



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

July 14, 2022

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 8/18/22)

Members In Attendance: Dr. John Sullivan, Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steve Buccigross

Members Absent: Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair; Mayor Hedlund

Also Present: Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Melanie Curtin, Assistant Superintendent

The Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm

The chair informed that the meeting is being recorded and available on WETC.

Chair Sullivan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for:

- Tom Alexander, a veteran and former Academy Ave. custodian who passed away July 8, 2022.
- Edward 'Buzz' Knight, a former WPS student, teacher, guidance counselor and Weymouth North Principal who passed away on June 27, 2022.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 52-2022 in the amount of \$903,804.76. Dated 6/27/22
- Warrant 53-2022 in the amount of \$879,876.46. Dated 6/28/22
- Warrant 02-2023 in the amount of \$572,805.99. Dated 7/11/22
- Regular Minutes: 6/16/22
- Executive Session: 6/16/22
- Field Trips

Model UN-Grades 9-12, Brown University, Providence, RI, 11/11-13/2022

Model UN-Grade 9-12, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston, MA, 2/10-12/2023

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

The Chair reminded that public comment be in accordance with Policy BED, items on the agenda and kept to 3 minutes and gave instructions if members wish to speak; name and address should be added in the chat.

There was none.

Report of the Superintendent:

Superintendent Wargo introduced new Principals Neresca Pires of Seach Elementary and Heather Ronan of Pingree Elementary.

Principal Pires has experience at the elementary level in Everett as well as in an alternative school, and was involved in recruitment and program development at Lesley University. Principal Ronan comes to Weymouth from Brockton schools as an educator and administrator at the building and central level. They took part in the administrative retreat this past week.

Both Principals expressed their appreciation and thanks to be part of Weymouth Public Schools and shared their excitement for working with Superintendent Wargo and his vision.

The committee welcomed them to the district.

Superintendent Wargo summarized the 2 day administrator retreat. More details will be in the committee's Friday report.

NEW BUSINESS

a. WEA Unia A MOA - Chapman Schedule (action requested)

Thanks was expressed for the collaborative efforts of WEA and building administrators on the MOA for the new conditions at Chapman. There will be a 6 day cycle and elective opportunities. The MOA will be available on the website.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the WEA Unit A MOA regarding the Chapman schedule. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Report of June 28, 2022 Policy Sub Committee (action requested)

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw summarized the meeting of 6/28/22. Topics included: Policy D (fiscal management) and MASC recommendations; review of policy DD (outside council will be consulted); review of JQ (student fees-no substantive changes); review of JRE (death of a student) and specific to Weymouth-recommendation to keep policy in place. Recommended

policy changes will be voted on at a future policy sub meeting to bring before the full school committee for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings.

Motion by Ms. Palazzo to accept the policy sub committee report. Seconded by Mrs. Curran. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Report on the Superintendent Evaluation

Chair Sullivan shared that the rating categories are Unsatisfactory, Need Improvement, Proficient and Exemplary. He explained that 'proficient' usually signifies an experienced Superintendent and that the expectation of DESE is that there are only a few exemplary Superintendents in the state and that newer Superintendents are usually at 'needs improvement' as it is a period of rapid improvement. The current overall rating from completed evaluations for Superintendent Wargo is 'needs improvement'. The evaluation is available online.

Since this is a report, the Chair advised that report may be voted to accept the evaluation.

Dr.Sherlock-Shangraw made a motion to accept the evaluation report of the Superintendent. Seconded by Ms. Palazzo. Motion carried 4-1.

Any members who have not yet completed the evaluation may still give their feedback to Superintendent Wargo.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Updates and Status of Chapman Middle School Opening 2022 - Assistant Superintendent Melanie Curtin

Assistant Superintendent Curtin shared that furniture is arriving and being assembled, bleachers are being installed, and that the media center is almost complete. The school sign is up at the entrance on Commercial St.

Orientation Session Dates:

Saturday, August 6, 2022-Community

Monday, August 22, 2022-Grade 6

Tuesday, August 23, 2022-Grade 7

Wednesday, August 24, 2022-Grade 8

Thursday, August 25, 2022-Parents

Chapman Project Updates

b. Update and Status of Abigail Adams - Assistant Superintendent Melanie Curtin

Assistant Superintendent Curtin announced that the Family Engagement and Registration is now open and accepting registrations. Maintenance and Transportation departments will be moving to Abigail; painting and networking is currently taking place. Monthly walkthroughs will continue. Principal Perez has already identified classroom space. The request for qualifications is complete and 1 qualified bid was accepted.

It was requested to have a presentation on the JECC use next year. The Superintendent advised that a facility plan is in the beginning stages.

Announcements:

Family Engagement and Registration Center now open at Abigail Adams.

Next School Committee Meeting:

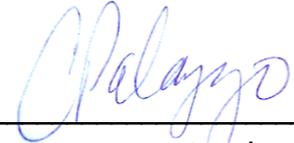
Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2022 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm on the motion of Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw, seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

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Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Palazzo
Secretary