

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
 MJL Humanities Center
 February 7, 2019
 Minutes

<p>CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE</p>	<p>7:03PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge. A moment a silence was observed for Eileen Carney (2/2/2019), Robert Stenburg (2/4/2019), Dudley O’Leary (1/17/2019), Daniel O’Connor (1/10/2019, and Harold Thomas (12/22/2018)</p>	
<p>MEMBERS Strike out = absent</p>	<p>Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw Robert Hedlund, Mayor</p>	<p>Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent Susan Kustka, Assistant Superintendent Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled</p>	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 33-2019, dated 2/7/19 in the amount of \$1,018,549.03 Approval of Minutes: Regular Minutes: 1/17/19, 1/30/19* as corrected Executive Session: 1/17/19, 1/30/19 as corrected MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to remove 1/30/19 regular minutes SECOND: by Ms. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to table 1/30/19 regular minutes SECOND: by Ms. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected SECOND: by Ms. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<p>STUDENT ADVISORY</p>	<p>Katelyn Horan, Leah Duffy, Juliana Amendolare, Lauren Chrisileo and Natalie MacDonald came to the table. They provided an update on the new bathroom policy. The number of open bathrooms is limited with a sign in/out policy with teachers posted outside as monitors. New larger trash barrels were requested and were delivered February 7. The new policy will be discussed at the Summit next Wednesday, February 13, 2019.</p>	

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	<p>Also to be discussed at the Summit will be more structures and tables to work on during studies in the auditorium. Discussions have already begun with building administration.</p> <p>Student advisory also began discussions on opening the front connector after school. This will also be considered at the Summit.</p> <p>Student athletes, student voice and student advisor representatives will be meeting with the school dietician to talk about healthy eating choices in the school cafeteria, particularly around the dietary needs of student-athletes..</p> <p>‘Walk with a Wildcat’ for 8th grade students will be held on 2/13/19 at WHS.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked students whether they had been part of the “change.org” petition. Students explained that there were concerns about the new bathroom policy, but that the petition incorrectly cited a state regulation that does not apply to Weymouth High School. The next student summit may include discussion of this issue and the summit will be open to anyone who wants to come.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker</p>	<p>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment. There was none</p>
<p>REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT</p>	<p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple</p> <p>WHS students Abigail (Skyler) Wiklund, Noah Herring & James (Aaron) Macaibay (and Ruqaya AlSara on waiting list) were selected for the Cyber Security Dual Enrollment College Certificate Program through a collaborative effort of MASSHIRE and Bristol Community College. The South Shore had 30 applicants for 6 slots. Congrats to the WHS students and CTE IT Teacher Liz MacPherson. Students will earn 19 college credits, complete a summer cybersecurity internship, includes all tuition, fees and books as well as a college certificate in Cybersecurity.</p> <p>At Academy Ave their interactive attendance board is up and running and Principal Higgins will be initiating monthly perfect attendance awards to promote the importance of attendance.</p> <p>Students at the Hamilton School decorated brown bags to give to the Meals on Wheels recipients for Valentine’s Day.</p> <p>The Annual JECC Open House will be held on Saturday March 2 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The open house will be for students turning 3. If a student may require</p>

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additional services, Child Find program will be present. Enrollment is rolling.

At Murphy School there was a great assembly of African drummers and dancers. Students learned about the many languages and geographical features of Africa.

“Abigail Adams” visited The Nash School. Sheryl Faye dressed in character, told the story of Abigail and her life in Weymouth, Braintree, and Boston. The kids loved that she had a wonderful connection to their town.

The curriculum department has prepared the workshop and is training facilitators for the February 12th Professional Development Day. The primary schools will be working with Eleni Steadman from the Hill on ECRI routines (phonics instruction) on the professional development day. The department is completing foundational maps and vetting the assessments and lessons that teachers are producing during professional development. February 12, 2019 is a student half day.

Walk with a Wildcat Open House Night will be on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the WHS Auditorium.

Open to ALL 8th grade prospective WHS students and parents/guardians (students must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)

Kindergarten Registration is open. An online account will need to be created to complete online registration. After families complete steps 3-4 someone from the correct home schools will contact families.

On Friday, February, 8, 2019 at 6pm in the WHS Auditorium, Senior Capstone student, Meghan O’Loughlin will be running a fashion show. Entrance is \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit Best Buddies and Skills USA.

At the Seach School on February 28, 2019 they will be hosting a STEAM Team event. All students preK-4 are welcome. The event is from 6-7pm. Participants are welcome to come dressed as their favorite superheroes. Activities will include designing superhero vehicles, constructing buildings and you testing ‘Spidey Strength’.

Over February School Vacation, Representative James Murphy will be hosting a ‘State House History Hunt’. Tours will be scheduled Tuesday through Friday. Registration is on line and clue books may be picked up in Room 146. Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked Representative Murphy for sponsoring this fun program.

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NEW BUSINESS

Project 351 Update - Emma Desmond and Molly Stockton

Emma Desmond, Molly Stockton and their advisor, Lisa Canavan came to the table. They explained that Project 351 is a statewide non-profit initiative bringing together 8th grade students from across Massachusetts and extolled the benefits of the program and emphasized the importance of giving back. The ambassadors are organizing a clothing drive that will begin on March 25, 2019. A copy of their presentation is attached to these notes.

Curriculum Mapping in Content Areas - Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent; Melanie Curtin, Assistant Director of Curriculum Instruction; Terri Marculitis, Curriculum Humanities Director; Dr. Ron Ho, STEM Curriculum Director; Jim Murphy, Curriculum Director-Social Studies; Alison Mazzetti-Curriculum Director-English Language Arts

The Curriculum Directors came to the table and gave an overview of their presentation. Included presentation topics: Recap of the Entry Plan Findings, Performance Trends, District Goals; Professional Development, Curriculum Maps, Curriculum Review Cycle and Social Emotional Practices.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

All questions asked by the committee were addressed. The committee congratulated and thanked the panel for their presentation, passion, hard work and diligence.

WHS Program of Studies - First Reading

Associate Principal Karen Monahan and Principal Alan Strauss came to the table. Associate Principal Monahan read the proposed changes to the WHS Program of Studies SY19-20 into the record. Eighty proposed changes were submitted. A copy of the changes are attached to these minutes. All questions asked by the committee were answered.

During the question and answer period Chair Belmarsh recognized Linda Roy for public comment. With respect to the courses where students were required to purchase equipment, she recommended referring to “materials” instead of a “kit” so students can customize to fit their needs, including the need of some students to keep costs low. She also recommended inviting students to donate back materials as they graduate so they might be available for students in need.

Chair Belmarsh congratulated and thanked Ms. Monahan and Mr. Strauss for their teamwork and work ethic and continued support of teachers and students.

WHS Program of Studies 19-20 Summary Of Changes moved to second reading at next school committee on February, 28, 2019

There was a brief discussion about the standard for passing a course. As in the past, Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Curran disapprove of counting a grade of 60% as “successful completion” in some courses. Assistant Superintendent Bryan said she understood the concern, but that because the curriculum team and teachers are working to align curriculum, they have not yet had the opportunity to address the

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complex task of norming grades. Mrs. Sheehan thanked everyone for the good conversation.

Budget Sub-Committee Report

Dr. Sullivan gave a brief overview of the 1/16/19 meeting covering athletic fees, waivers, Unified Sports, Student entrance fees, strength and conditioning, transportation and police details, athlete/coach ratio, gender participation, race, increase in stipend for staff, new scoreboards outside and inside.

Chair Belmarsh gave an overview of 2/6/19 meeting addressing the departments budget needs. Ann Johnson of CTE Early Childhood presented. Discussion of Administration Compensation Study, potentially increasing wage of substitutes from \$75-\$80. Chair Belmarsh thanked Brian Smith for addressing how Weymouth will be affected by Chapter 70; as compared to similar districts, Weymouth receives 20/per pupil change in aid, where as Attleboro receives \$428 and Brockton \$281 per pupil.. Full day Kindergarten continues to be a space and budge issue and discussions are ongoing. March 14, 2019 is the next public hearing.

Budget Sub-Committee notes may be found on the website:

<http://www.weymouthschools.org/district/school-committee/pages/budget-sub-committee-0>

Dr. Curtis-Whipple wanted to ensure that the notes reflected that Peter Umbriana is *Interim* Athletic Director and that he is not receiving additional stipend for athletic events.

MOTION: by Chair Belmarsh to accept the report of the Budget Sub Committee

SECOND: Mrs. Sheehan

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Policy BEDG - Minutes - First Reading

Gail Sheehan read the Proposed BEDG policy changes recommended by the MASC into the record. A copy of the proposed changes are attached to these minutes.

Chair Belmarsh moved the BEDG minutes to second reading.

Statement of Interest to MSBA Accelerated Repair Program for Replacement of Boiler at Ralph Talbot Primary School (Action Required)

Dr. Sullivan read the Statement of Interest Form in to the record. A copy of this statement is attached to these minutes.

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the statement and in so doing apply for the aforementioned grant

SECOND: Mrs. Sheehan

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OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u> Mrs. Curran gave a quick update on the February 5 Building Committee meeting. She spoke about decisions made by the committee about selecting particular materials and systems to maximize quality while controlling costs. Topics included dehumidification in some parts of the building and air conditioning in others, a sound enclosure for the emergency generator out of consideration for neighbors, the use of copper wiring as opposed to aluminum in some areas, and the decision to have some rooms connected by movable partitions while others were separated by fixed walls. Decisions were also made on lightning protection systems.</p> <p>There will be open house of Chapman for the public February 9th from 11-1 at Chapman Middle School. The presentation will be at 11 with tours after.</p> <p>There will be a School Building Committee meeting (Joint with School Committee) February 12th at 6:30PM at the Humanities center of the High School to vote on the schematic design and project budget.</p> <p>Taping of an episode of ‘Ask the Mayor’ by WETC Channel 8 where the new Chapman will be discussed will be on 2/7/19.</p> <p>February 14, 2019 town council will take up a measure to move forward for Mass School Building Authority Grant approval.</p> <p>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building project can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p>
Announcements	<p>A New Chapman Public Forum - Saturday, February 9th, 2019 11:00am-1:00pm. Chapman Middle School School Building Committee Meeting (Joint with School Committee) February 12th 6:30 at MJL Humanities Center, WHS Weymouth Market- March 6, 2019-3:30-5:30 - WHS Gold Cafeteria Save-the-Date- WEF Trivia Night-Friday, April 5, 2019</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 7:00 PM – MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Chair Belmarsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
	<p>Warrant 33-2019, dated 2/7/19 in the amount of \$1,018,549.03 Regular Minutes: 1/7/19, 1/30/19* as corrected Executive Session: 1/17/19, 1/30/19 as corrected</p>

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Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary