

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
**M I N U T E S (approved 2/25/16)**

Date: December 3, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center  
Weymouth High School

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Mrs. Sheehan, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone,  
and Mr. Guilfoyle.

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Curtis-Whipple,  
Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mickey  
McGonagle.

Absent: Mayor Kay

**Executive Session**

At 6:30 p.m. Chair Belmarsh called for a motion. Ms. Flemer makes a motion to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a confidential personnel matter, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Guilfoyle: YES Ms. Flemer, YES; Mrs. Sheehan, YES; Mrs. Nardone, YES; Mrs. Curran, Yes; Chair Belmarsh, YES.

**Call to Order**

At 7:30 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 Burm, Rose Sanella and Sandra Bauman.

**Consent Agenda**

Warrant 23-2016 in the amount of \$1,774,602.06.

**Minutes**

June 25, 2015

July 30, 2015

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was voted to approve consent agenda. So voted, 7:33 p.m.

**Student Advisory Committee**

The Student Advisory Committee reported that at the upcoming Craft Fair at Weymouth High School that each class will have a table. They reported that the 2016 Culinary Pie Drive was a huge success.

The Weymouth High WCAT announces that they are back under the leadership of Tom Sheehan. The team is working on a new video on Homecoming, Rock for Holly, Footloose and all fall sports. A new Principal's Corner will be shot as well. The Student Voice Summit on November 18<sup>th</sup> was a great event, it was well attended.

Kate Rogers came to the table and provided an update on the recent Student Life Pep Rally at Weymouth High School.

Mrs. Sheehan congratulated the group on their new "twitter" video.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Belmarsh reminded the community that if you are speaking on the Superintendent Search Process that we don't have an official opening and need to hold off on specifics at this time.

Dr. John Sullivan came to the table. Dr. Sullivan is the School Committee member-elect. Stated he attended the pep rally. Was the best event he had seen in many years. The event was well-planned and organized.

Mike Murphy came to the table . Discussed the search process, wanted to advocate for an external search. Would like to be a potential member of the Search Committee.

Ydana Chella came to the table as well as Joanie Cedarholm. Wanted to thank the Committee for reaching out to the WEA and establishing open communication/ Discusses the reasoning the board is advocating for an external search.

MaryEllen Devine chair of Town-Wide Parent Council came to the table. Thanks the Committee for allowing the public to speak and also is advocating for an external search. Also congratulated the case of Footloose for an incredible performance.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Correspondence**

Dr. Salim shared that this past Monday, the Town Council approved a measure put forward by Mayor Kay for a supplemental budget to which included a provision for schools. The schools portion of the supplemental proposal includes items that have been on our needs list and recent discussion on one time needs that might be funded

from free cash. The three items are the \$45,00 for curriculum materials for English language learners and students with disabilities; \$50,000 for technology support for break-fix needs; and \$25,000 for curriculum mapping to complete curriculum resources on our Aspen X2 system.

Dr. Salim provided an update on the MSBA/Chapman Feasibility. Yesterday, Chair Belmarsh, Dr. Salim and Business Manager, Mickey McGonagle had a conference call with Diane Sullivan from MSBA as part of their due diligence process. During the call we confirmed the readiness of Weymouth Public Schools and the Weymouth Community for a feasibility student of Chapman to MSBA. At this point we await notice from MSBA by end of the month on whether they will recommend our Statement of Interest and our request to be a part of their core program to the MSBA board. If we are recommended by the MSB staff it is no yet invitation but recommendation by staff to board in early 2016 at one of their scheduled board meetings.

Dr. Salim provided an update on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (No Child Left Behind Act). The senate version of the bill is scheduled to go to the floor next week. We will share additional information if the bill is signed into law.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> we held a reception to recognize teachers who have attained professional teacher status and teachers who received grants from the Weymouth Educational Foundation. These grants support innovative ideas that our classroom teachers have developed to support student learning. Forty-six teachers received grants as individuals or as part of a team application.

Dr. Salim shared that Weymouth High School teacher John Pinizzotto has been recognized with the Partners in Excellence Teacher Award for his work in the AP Physics Program. He is one of 54 teachers who has been recognized with this award.

On November 21<sup>st</sup> we held the second STEM Hotspot at Abigail Adams cafeteria. We had a turnout of over 100 students and family members participating in different stations related to the Stellwagen Shipwreck. We are planning the next STEM Hotspot for Saturday, December 12 where students and family members will be able to engage in coding activities as part of the month long “Hour of Code.”

Last week Johnson Early Childhood Center held a “College and Career Week” in their classrooms. Over three days, students had the chance to explore classrooms that were transformed into college and career themes including “Tufts Dental School” where students brushed the teeth of stuffed animals and practiced flossing model teeth; “Bridgewater State” where students played the role of the teacher in a teacher

education program; Berklee School of Music where students played instruments and made maracas, among many others.

Dr. Salim shared that on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a career showcase for our early childhood and primary students at Chapman's cafeteria. This will be an opportunity for students and families to participate in activity stations and demonstrations related to different careers.

### **New Business**

#### **Report on Teaching and Learning**

#### **PARCC and Next Generation MCAS Update – Dr. Jennifer Curtis-Whipple and Dr. Pamela Stazesky**

Dr. Salim invited Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Dr. Stazesky to the table. To report on PARCC results and the transition to the Next Generation of MCAS. Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Dr. Stazesky provided an overview of these changes and the district level results of the first administration of PARCC for grades 3-8.

Dr. Stazesky and Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared a powerpoint presentation to review the transition to Next Generation MCAS, PARCC results for Weymouth and preparations for the 2016 Administration of PARCC.

The reviewed the recommendation from Commissioner Chester, the rationale. Reviewed the transition plan for student assessment. Dr. Stazesky reviewed the results by grade. Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Dr. Stazesky reviewed the next steps for further analysis, focus areas and testing windows for the spring. All questions from the Committee were addressed.

### **Reports of Sub-Committees**

- **Budget Sub-Committee**
- Mrs. Nardone stated there was a Budget Sub-Committee meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the School Administration Building. Mrs. Nardone reviewed the meeting and what discussed, budget process, budget issues was and how to identify data that will impact the budget. Reviewed the supplemental budget topics. Reviewed Free Cash. The report is attached to these minutes. The next meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee Meeting will be on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at the School Administration Building.
- Dr. Salim spoke with Mayor-elect Hedlund to review the funds. He is working with Mayor Kay on Free Cash. All questions that were asked by the Committee were addressed. Mr. Guilfoyle made a statement that he is disappointed that the Mayor has not put forward the measure of free cash and will be reaching out to Mayor-Elect Hedlund.
- Mr. Guilfoyle left the meeting at 9:04 p.m. and returned at 9:08 p.m.

- On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve the report of the Budget Sub-Committee meeting. So voted, 9:18 p.m.
- Policy Sub-Committee
- Mrs. Sheehan read her report from the attached notes from the November 19<sup>th</sup> Policy Review Sub-Committee Meeting. Three items were discussed. 1. Posthumous Diploma's 2. Donor Funded Teacher Support and 3. Restraint Policy.
- Mrs. Sheehan then read the proposed changes to;
- Policy GBEBBC – Gifts to and Solicitations by Staff – First Reading and the;
- Proposed Addition to Policy JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students - First Reading.
- On motion of Ms. Flemer seconded by Mrs. Curran to approve the report of the Policy Sub-Committee meeting. So voted, 9:27 p.m.
- Mrs. Sheehan stated the next meeting of the Policy Sub Committee Meeting will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building.
- Mrs. Sheehan asked that both of these policy changes get posted to the website.

### **Committee Announcements**

The next TWPC meeting will be on December 8, 2015 in the MJL Humanities Center at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

The next SEPAC meeting will be on January 5, 2016 at the Adams Library. There will be a guest speaker who will be presenting on Special Education Laws and Advocacy with an question and answer session.

### **Old Business**

#### **Superintendent Search**

Chair Belmarsh opened the meeting to the Committee to ask questions around the Superintendent Search.

Mrs. Sheehan stated that she is an advocate for an external search. Also would like to have a survey.

Chair Belmarsh stated that she spoke with Mr. Koocher who put together a survey and reviewed the questions with the Committee. Reviewed that we could send it out via School Messenger and post on the website.

Ms. Flemer would be in favor of sending out the survey.

Mr. Guilfoyle reviewed the candidates that have been appointed in the past. Mr. Guilfoyle is in favor of doing an internal search and if that does not work, we could move forward to an external search. States that if there is an external search MASC should be involved and that there needs to be a recording secretary. Also agrees with sending out the survey.

Mrs. Curran agrees that we should send out the survey.

Chair Belmarsh asked that the Committee give any changes to the survey to her by Sunday evening.

Mrs. Sheehan had two comments on the job description. Mrs. Sheehan asked if there was a need to add Doctorate under clarifications. Mrs. Sheehan would like to see someone that has 5 years in a classroom. Chair Belmarsh asked the Committee to hold on comments regarding the job description and it would be revisited.

Chair Belmarsh recognized School Committee-Elect Member John Sullivan who made comments on the Superintendent search.

**Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee**

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

**Adjourn**

At 9:46 p.m., on motion of Mr. Guilfoyle, seconded by Mrs. Nardone, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

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Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- PARCC and Next Generation MCAS
- Warrant 23-2016
- Budget Sub-Committee Report 11/17/15
- Policy Sub Committee Report 11/19/15