

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (Approved 1/5/17)**

Date: December 1, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Nardone, Mrs. Curran and Dr. Sullivan

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

Absent: Mayor Hedlund

Executive Session

At 6:30 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion. Ms. Flemer makes a motion to go into Executive Session To discuss reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual in accordance with g.l. c. 30a, 21 (a) (1)., seconded by Mrs. Sheehan. A roll call vote was taken; Dr. Sullivan: YES; Ms. Flemer, YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mrs. Curran, Yes; Chair Belmarsh, YES.

Call to Order

At 7:18 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

A moment of silence was held for Joseph M. Kelly Sr., a longtime teacher and coach in Weymouth and for Jack Hackett, former teacher, principal, administrator and Assistant Superintendent for WPS who recently passed away.

Consent Agenda

Warrant 22-2017 in the amount of \$1,515,558.146

Minutes: November 10, 2016

Field Trips

WHS Grade 12 History, New York, New York, Thursday, April 6 – Saturday, April 8, 2017

Chapman Middle School Grade 9, Montreal, Quebec, Tuesday, April 11 – Thursday, April 13, 2017

Abigail Adams Middle School Grade 5, YMCA Camp Burgess, Sandwich, MA; April 3-5; April 5-7; April 11-13, April 24-26, April 26-28, 2017

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:20 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

Chair Belmarsh invited the Student Advisory Committee to the table. Students at the meeting were Sabrina, Michaela and Robert.

Sabrina shared with the Committee that the new policy around the late line went into effect. The new system is working well.

The Student Advisory Group shared that the Holiday Concert will be on December 21st at WHS. The Chorus will sing at the town tree lighting on December 4th.

Robert reported that at the next Student Voice Summit at the beginning of January the following will be discussed: cell phone usage; passing time and bathroom policies.

Michaela discussed the Step team performing at games and the bathrooms still being locked due to smoking in them.

Public Comment

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to public comment.

Ms. Lindsay Gilchrist came to the table. She stated she is the President of the Murphy School Parent Council, spoke of concerns of losing the building sub at Murphy.

Chair Belmarsh clarified that topics at public comment should be on the evenings agenda. Allows her to continue but clarifies for future meetings.

Ms. Gilchrist stated her concerns fall under our School Committee goals #2 and #5 listed on the bottom of the agenda. She discussed her concerns around supporting technology, loss of building sub, funding materials for schools, low funding for per pupil and that Weymouth is 3rd lowest on the state list.

There was no further public comment.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

MURPHY

Murphy recently held Turkey Trot food drive to support the Weymouth Food Pantry. We rocked it with "a whole bunch" of canned items.

NASH

The Nash School is aiming to be more involved with giving back to the community. One way through Parent Council is the Nash Gives Back card through Parent Council. Each month the Parent Council chooses a local business to support all month - everyone that goes there brings a card to give the store owner / manager just to say "thank you" and this is our way of giving back by bringing business to your store this month. We show appreciation to our local community businesses that are always supporting Nash and they Weymouth Public Schools.

This year for our First Annual Turkey Trot, we had a fundraiser for JDRF and raised just about \$7000 as a school for diabetes! The students walked a mile around our field out back and were very enthusiastic about the entire event!

PINGREE

November 22ND Mrs. Donehey (grade 1 teacher) conducted a Family/Caregiver yoga night. This event was offered to share some of the mindfulness training (and yoga) teachers have been learning about

in the district. Participants were also asked to pay it forward by donating food to the Weymouth Food Pantry.

Abigail Adams

November 30th 6th grade students from Abigail walked down to partner with 1st and 2nd graders to work on Math games.

Technology

Phase 2 of the Technology upgrade commences next week. Specific schedule will follow after next week's final walk through!

WHS

On behalf of the Student Voice Summit that took place in this room on October 28th, the high school is proud to announce that a Student Voice Summit Bill Proposal to WHS Administration has been approved and signed. A subgroup of students in the October summit continued work on behalf of the need to increase pride and ownership at Weymouth High. Their idea that serves as part of a solution to increase pride and ownership is to create a brick "Wall of Fame" in the Maroon Lobby. This "Wall of Fame" will recognize students who have a demonstrated history of excellence throughout their four years at WHS in their coursework. All nominees will be vetted for Active Citizenship scores of proficient or better and a clean conduct history at the school. Each Career Academy will nominate a certain number of qualifying students and a proportionate number will be chosen from each academy for the "Wall of Fame". Additionally, 10 Wildcat Active Citizens will be chosen on behalf of their school involvement and volunteerism. Each year, 50 students will be honored with a brick on the "Wall of Fame" to be located on the wall just outside of the Mary Jo Livingstone Humanities Center. Weymouth High School is excited to begin this process to acknowledge student excellence and they are especially proud of the students who have worked so diligently to assert their voice on behalf of a shared objective to increase pride and ownership in this school. This is a major step towards a school culture that values all student voices and provides dedicated time throughout the year for all students to achieve these goals.

Chairwoman Belmarsh shared the following message on behalf of Weymouth High School Seniors Bridget Monahan, Chris McMorrow & Terence Ho

Suit Up for Success...a WHS Capstone Project

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Mrs. Sheehan asked again about the School Councils, if all have met and the member lists from each school. Dr. Curtis-Whipple will post. Also asked for an update on the Fire Department going to the

HighSchool on Monday, November 28th and if all of our schools drinking fountains are all set. Dr. Curtis-Whipple answered.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Safety and Security Update – Assistant Superintendent Kustka

Dr. Curtis-Whipple invited Assistant Superintendent Kustka to the table. Ms. Kustka reviewed a powerpoint presentation showing an overview the WPS Safety and Security Team Members as well as they WPD/WFD team members. Ms. Kustka then reviewed recent WPS safety updates as well as school safety and security trainings. A review of the Emergency Response Guides was shown. Ms. Kustka reviewed the new WPS safety protocols as well. A review of Transportation safety and security as well as updated safety and lockdown procedures was done. Ms. Kustka then went over the new safety initiatives for WPS. A robust presentation and question and answer session was had. Ms. Kustka provided each Committee member with a copy of the updated Emergency Response guide. All questions were addressed.

Report of Sub-Committees

Mrs. Curran read the report of the Policy Sub-Committee's meeting of November 28, 2016. The report is attached to these minutes.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 8:24 p.m.

Policy IJOA – Field Trips – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh discussed language adjustments. A discussion of the policy was had by the committee. Changes were listed and agreed upon. Policy was sent back to the Committee.

Policy JJA-R – Student Travel Regulations – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh discussed language adjustments. Changes were listed and agreed upon. This policy was moved to second reading.

Policy JC – Individual School Districts – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh discussed language adjustments. Changes were listed and agreed upon. This policy was moved to second reading.

Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools – First reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh discussed language adjustments. Changes were listed and agreed upon. This policy was moved to second reading.

Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Dr. Curtis-Whipple proposed some language changes. Mrs. Bryan also discussed this policy. Chair Belmarsh discussed having this policy and policy EEAEC in once place. This policy was sent back to the Committee.

EEAEC – Student Conduct on School Buses – First Reading

This policy was sent back to the Committee.

Old Business

Acceptance of Gifts

Mrs. Sheehan asked for two items to be removed from this list, they were not. Mrs. Sheehan asked for clarification around donors choose and what the money was spent on. Dr. Curtis-Whipple recommended tabling this item due to calculation errors and questions.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to table the acceptance of gifts. So voted, voted, 9:17 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh provided an update on the status of the MSBA Feasibility study. Two informal meetings over past couple of weeks. The presentation at Town council was very well received. The informational meeting at Chapman was well attended and materials will be on the school building website soon. The next meeting will be on December 8 to finalize requests for services.

School Committee Draft Goals

Chair Belmarsh discussed and summarized the School Committee goals.

1. Maintain Current Policy Handbook
2. Approve the Weymouth School Department Budget
3. Support MSBA Feasibility Study for Chapman
4. Complete Superintendent Evaluation
5. Increase School Community Confidence with Stronger Communication

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the School Committee Goals. So voted, 9:24 p.m.

Chair Belmarsh asked if these can be posted on the School Committee page of the School Website.

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 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 9:25 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

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