

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
M I N U T E S (approved 1.5.17)**

Date: December 15, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, 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 & Ms. Flemer

**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.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to table the minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting. So voted, 7:01 p.m.

**Consent Agenda**

Warrant 25-2017 in the amount of \$890,22.74

**Field Trips**

- WHS Grades 10-12 Business, District One DECA, Quincy Marriott, Quincy, MA, January 5-6, 2017
- Abigail Adams Middle School Grade 5-6, Music Club, Singing at Providence Bruins game, Dunkin Donuts Center, Providence RI, January 13, 2017

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:02 p.m.

**Student Advisory Committee**

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

Sabrina shared with the Committee that the new morning announcements that are being done on a daily basis are going well. Mr. Miller has volunteered to gather the information and compiles it for the morning message as well as on the Wildcat app. It has been great to hear the announcements to find out when games are and different events that are happening. Sabrina also shared that the Music Honor Society will be having a fundraiser at the 99 on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and that the Holiday Concert and Art Show will be on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Phina shared that the topics for the next Student Voice Summit in January will be dress code and equality summit where they will talk about racism, violence in school, feminism as some topics to get more people involved.

Michael shared a step team update and that a meeting was had with Melanie Curtin and a permanent practice area for the team has been found. The team will perform at rallies and assemblies. Discussed the need for more assemblies for students. Discussed how there should not be a charge for the pep rally.

## **Public Comment**

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

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Correspondence**

#### **WHS**

We recently received correspondence from Roy Lyons. Roy is from the Barnstable County Sheriff's Office. Roy is in charge of public affairs and worked with Betsy Harris, Debbie Sullivan and Senior Terence Condon to collect toys for the Cape Cod Military Support Foundation. This entire project was the work of an idea of Terence Condon. This organization was not sure if they were going to have their annual Christmas party for military families due to a fire that destroyed all of the gifts. Thanks to Terence and the many generous donations from staff and students as well as \$200 raised by the Friends of The Council on Aging, they will have their party. An interesting piece of this story is that Roy Lyons is a Weymouth Public Schools Alumna. He graduated from Weymouth High School in 1966. He is very thankful for the support of Weymouth High School and wanted to share his sentiments.

Dr. Whipple reported that Barnes and Noble will be having their "My Favorite Teacher Essay Contest" available to all students in grades 5 – 12, this contest is for all teachers – past or present – Your encouragement for student participation acknowledges respect for your colleagues and is greatly appreciated! The deadline is March 1, 2017, 500 Words or less. Submissions can be made to: Betsy Harris, Weymouth Public Schools, 1 Wildcat Way, Weymouth, MA 02190

We held our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hour of Code Stem hotspot on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The event had great attendance and I would like to thank all of our staff who volunteered their time to support and facilitate this event.

#### **CHAPMAN**

STEM Class had an engineer come to speak to the students and work with them on their Tinkercad programs. Many students and classes have been working on their SRSD Writing Skills and working those lessons in class. Chapman Band and Chorus will be performing their winter concert on 12/15 at 6:30. Chapman Drama Club will be hosting it's Annual Cabaret on Friday, January 13th @ 6:00.

Chapman Activities:

Turkey Basket Drive fed 40 Families with a full Thanksgiving Meal and groceries.  
Chapman Giving Tree (sponsored by students and staff) is working to provide gift cards to families in need over the holiday's. They hope to provide gift cards for 50 families.

#### **NASH**

The Hamilton, Talbot, and Nash primary schools collaborated together led by Pam Stazesky and the principals to share out yet another data protocol for our teachers to enhance their impact on student learning. This protocol brought our teachers together by grade levels across these 3 schools and engaged in a collaborative, passionate discussion around a variety of hypotheses which could impact their students' learning. We continue to grow and evolve together as we embrace our continuous

learning opportunities through our professional development days. This particular PD will rotate through all schools.

I would like to take the time to acknowledge our secretaries and all the work they do. Their handwork and dedication to our schools should not go unnoticed. They are the first person to welcome our families and community members into our schools, they are behind the scenes during our PD days, for example, to ensure we have everything needed, and they continue to take care of daily tasks methodically to maintain a smooth day from drop off in the morning to pick-up in the afternoon and beyond. I would like to thank them for all they do to play a vital role in the success of our schools.

## **PINGREE**

Joe Favreau visited kindergarten classes to talk about safety.

Hour of Code: A [code.org](http://code.org) programmer Skype in to our 4th grade classes to discuss coding. Sylvan Learning partnered with 4th graders with coding programs. 4th graders partnered with kindergarten students with coding programs.

Thursday night Pingree invites families and the community to participate in a literacy night at Barnes & Noble. The night will be filled with a scavenger hunt, staff readers, and arts & crafts.

Friday -Parent Council will provide a shopping spree for students. Students may purchase holiday gifts for family members for 25 cents each.

Friday - staff ugly clothing contest- students vote  
Friday at 10 Lily the therapy horse will be visiting

## **ED TECH**

The Apple contract was approved and PO's were issued for 60 iPad to split between the eight (8) elementary schools. Wessagusset was the only school without an iPad cart and an iPad cart with 25 iPads was ordered, the high school art program is getting 10 new iMacs and the HS admin team is receiving 3 new iPads.

Mrs. Curran asked if maintenance is monitoring the pipes so they don't freeze. Dr. Curtis-Whipple replied that they are checking them overnight.

## **New Business**

### **Report of Sub-Committees**

#### **Budget Sub-Committee**

Mrs. Nardone read the report of the Budget Sub-Committee's meeting of December 14, 2016. The report is attached to these minutes.

Next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee is January 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Dr. Sullivan to accept the report of the Budget Sub-Committee. So voted, 7:38 p.m.

#### **Policy Sub-Committee**

Mrs. Curran read the report of the Policy Sub-Committee's meeting of December 5, 2016. The report is attached to these minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 7:43 p.m.

Policy IJOA – Field Trips – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. A discussion of the policy was had by the committee. Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg requests a change in language; changes will be made for second reading. Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading.

Policy JICC – Student Conduct on School Buses – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy (cross references policy EEAEAC). Language changes are discussed and will be made. Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading.

EEAEAC – Student Conduct on School Buses – First Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy (cross references policy JICC). Chair Belmarsh moved to second reading.

Director of Educational Technology Job Description

Dr. Curtis-Whipple discussed the need for an updated job description. Mrs. Sheehan asked to see the previous job description to compare.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to table the Director of Educational Technology job description until the committee has time to review the previous description. So voted, 7:51 p.m.

Vote to approve Town of Milton to be admitted as a member of the South Shore Educational Collaborative

Dr. Curtis-Whipple discussed the addition of Milton to the South Shore Educational Collaborative to the Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone to approve the Town of Milton as a member of the South Shore Educational Collaborative. So voted, 7:53 p.m.

**Old Business**

Acceptance of Gifts

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone accept gifts to Weymouth Public Schools. Mrs. Curran requests to include the amount.

Mrs. Sheehan amends the motion to include the amount.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Nardone accept gifts to Weymouth Public Schools in the gift amount of \$76,004.20 and the fair market value amount of \$87,804.70. So voted, 7:55 p.m.

Capital Improvements Amended Priority List

Dr. Curtis Whipple reviewed the amended capital improvements amended list. Mrs. Sheehan discusses her requests for changes. At 8:01 p.m. Mrs. Sheehan moves to change the list, Mrs. Curran seconds. Chair Belmarsh is not in favor of voting now and wants to include all together. Suggests the list remains as it is.

Chair Belmarsh re-reads the motion to approve the Amended Capital Improvements priority list with changes from Mrs. Sheehan, motion failed 3/2, 8:04 p.m.

Further discussion was had and all questions were answered.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran to approve the amended Capital Improvements priority list. So voted, 8:07 p.m.

Policy JJA-R – Student Travel Regulations – Second Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Dr. Curtis-Whipple discussed language changes. Chair Belmarsh asked for public comment. The Chair recognizes Gus Perez. Mr. Perez asked about clarifying language around the use of rental cars, vans etc. All changes will be made and be brought back to the Committee for third reading.

Ms. Kustka left meeting at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

Policy JC – Individual School Districts – Second Reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh called for public comment. There was none. This policy was moved to third reading.

Policy JCA – Assignment of Students to Schools – Second reading

Mrs. Curran read the policy. Chair Belmarsh called for public comment. There was none. This policy was moved to third reading.

**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 back of 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.

Mrs. Sheehan announced that the next SEPAC meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00p.m. at the main branch of Tufts Library. Townwide Parent Council will meet on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MJL Humanities Center.

**Adjourn**

At 8:34p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Mrs. Curran, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gail Sheehan – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

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