

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 11.10.16)**

Date: October 27, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Curran and Dr. Sullivan and Mayor Hedlund (arrived at 7:24 pm)

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

Absent: Mrs. Nardone

Call to Order

At 7:04 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 18-2017 in the amount of \$1,472,531.33

Minutes

October 13, 2016

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Chair Belmarsh invited the Student Advisory Committee to the table. Students at the meeting were, Sabrina, Rebecca, Annie, Tinalee, Thomas, Craig and Robert.

The Committee provided a report on the monthly meeting with Mr. Haviland. Reviewed the policy of Halloween costumes. The Committee brought to Mr. Haviland that students need more time to pass to classes along with changing the way lockers are assigned. The Committee is working on making the student body more aware of the part student government works at WHS.

The Committee stated that they are looking at the cell phone policy and working on new items regarding head gear, reversing dress codes for hats and shoulder straps. The Committee is also looking into changing the policy on graduation gowns to be more inclusive. The also spoke about the Security desk as there are too many kids late in the morning and how community service is handed in.

They also discussed the upcoming events, the Holiday Craft Fair, December 3rd and the drama club is performing Little Shop of Horrors on November 18, 19 and 20th.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment.

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

As part of my correspondence under teaching and learning, I would like to share that 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.

TALBOT

Speaking of technology, students at Talbot are podcasting the morning announcements. The link can be found on our homepage under quick links.

Lastly, Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared 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!

Dr. Curtis Whipple reported out on the Meeting of the Whole tonight that started at 6:00 p.m. The committee discussed School Committee sub-committees and worked on their school committee goals.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Dr. Curtis-Whipple invited interim Director of Technology, Gail Callahan to the table. Ms. Callahan stated she attended MASCUE last week, discussed how wonderful it was. Discussed the current

bandwidth increase and the immense difference it has made. Ms. Callahan discussed the digital partnership grant phase 1 and discussed phase 2. Discussed ceasing in purchasing refurbished computers. New Dell Computers will be purchased. Will need to replace over 2000 desktop computers over the next few years. Discussed leasing vs. direct purchase.

Ms. Callahan reviewed the interviewing for additional staff. Ms. Callahan answered all questions asked by the committee.

Report of Sub-Committees

Budget Sub-Committee Report

Chair Belmarsh read the sub-committee report into the record as Mrs. Nardone was not in attendance.

The Budget Sub Committee met on October 20, 2016. In attendance was Tracey Nardone, Lisa Belmarsh, Diana Flemer, Superintendent Dr. Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg and Susan Kustska, and Business Manager Mary Lee and from the Town side Chief of Staff Ted Langill, Committee member Kathy Curran and several people from the public.

- Explanation of Chapter 70 Funding was the first item on the agenda at Kathy Curran's request. Mary Lee and COS Langill explained that the ch 70 funding projected by the town in the early inception of the budget last year was the actual amount received for FY17. We confirmed while reviewing the budget documents and also received a short explanation of the MA State Budget Process. Handouts will be posted.
- Our next item on the agenda was New Hires vs. Replacements- Again Mary Lee explained the staffing changes that can also be called Reorganization of positions. A number of positions that were identified as 'new' in a prior school committee meeting were not additional positions. This handout will also be posted for clarification.
- Next item on the agenda was the cost of SPED Consultants. This cost was paid through a grant. It was explained that the professional development being provided here was previously called inclusive practices under the same grant. Handout will be posted.
- Next item on the agenda discussed was the Impact of Minimum Wage Changes. As you may know the state is going from the current min. wage of \$10.00 an hour to \$11.00 on January 1, 2017. Mary Lee explained this are a minimum amount of employees effected by this change. The impact will be to Weycare and Food Services, which are self sustaining programs and will not cause increases to the operational budget.
- Our fifth item on the agenda was Best Practices Budget; more specifically Weymouth Public School FY17 Best Practices for Budget Development. Mary Lee outlined and explained the process, the vision, guidelines and drivers of the budget. She outlined the school committee's and administrations role. We have a discussion around the process and estimated timelines including proposed budget and presentations. We anticipate the process will be very similar to what it has been over the last few years. We will gather needs from budget sub and school committee presentations for our NEEDS list and determine priorities. School Improvement Plans will still be part of the budget process but may be realigned to allow the practices being considered in those plans to be implemented earlier in the year. COS Langill also explained the town process, communication and state funding. He also said communication from schools would be helpful if we anticipate any costs rising for the next budget at this time or during the year as we created the budget.
- Our next discussion item was the Needs List. We reviewed funded items. This added column was very helpful to show what progress has been made. Conversation also involved building maintenance and transportation as well as curriculum. We are currently behind in developing a cycle for a number of

items. We discussed focusing on creating cycles for furniture, IT, curriculum, and other similar items that have not had a funding cycle for years. This will reduce costs in the long term and allow better planning.

- The Budget Sub Meeting Draft Schedule was provided. Please make note these meetings will be promptly at 6:00pm from this point on.

Next meeting is November 9, 2016 6:00pm Administration building. Respectfully submitted by Tracey Nardone

On motion of Ms. Flemer seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to move the report of the budget subcommittee. So voted, 7:49 p.m.

Policy Sub-Committee Report

Mrs. Curran read the minutes to the October 17, 2016 Policy Sub-Committee meeting into the record.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan. It was voted to approve the policy sub-committee minutes. So voted 7:55 p.m.

School Committee Sub-Committees

Chair Belmarsh announced the sub-committee members for 2016-2017.

Budget Sub Committee

Tracey Nardone, Chair
Diana Flemer
Lisa Belmarsh

Policy Sub Committee

Kathy Curran, Chair
Gail Sheehan
John Sullivan

Negotiations Sub Committee (FY18, Unit D)

Diana Flemer, Chair
Tracey Nardone
John Sullivan

MSBA Committee

Mayor Bob Hedlund
Lisa Belmarsh
Kathy Curran

Health and Safety – Tracey Nardone

Construction Steering Committee – Kathy Curran

Memorial Committee – Diana Flemer

Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training- First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the minor changes to Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training.

Chair Belmarsh moves to second reading.

Policy IJOA – Field Trips – First Reading

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to table the first reading of Policy IJOA. So voted 8:01 p.m.

Old Business

JLCD – Administering Medications to Students - Second Reading

Mrs. Curran reads the full policy into the record with changes (attached to these minutes).

Chair Belmarsh opened public hearing on this policy. There were no comments.

Chair Belmarsh moves to third reading.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh provided an update on the status of the MSBA Feasibility study. Chair Belmarsh thanked members who attended the Town Council Public Hearing. Town Council voted unanimously to fund the feasibility study. MSBA did vote to proceed with the study with favorable action and will vote on 11/9/16. School Building Committee is ahead of scheduled. The School Building Committee will be scheduling public hearings and will be looking to hire a project manager and architect.

School Committee Draft Goals

Chair Belmarsh stated discussion of the School Committee goals are ongoing and close to finalizing. They will be on the next School Committee agenda.

Mrs. Curran announced the “Rock for Holly Benefit Concert”, Friday, November 4 @ 7pm-Hajjar's Restaurant.

Mrs. Sheehan announced there will be a SEPAC Basic Rights Workshop, Thursday, November 10 – 7:00 p.m. Thayer Public Library, Braintree, MA.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee Meeting of the Whole

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on November10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the room across from the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

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Adjourn

At 8:10 p.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

- Agenda
- Warrant 18-2017 in the amount of \$1,472,531.33
- Minutes
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- Technology Presentation
- Policy Sub-Committee meeting notes 10/17/16
- Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training- First Reading
- Policy IOJA – Field Trips – First Reading
- JLCD – Administering Medications to Students – Second Reading