

**WEYMOUTH SCHOOL COMMITTEE
M I N U T E S (approved 10.13.16)**

Date: September 15, 2016

Present: Chair Belmarsh, Ms. Flemer, Mrs. Sheehan, Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Nardone
Also present: Superintendent Curtis-Whipple, Assistant Superintendent Kelly Stukenborg,
Assistant Superintendent Kustka and Business Manager Mary Lee, Mayor Hedlund
arrived at 7:47 p.m.
Absent: Dr. Sullivan

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 09-2017 in the amount of \$748,782.08

Minutes

May 12, 2016

May 26, 2016

June 9, 2016

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan, it was voted to approve consent agenda with money to pay. So voted, 7:05 p.m.

Student Advisory Committee

There was none.

Public Comment

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

Correspondence

Dr. Curtis-Whipple shared that we are officially off and running at all grade levels! Pre-K and Kindergarten began classes on September 12th and the WHS evening school began classes on September 13th. We met with the administrative team this morning and they reported out that all opening days went very well.

Teachers and paraprofessionals attended a full professional development day on Thursday September 8th. The themes for the day were, Accountable Talk, Close Reading, Bias Training, Building Based Data Protocols, and Mindfulness and Brain Science. All of these topics are related to our "Big Three" focus areas that include Data Based Decisions, Social and Emotional Learning, and

Academic Discourse. We are proud to say that all of Professional Development is closely aligned to our district levers and supports teaching and learning.

The Johnson Early Childhood Center welcomed Parents and Guardians to their orientation September 6th, Chapman's Open House is currently underway this evening and Abigail Adams will hold their Open House on September 22nd, WHS September 28th and all Primary Schools on September 29th.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple congratulated the Abigail Adams Middle School for receiving the Let's Move! Active Schools National Award, this award is part of First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! Initiative dedicated to ensuring 60 minutes of physical activity a day is the norm in K-12 schools. Abigail Adams Middle School was recognized for its outstanding efforts in creating an Active School environment. Congratulations!

Talbot continued the tradition of honoring local heroes with a visit and donation of goodies to the Park Ave. Fire Station in remembrance of 9/11 on Friday, 9/9.

Google classroom extravaganza going on at Adams!

With the infusion of chromebook carts in grade five and additional carts being purchased for grade six, each team will be assigned a cart! That is a 1:2 ratio up from a 1:30 ratio the same time last year. These new tools will ensure our students will be engaged in 21 century learning and boost the creative work in the classroom.

Remember me Tanner B 5 K Saturday at Murphy (Principal Pat Costello is running).

Our next School Building Committee meeting next Thursday the 22nd at 6:30pm at the McCullough Building. We expect it to be taped for WETC again.

Dr. Curtis-Whipple introduced our new Coordinator of Health Services and Nurse Leader Jeanne- Marie Vaughn. Prior to her current position, Jeanne-Marie has been a School Nurse Teacher and Building 504 Coordinator. She has also held the position of head nurse as well as Director of Health Services at the New England Home for Little Wanderers.

Lastly, our September STEM Hotspot will be held on September 24th from 10 AM to 12:00. Last year, our hotspots were a great success.

New Business

Report on Teaching and Learning

Overview of Professional Development 2016-2017 – Kelly Stukenborg, Assistant Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg came to the table. Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg presented a powerpoint presentation with an overview of professional development for 2016-17. She reviewed the focus and priorities for 2016-2017. The November 7, 2016 full PD day will continue with mindfulness, drug awareness trainings and accountable talk. She reviewed the building based PD that will happen in the spring of 2017.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she is happy to hear that we are not starting anything new this year. Asked for a description of accountable talk. Assistant Superintendent Stukenborg described in detail and how it ties in with social emotional education, builds self-confidence and social skills in students.

Mrs. Curran asked if colleges are teaching this? Dr. Curtis-Whipple describes how this is used in a college setting and how it is transitioning into the primary and secondary education classroom.

Reports of Sub-Committees

Policy

Mrs. Curran read the minutes from the September 12, 2016 Policy Sub-Committee. The committee reviewed and will need to update policy JLCDE – Administering Medications to students and are moving to first reading with the School Committee this evening.

The second item addressed at the meeting was Section J – Students in the policy manual. There are 20 policies in that section to review and will need to update some of the policies.

The next meeting of the Policy Sub-Committee will be on October 17, 2016 at the Administration Building.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to accept the report of the Policy Sub-Committee. So voted, 7:40 p.m.

Policy JLCD: Administering Medications to Students – First Reading

Mrs. Curran reads the policy in its entirety. Asks if there are any questions.

Ms. Belmarsh asks do we have an idea who will be the trainer of the EPI pen administration. Mary Ann Bryan comes to the table. She explains that after speaking with our nurse leaders that staff is all trained twice a year to administer this medication. All the nurses have been trained for use of Narcan.

There was a discussion regarding administration and now to include in the policy language.

Mr. Mike Murphy asks to be recognized. The chair allows. Mr. Murphy asks if language could change to allow parents to administer medication if possible or needed. Mr. Murphy also asks about the training itself. Mrs. Kustka responds.

After numerous questions, it was decided to send this policy back to Policy Sub-Committee.

School Committee Draft Goals

Chair Belmarsh discusses the goals for the School Committee for 2016-2017. The Chair suggests that this be kept as a standing item on the agenda for the year so we can update as the school year progresses. States that the Committee will need to decide how to mesh with goals and priorities of the administrative team just discussed by Kelly Stukenborg.

Old Business

WHS CTE Admission Policy – Third Reading

Ms. Rebelo came to the table. Mrs. Curran asks for some language to be changed. Mrs. Curran details the changes for Ms. Rebelo. Mrs. Curran reads several other housekeeping items. Ms. Belmarsh suggested that we adopt the policy and change items.

Mrs. Curran wants to be sure that parents know there is an appeals process for this admission policy.

Ms. Rebelo will make all language changes and update.

Mrs. Sheehan asks for clarification that this is the WHS CTE Admission Policy and thanks Ms. Rebelo for putting it on the website, found it easily.

On motion of Ms. Flemer, seconded by Mrs. Sheehan to approve the WHS CTE Admission Policy. So voted, 8:10 p.m.

Update Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opens to public discussion. There was none. Mrs. Curran clarifies some of the language and the possible need for amendment.

Due to the questions from the Committee members, Chair Belmarsh asks if this can go back to policy-sub for review.

Adding Policy IHAMB – Teaching about Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opens to public discussion. There was none. Mrs. Curran clarifies some of the language.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to combine the second and third reading of adding Policy IHAMB. So voted, 8:14 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve adding Policy IHAMB. So voted, 8:14 p.m.

Update Policy GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy – Second Reading

Chair Belmarsh opens to public discussion. There was none. Mrs. Curran clarifies some of the language.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to combine the second and third reading of adding Policy GBEC. So voted, 8:15 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer to approve adding Policy GBEC. So voted, 8:15 p.m.

MSBA Chapman Feasibility Study

Chair Belmarsh reviewed the MSBA study and the persons involved. Announced the next meeting on September 22 at the Whipple Center. Meetings will also be taped by WETC.

Mrs. Sheehan stated she thought we would review the open meeting law violation at this meeting. Chair Belmarsh stated that she was not inclined to discuss at the table. Mrs. Sheehan stated she thought we would be reviewing as a Committee. Mrs. Sheehan read from statement by Chair Belmarsh submitted on the Open Meeting Law Decision 7-6-16 where Chair Belmarsh stated that "on the issues that were considered violations, we will review and ensure we understand the interpretations of the Office of the Attorney General in the future." Mrs. Sheehan states we hadn't reviewed.

Chair Belmarsh stated we have already reviewed and discussed in prior meetings. Chair Belmarsh also reminded the Committee that they should be following the process to work with us to discuss items on the agenda. Not to bring up items that are not on for discussion.

Next Meeting of the Weymouth School Committee

The Weymouth School Committee will next meet on September 29, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mary J. Livingstone Humanities Center at Weymouth High School.

Adjourn

At 8:22 p.m., on motion of Mrs. Sheehan, seconded by Ms. Flemer, 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 09-2017 in the amount of \$748,782.08
- Minutes
 - May 12, 2016
 - May 26, 2016
 - June 9, 2016
- Professional Development Overview
- Parent Acknowledgement Form for School Handbooks – First Reading
- Update Policy JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited – First Reading
- Adding Policy IHAMB – Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs – First Reading
- Update Policy GBEC – Drug-Free Workplace Policy