh asked if we have a school physician. Nurse Leader, Jeanne-Marie Vaughn comes to the table. She states we do have a physician, Dr. Bregoli.

Discussion around the policy continued with the Committee and Ms. Vaughn. The policy will go back to the sub-committee on October 17th for corrections and re-review.

Report: Weymouth Educators Foundation – Diana Flemer

Ms. Flemer gave a report of the WEF Annual meeting. Discussed the minutes and new committee members. Ms. Flemer shared that the Golf Tournament raised \$5,848.81. The next meet is November 9th. WEF Grants will be announced at that time.

Report and Request: Memorial Committee Report and Request for placing a plaque at Flag Rock – Diana Flemer

Ms. Flemer reported on the memorial committee meeting she attended where they approved a plaque be placed at Flag Rock and would like this Committee to approve as soon as possible. Katie Owens and Betsy Harris came to the table. They discussed the history of flag rock, originally painted in 1970's, restored in 2001 after 9/11 and current has just been restored in 2016 by Weymouth Firefighters Local 1616. They then discussed the dedication of the rock to Vinny DiSessa and to all other Weymouth service men and women past, present, and future who proudly serve our country.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the request for placing a plaque at flag rock. So voted 8:08 p.m.

Ms. Owens stated the Committee is invited to the dedication ceremony and will let them know when it is. Mayor Hedlund gave a shout out to the Local 1616 firefighters.

Resolution by School Committee Re: Ballot QUESTION 2. Charter school expansion

Mrs. Curran reads the resolution aloud (attached to these minutes).

Ms. Flemer motions to approve and accept the resolution to keep the cap on Charter Schools.

A discussion was had regarding some of the language of the motion. The Mayor expressed some of his concerns and may abstain from the vote.

Mike Murphy asks to be recognized. Mr. Murphy discussed a study done by the University of California of a comparison of Charter Schools and Public Schools.

Members discussed their views on Charter Schools. Chair Belmarsh discussed what she needs to be focused on.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to support the resolution as amended by the Committee to remove "suspension rates". So voted, 8:27 p.m. Vote 6/0/1, Mayor Hedlund abstains.

MASC Resolutions

Mrs. Nardone will be the School Committee representative at MASC for voting on the resolutions. Mrs. Nardone read each resolution into the record.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Ms. Flemer to support MASC Resolution 1: Foundation Budget at the MASC Annual meeting in November. Resolution Supported, So voted, 8:32 p.m. Vote 7/0.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Ms. Flemer to support MASC Resolution 2: Tax Reform ballot question at the MASC Annual meeting in November. Vote to not support resolution, So voted, 8:35 p.m. Vote 7/0.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Ms. Flemer to support MASC Resolution 3: Charter School Reform ballot question at the MASC Annual meeting in November. Resolution Supported, So voted, 8:40 p.m., Mayor Hedlund abstains. Vote 6/0/1.

On motion of Mrs. Nardone, seconded by Ms. Flemer to support MASC Resolution 4: Social and Emotional Well-Being of Students ballot question at the MASC Annual meeting in November. Resolution Supported, So voted, 8:43 p.m. Vote 7/0.

Old Business

Update Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited – Second Reading
Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment on this policy. There was none.

A discussion was had by members around the language of this policy and clarification. All questions were answered.

On motion of Ms. Flemer seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to combine the second and third reading of Policy JICH. So voted, 8:56 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve Policy JICH. So voted, 8:56 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh provided an update on the status of the MSBA Feasibility study. Reviewed the past two meetings of the Building Committee. Stated that the measure for funding of the study will be at Town Council on Monday October, 17 at 7:00 p.m. and urges the community to attend the meeting.

School Committee Draft Goals

Chair Belmarsh stated discussion of the School Committee goals are ongoing and to look for an update on the School Committee Blog.

Mrs. Sheehan asked if the future Meeting of the Whole could be placed on agenda under next meetings.

Mrs. Sheehan announced the SEPAC Basic Rights Workshop on Thursday, November 10 at Thayer Public Library in Braintree.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 9:11p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Sheehan – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

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