

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 12.1.16)**

Date: November 10, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Curran and Dr. Sullivan and Mayor Hedlund (arrived at 7:25 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 20-2017 in the amount of \$1,571,279.86

Minutes

October 27, 2016

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:03 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Chair Belmarsh invited the Student Advisory Committee to the table. Students at the meeting were Sabrina, Rebecca, and Robert. Special guests were Donny Norton and the Weymouth High School Theater Company. The theater group and Mr. Norton came to share that their production of Little Shop of Horrors will be on November 18, 19 and 20th, they shared that tickets can be bought online, at the WETC Box office or at the door. School Committee members are invited with the Theater Companies compliments.

The Committee provided a report on the Student Summit and the bill they proposed on Community Service Improvement Act. Another bill proposed was the Gowns of Greatness. They shared that gender is no longer an appropriate identifier for graduation gowns. They discussed the proposal in detail. The next step will be to meet with Mr. DeMarco and Ms. Stefany.

Robert discussed the dress code policy. The current dress code is not really up to date with styles right now. The next step will be to meet with the faculty task force with admin to review.

Sabrina reviewed the Cell Phone Bill. Discussed changing the rules in the handbook and next steps will be to meet with Administration and Ms. Fisher. They feel that cell phones should be permitted at lunches and in the halls.

Rebecca shared information on the dedication at Flag Rock that happened today. Mr. DiSessa was a part of the ceremony. Stated it was amazing to be there.

Robert stated that they want to lower the number of tardy days by having an extra minute. They also discussed equality at the Summit.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment.
There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

During the meeting of the whole school committee goals and the use of the blog was discussed.

As part of Dr. Curtis-Whipple's correspondence, she shared that the annual Weymouth Education Foundation and Teacher Professional Status ceremony took place. We are very grateful for the WEF support and also proud of the career milestone for our teachers.

Today, the dedication of flag rock took place. During this ceremony, Vinnie DiSessa was honored. I would like to thank local firefighters 1616 and teacher Katie Owens for taking on this project and honoring our local men and woman who serve in our armed forces.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared an inspirational video created by WHS ASL teacher Kristen Kames. This video allowed the students to show their love of county and their ASL skills.

ED TECH

Phase 2 PO was approved and the PO for additional switches and access points were placed. More information about deployment will follow at the next SC meeting.

Across the District our third grade students are visiting Plimoth Plantation to learn about early settlers and

NASH

This year, Nash School has decided to team up with the JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and raise money through running a "Turkey Trot" just before the Thanksgiving break. We had a rep from JDRF share out information around diabetes and students willing to share their personal experience with diabetes answered questions the students had with the support of their parents. This experience of educating our students and incorporating wellness has been well received by both students and families of the Nash community.

TALBOT

First graders won the Fruit and Veggie Challenge at Talbot and all received Weymouth water bottles as a prize.

WHS

Mock election results

2016 WHS MOCK ELECTION RESULTS

- ❖ Clinton/Kaine received **46%** of the vote
 - ❖ Trump/Pence received **36%** of the vote
 - ❖ Johnson/Weld received **4%** of the vote
 - ❖ Stein/Baraka received **2%** of the vote
 - ❖ Bernie Sanders received **7%** of the vote
 - ❖ Other Write Ins received **5%** of the vote
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DEMOGRAPHICS

- **41%** of the overall student body cast a ballot in the election on November, 4th
 - **22%** of the ballots were cast by Freshmen
 - **24%** of the ballots were cast by Sophomores
 - **32%** of the ballots were cast by Juniors
 - **22%** of the ballots were cast by Seniors
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- **32%** of respondents identified as Democrats
 - **16%** of respondents identified as Republicans
 - **38%** of respondents identified as Independent
 - **14%** of respondents identified as Other
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BALLOT QUESTION RESULTS

- Question # 1- (Expanding Slot Machine Gaming) was **defeated with 52% “NO” votes**

- Question # 2 (Charter School Expansion) was **defeated with 79% “NO” votes**
- Question # 3 (Conditions for Farm Animals) **passed with 78% “YES” votes**
- Question # 4 (Legalization, Regulation, and Taxation of Marijuana) **passed with 65% “YES” votes**

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Inquiry and Data Analysis in WPS – Dr. Pamela Stazesky & Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg
 Dr. Curtis-Whipple invited Dr. Stazesky, Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg and Jeremy Burm to the table. They reviewed a powerpoint presentation showing PARCC and MCAS results, provided an overview of accountability goals, Weymouth accountability results and root causes and contributions. A robust presentation and question and answer session was had. Questions were answered.

Dr. Stazesky will provide School Committee with additional data regarding in the needs improvement and failing categories.

Acceptance of Gifts

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to table the Acceptance of Gifts. So voted, 8:44 p.m.

MASC Convention Report

Mrs. Nardone provided an overview of the MASC Convention that she attended. Reviewed the resolutions and final votes. Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Curran also shared their thoughts on the Convention and the different workshops they attended.

Old Business

Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training- Second Reading

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

Chair Belmarsh opens to Public Comment. There was none.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to combine the second and third readings of Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training. So voted, 8:50 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training. So voted, 8:50 p.m.

JLCD – Administering Medications to Students - Third Reading

Mrs. Curran reads the full policy into the record.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to adopt policy JLCD – Administering Medications to Students. So voted, 8:53 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh provided an update on the status of the MSBA Feasibility study. Weymouth has been invited to partner with MSBA to move onto the feasibility phase. The next meeting of the building committee will be on November 17th at 6:30pm at Whipple Center.

School Committee Draft Goals

Chair Belmarsh stated discussion of the School Committee goals are ongoing and close to finalizing. As discussed at the Meeting of the Whole would like to have them posted on the School Website prior to voting on them.

Mrs. Sheehan announced there will be a SEPAC Meeting on December 6th at Fogg Library. The next TWPC will be on December 13th.

Mrs. Sheehan announced that the next Policy Review meeting will be on Monday, November 28 @ 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee Meeting of the Whole

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on December 15, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the room across from the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on December 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 9:11 p.m., on motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, 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 20-2017 in the amount of \$1,571,279.86
- Minutes
 October 27, 2016
- Data and Inquiry Presentation
- Gift List
- Policy Sub-Committee meeting notes 10/17/16
- Policy EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and Training- Second Reading
- JLCD – Administering Medications to Students – Third Reading
- Capital Priorities List