

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 12/3/15)**

Date: July 30, 2015

Location: Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center
Weymouth High School

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

Also present: Superintendent Salim, Assistant Superintendent Susan Kustka

Absent: Mayor Kay

Call to Order

At 7:05 pm Chairman Guilfoyle called the meeting to order. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approval of Minutes

There were none.

Student Advisory

There was no update.

Public Comment

Music in the Parks Festival, Hershey, PA – Victoria Ang

Ms. Victoria Ang came to the table to discuss the experience of attending Music in the Parks Festival at Hershey Park PA. The Concert Band, Chorus, Concert Band and Jazz Band attended. All of the groups won awards and brought home 4 trophies. Victoria discussed how important music has been at Weymouth High School. Ms. Ang thanked Mr. Shirosky for his support and hard work. Also thanked the chaperones and everyone involved. Thanked the School Committee for their support.

Committee Announcements

Mrs. Sheehan announced that the SEPAC 3rd Annual Family Picnic will be on Saturday, August 22nd at the Murphy School (change in venue). All are welcome, bring your own lunch.

Mrs. Curran wanted to share how students raise funds for the music program. Mrs. Curran attended Divas with a Twist at Abigail Adams Middle School, it was an incredible event. Thanked Rob McLean and his staff.

Mrs. Nardone attended the Food Truck Rodeo at Southfield. There were 15 trucks, very inexpensive. Lots of fun.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Salim shared information about the Envision the Future event. Five girls attended for 5 days last week. They did an outstanding job presenting their work. Shared innovative ideas and ideas they want to bring back to Weymouth. Thank you to Laura Stevens, Betsy Harris and Lynn Howard and all of the sponsors that supported this STEM initiative.

Dr. Salim discussed the Advanced Placement programs. Last summer teachers attended a Summer Institute that we were then able to run the courses this year. Information was provided in school committee folders outlining the scores. Dr. Salim thanked all of the teachers and students involved with MMSI.

Dr. Salim announced that in a couple of weeks we will be having our Administrative Leadership Retreats to plan for the upcoming year. We will provide a report later in August.

Review of school needs met with potential override

Dr. Salim describes the process followed to come to our needs list and the prioritization of that list. Discussed the importance of these needs and how essential they are to provide a well-rounded education to our students.

Dr. Salim presented a PowerPoint to summarize the WPS needs to be with the override in details. Three million dollars total to bring WPS up to standard.

Ms. Belmarsh thanked Dr. Salim. Ms. Belmarsh wanted to emphasize that we have used many years of meetings to identify these needs. The needs list is an opportunity to hold us accountable to spend it properly. This is a true needs list. Ms. Belmarsh addresses some questions that are out there around the needs list for 2017. WE don't know. Ideally we want to maintain the added positions.

Chairman Guilfoyle wanted to remind everyone that the override vote is on Tuesday, August 4th. Absentee ballots are available. Thanked Dr. Salim for his presentation.

School Committee Calendar of Meeting Dates

Dr. Salim provided the dates for the School Committee Meeting for the upcoming school year. Our next meeting will be on August 27th and our first meeting after the school year will be on September 10th.

Mrs. Nardone asked if we will continue with workshops. Dr. Salim addressed.

Southfield

Dr. Salim reported that LStar has made the mitigation payments that will help to pay for the special education vans. We will get 3 high top vans and 3 regular vans. Dr. Salim describes when they will be ready to bring on.

Ms. Belmarsh asked a question about the AP courses. Are we tracking the number of those enrolling in the courses? Dr. Salim will provide the numbers.

Report on Teaching and Learning

There was none.

Reports of Sub-Committees

- Budget Sub-Committee
- There is no report.
- Collective Bargaining Sub-Committee
- Ms. Flemer stated that they have been continuing to meet over the summer with unions. We hope to have contracts in the near future.
- Policy Review Sub-Committee
- Mrs. Sheehan stated that there was a meeting on Monday, June 29th. We realized we do not have a Domestic Abuse policy in our manual. The MASC Policy is in folders. The only change to this policy would be in the second paragraph to read: The superintendent/or designee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether this leave shall be paid or unpaid. An employee seeking such leave shall exhaust all annual or vacation leave, personal leave and sick leave available to the employee, prior to requesting or taking domestic violence leave, unless the superintendent/or designee waives this requirement.

We agreed that this policy will need to be put in the Employee Handbook and the website. Also requested that this proposed policy be placed on the agenda in August for 2nd and 3rd reading combined.

Mrs. Sheehan then discussed the letter the Committee received from the Jancourts. This will be discussed in the fall.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Curran to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 7:50 p.m.

Discussion Items

CTE Post-Grad and Instrumental Music Fees

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to not put additional fees on CTE post-grad or music fees. So Voted, 7:53 p.m.

Adjustments to 2015-2016 Calendar

Dr. Salim addressed that there will be a change to the March PD Day changing to March 1st as the original date of March 8th as it conflicts with the NEASC visit to WHS. Kindergarten registration is now the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of March. Will post on website and provide to School Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to approve the changes in the 2015-2016 School Calendar. So voted, 7:55 p.m.

Chapman Feasibility

There was no report.

Action Items

Bills Paid

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to pay the bills on Warrant # 05-2016 in the amount of \$393,007.28 with money to pay. So voted, 7:56 p.m.

Confirmation of action taken on Warrant #53-2015 in the amount of \$636,832.74

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to confirm the Warrant # 53-2015 in the amount of \$636,832.74 with money to pay. So voted, 7:57 p.m.

Confirmation of action taken on Warrant #54-2015 in the amount of \$300,566.70

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer it was unanimously voted to confirm the Warrant # 53-2015 in the amount of \$300,566.70 with money to pay. So voted, 7:57 p.m.

Non-sponsored Weymouth High School trips Foreign Language Department

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to approve this request to use Weymouth High School facilities. So voted, 8:01 p.m.

New Business

Mrs. Sheehan asked if there would be a report from the data manager and what she is working on. Dr. Salim addressed. There has been a big focus this year on how teachers use data and Dr. Stazesky has been working with Admin and staff.

Mrs. Nardone respectfully asks if we could consider having a subcommittee to form a new School Committee Handbook? Chairman Guilfoyle addressed. Mrs. Nardone provided some suggested summer reading.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on August 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 8:05p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana R. Flemer – Secretary

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
July 27, 2015

Documents Related to Meeting and Retained at School Administration Building

- Agenda
- Needs List
- School Committee Calendar
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