



# Weymouth

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## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

April 27, 2022

#### MEETING MINUTES

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**Members In Attendance:** Tracey Nardone, Interim Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steve Buccigross

**Members Absent:** Mayor Hedlund

**Also Present:** Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent

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**The Meeting was called to order at 7:04pm**

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

Mrs. Nardone led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for Larry Lambose who passed away on April 16, 2023; He was a special education educator for 42 years as well as a retired Assistant Superintendent of WPS.

**Consent Agenda:**

The Consent agenda included:

- Warrant 42-2023 in the amount of \$736,242.56. Dated 4/18/23
- Regular Minutes: 4/6/23
- Executive Session Minutes: 4/6/23

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to accept the consent agenda warrant 42-2023. Seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to accept the consent agenda approval of minutes 4/6/23; regular and executive session. Seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Student Senate**

Students Josephine Burke, Lauren Burn, and Daniel Rios, Freshman senator Josephine came to the table to present their update (presentation attached to these minutes). Topics included: Academics, CTE, WALC, clubs and extracurriculars, and class council news.

The committee thanked the students and wished the seniors luck.

### **Report of the Superintendent**

Superintendent Wargo shared:

15th annual Weymouth School Day Games was held 4/27/23. The day was a success. Appreciation was expressed to Maggie Murphy, Betsy Harris, Olympians, volunteers, Kellie Krawciw, Kay Levine, and SEPAC, in addition to Dr. Sherlock Shangraw for attending.

The Superintendent along with Assistant Superintendent Smith attended the Town Council meeting where the budget was discussed. Review of budget is favorable and moved forward with 4 measures; technical needs, CTE, utility vehicles, and furniture replacement.

Instructional rounds were held at the High School. Thanks were expressed to Principal Monahan, Associate Principal Paulhus, and teachers Northup and Kettner.

Skills USA awards will be held in Marlboro on Saturday April 29, 2023. Jessica Carvahlo will be signing the National Anthem.

SEPAC held a get together event at the Chapman playground, South Shore Support Services were in attendance.

Rotary Pancake breakfast will be at the Whipple Center on May 21, 2023.

Principals Monahan and Costello will be representing WPS at an education career fair at Bridgewater State on May 3, 2023.

Mrs. Curran shared the positive feedback from 1 of the families of a special olympian.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **a. Student Handbooks: First Reading-Assistant Superintendent Curtin**

Assistant Superintendent Curtin reviewed the minimal updates/changes, clarifications and protocols for the District, Chapman, and High School handbooks.

Questions may be directed to Assistant Superintendent Curtin and there will be an opportunity for public comment at the next meeting.

Student handbooks will be moved to a second reading.

**b. Report of the Policy Sub-Committee: 4/10/23 (Action Requested)**

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw summarized the meeting of April 10. Policy JICA-dress code-WHS students attended and Principal Monahan is creating a committee in the fall to come up with the final language to present to the policy sub committee. Policy JLDD was also discussed-more info in the next agenda item.

Motion by Ms. Palazzo to accept the report of the policy sub-committee. Seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

**c. Policy JLDD - Life Threatening Allergies - First Reading**

There are not any substantive changes to this policy. Housekeeping edits and grammatical changes. References to policy JLDDN have been removed as that policy was deleted.

Questions may be directed to the Policy Sub-Committee and there will be an opportunity for public comment at the next meeting.

Policy JLDD will be moved to a second reading.

It was confirmed that athletes do eat on buses after school.

**d. 2023-2024 School Committee Calendar (Action Requested)**

The July 20, 2023 meeting will be deleted. There is a possibility that a meeting will be added in November.

Motion by Ms Palazzo to accept the 2023-2024 School Calendar as amended. Seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

**e. Substitute Candidate Search Sub-Committee (Action Requested)**

The procedure and schedule was outlined. Letters of interest must be received by May 12, 2023 for the school committee vacancy. The announcement and schedule will be posted in the paper and on the website. Interview questions will go out to interested parties.

Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw made a motion: A call to the community for letters of interest in filling the vacant seat by the deadline of May 12; An executive session will be convened under reason 8 to consider applicants for appointment on May 25. Strong candidates will be voted forward for an interview at the regular meeting on June 15 for a subsequent appointment vote. Seconded by Mrs. Curran. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. Update and status of Abigail Adams and Johnson - Assistant Superintendent Smith**

Assistant Superintendent Smith summarized the meeting of April 11, 2023. Timeline, design development, preschool FF&E was discussed. The next meeting will be Abigail Adams. McKinnel, McKinnel and Mr. MacLeod will be attending. Bid documents will be available on the website soon.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments kept to 3 minutes and items on the agenda in accordance with Policy BEDH. There was none.

### **Announcements:**

- Abigail Adams/Early Education Facilities Committee - May 10, 2023 - 3:30pm - Abigail Adams Library/Virtual
- Budget Sub-Committee - May 10, 2023- 6:00pm - Abigail Adams School Library
- SEPA elections will be held on International Night May 16, 2023 at 7pm and via Zoom.

It was suggested to have the link to the handbook changes be posted on the website.

### **Next School Committee Meeting:**

Regular Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023 - 7:00pm

**The Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm** on the motion of Ms. Palazzo, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw. Motion passed unanimously.

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### **Documents Attached to These Minutes:**

- Student Senate presentation
- Handbook suggested edits
- Policy JLDD
- School Committee vacancy announcement
- School Committee vacancy schedule

Respectfully Submitted,

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Carrie Palazzo  
Secretary