

Weymouth School Committee Meeting  
MJL Humanities Center  
March 28, 2019  
Minutes

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Approved 4/11/19

<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b> <b>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</b> <b>MOMENT OF SILENCE</b></p>	<p>7:03PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.</p>	
<p><b>MEMBERS</b> Strike out = absent</p>	<p>Lisa Belmarsh, Chair Tracey Nardone, Vice Chair John Sullivan, Secretary Gail Sheehan Kathy Curran Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw <del>Robert Hedlund, Mayor</del></p>	<p>Jennifer Curtis-Whipple, Superintendent <del>Susan Kustka, Assistant Superintendent</del> Mary Ann Bryan, Assistant Superintendent Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent</p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA</b> * Items = tabled</p>	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 40-2019, in the amount of \$789,269.62</p> <p>Field Trip: Weymouth High School, Grades 10-12, Skills USA, Best Western, Marlborough, MA Dates: April 25-April 27, 2019</p> <p>Field Trip: Weymouth High School, Grade 12, DECA, International Career Development Conference, Orlando, FL Dates: April 27, 2-19-May 1, 2019</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Meeting of the Whole: 2/28/19 Executive Session: 2/28/19; 3/14/19 Regular Minutes: 2/28/19; 3/14/19</p> <p>MOTION: by Vice Chair Nardone to accept the minutes as corrected SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> Bold = speaker</p>	<p><b>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</b></p> <p>Linda Roy, 693 Commercial Street Resident Roy came to the table in regard to policies GBEBD, KCD, and ILD. For Policy GBEBD-Crowd funding and KCD-Public gift, she pointed out it's important not to show favoritism for students with economic advantage and that there should be someone to monitor receipts of teacher and school staff gifts. For policy ILD, Ms. Roy commented that the language was agreeable.</p>	

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**REPORT OF  
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Curtis-Whipple

Receipt of Gifts - South Shore Bank, Weymouth Police Department

The Superintendent invited Pam O'Leary-Executive Vice President of South Shore Bank,, Mariel Hardiman-Director of Marketing, Chief Grimes of WPD, Sgt. St. Croix of WPD and Captain Phillips of WPD to the table and thanked the panel for their sponsorship and collaboration in bringing David Sheff, author of 'Beautiful Boy' to be a keynote speaker on Awareness night May 8, 2019. This is truly a community event. Dr. Curtis-Whipple recognized and thanked South Shore Bank for their sponsorship check of \$8.000. Ms. O'Leary reiterated what a great collaboration it was with other community members. Chief Grimes echoed his thanks and collaboration efforts. Chair Belmarsh recognized the community and business partnership with the school department to organize such a worthwhile and relevant event.

Superintendent Curtis-Whipple recognized Joni Cederholm, a paraprofessional at the Johnson Early Childhood Center who was awarded ESP of the Year.

Dr Curtis Whipple thanked the Elks for the awards ceremony that she and Assistant Superintendent Smith attended recognizing Elks Essay Winners. It was a nice evening for winners and their families. Winning Essays were also read.

On Saturday, April 6th 2019 the Weymouth School Community is hosting a fundraiser to support and offset the expenses of the members of the Weymouth Police Department, as well as Sgt. Chesna's family, which will be traveling to Washington D.C for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service for Officers Killed in the Line of Duty in 2018. The core of the fundraiser will be a basketball game between the Weymouth High School Varsity Teams and the Weymouth Fire Department. The Superintendent thanked staff, especially Sharon Yanizzi for all of their help in organizing this worthwhile fundraiser.

On April 5, 2019 there are two trivia nights, one to benefit WEF and the other for the Middle School Parent Council. The superintendent reminded all to book a table if they can attend.

BOKS is happening across the district again this spring. Brought to us by rebook, it helps facilitate brain based learning through movement. Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked staff members and parents who come in before school per week to make this program a success..

MCAS Prep is underway across the district with Abigail Adams testing before April break.

At Abigail Adams, 5th Grade students had a watershed day, organized by Mr. Ellis.

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	<p>Students learned how water interacts with environment around them.</p> <p>The superintendent recognized WHS student, Paige Bowen who was selected to sing the National Anthem at the SkillsUSA Massachusetts 2019 State Leadership &amp; Skills Conference on April 25, 2019. Kudo's were also given to Robert Briggs as the CTE Outstanding Vocational Student 2019. There will be a celebration on April 11, 2019 at Mechanics Hall.</p> <p><u>Skills USA Medal Winners</u></p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple invited the CTE Director, Julieanne Gamache and medal winners Brendan Crowley, Robert Briggs, Abigail Hayes, Meaghan Kertani, and Nieyah Remy to the table. Ms. Gamache recognized advisor Artie Roche and Teacher Liz McPherson for their help and gave an overview of the skills competition and acknowledged the medal winners:</p> <p>Shea Geurard-Bronze Medal-Screen Printing Abigail Hayes-Team Gold Medal-Health Knowledge Bowl Meaghan Kertani-Team Gold Medal-Health Knowledge Bowl Nieyah Remy-Team Gold Medal-Health Knowledge Bowl Valeria Velez-Toca-Team Gold Medal-Health Knowledge Bowl Nicholas Coveney-Silver Medal-Medical Terminology Benjamin Mosely-Silver Medal-Automotive Technology Brendan Crowley-Silver Medal-Automotive Technology Julianne Mahoney-Silver Medal-Cosmetology (under 500 hours)</p> <p>School Committee members congratulated the students for their efforts and hard work. Congratulations were given to Robert Briggs for his award. Chair Belmarsh applauded Brendan Crowley for an excellent capstone presentation.</p> <p>WHS World Language Honor Society students held a World Language Fair at the Chapman school on March 25, 2019. 374 8th grade Chapman students visited over 13 stations with activities for each of the 5 languages offered at WHS.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	<p><u>Truancy Committee and SRO's in Weymouth Public Schools - Sergeant James St. Croix</u></p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple and Sergeant St. Croix came to the table and presented an overview of their presentation, entitled Weymouth Police Department and Weymouth School Department Collaborative Efforts. Topics included Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) discussing roles, duties and responsibilities of SRO (SRO team-Office Jim Flanagan-Safety Office PreK-4, Office Matt Owings-Grades 5-8, Office Ryan Hamacker-Grades 9-12, Sergeant Jim St. Croix-Supervisor; Truancy Committee, Survey Results-Uniform/Visibility/Staffing; Curriculum and Program Expansion comments; School and Community Events such</p>

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as RAD and Junior Police Academy. A copy of the presentation is attached to these notes. All questions asked by the committee were addressed.

Ms. Curran asked the officers if they were familiar with on the One Mind Pledge which is training to handle students who present on the spectrum. The police do receive special training to help manage encounters with people on the spectrum. Committee members thanked the SRO team for all their hard work and cooperation. Chair Belmarsh commented that vaping is a national issue and that all community members and businesses need to collaborate to ensure that programs are attended.

Budget Sub-Committee Report-March 13, 2019

Vice Chair Nordone read an overview into the notes. Subjects included Substitute daily rates, FY20 budget, Needs list, non union employees (about 200) 2% increase which was tabled. The draft budget with input from all stakeholders. The Vice Chair expressed her thanks for her colleagues.

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the report of the Budget Sub Committee

SECOND: Mrs. Sheehan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Side Letter of Agreement between Weymouth School Committee and Weymouth Educators Association Units B and D FMLA

MOTION: by the Vice Chair to accept Side Letter of Agreement between Weymouth School Committee and Weymouth Educators Association Units B and D regarding FMLA

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Assistant Superintendent Smith reiterated that the Revolving Quarterly Report was posted to the blog on March 25, 2019.

Submission of Proposed FY20 School Department Budget

Superintendent Curtis-Whipple and Assistant Superintendent Smith came to the table and presented a Summary of the FY20 Preliminary Budget Proposal. Their overview included: FY20 Budget: Personnel Increase of \$1,329,134, Expense Increase \$210,381 totalling \$1,539,515, and FY20 Budget proposed of \$73,535,990. Compliance needs list, staffing needs and MTSS were also discussed. A copy of the presentation is attached to these notes.

Ms. Sheehan was in favor of removing another position from the list to ensure alternative education director.

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	<p>Chair Belmarsh reminded of the process for budget approval, going through the Mayor's Office then Town Council back to School Committee for vote by June 30. The chair supports budget of \$73,535,990 and believes it is a responsible budget and thanked teachers and principals and the leadership of the Superintendent for moving in the right direction and all community members for their input.</p> <p>MOTION: by Vice Chair Nardone to accept the proposal of FY budget of \$73,535,990 SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan</p> <p>Ms. Curran made substitute motion to increase budget by \$550,000 which would fund: Assistant Special Education Director, MTSS Support, Webmaster, Tech Support, Literacy and Math Coaches, and Art Teacher SECOND: by Mrs Sheehan YES: Ms. Curran, Ms. Sheehan OPPOSED: Dr. Sullivan, Chair Belmarsh, Vice Chair Nardone, Ms. Sherlock-Shangraw SUBSTITUTE MOTION DOES NOT PASS</p> <p>Discussion then returned to the original motion Dr. Sullivan shared that he is comfortable with moving forward with the previous motion as the Capital Improvement and Needs list have been forwarded as well. Mrs. Sheehan reiterated that she is in agreement with with Mrs. Curran and that we should be adding the needs list to this vote as it is our job to advocate for the money. The Chair believes that School Committee is sending a realistic and responsible budget at a 3.84% increase to the Mayor's office.</p> <p>With no more requests for discussion, the motion came to a vote: YES: Dr. Sullivan, Chair Belmarsh, Vice Chair Nardone, Ms. Sherlock-Shangraw OPPOSED: Ms, Curran, Ms. Sheehan MOTION PASSES</p> <p><u>2019-2020 School Calendar</u> The Superintendent gave an overview of the proposed SY2019/2020 School Year Calendar Some minor changes were proposed, including providing translation, including the first day of Ramadan, and reconsidering the start date for Kindergarten. The calendar will be voted at the next meeting.</p> <p>8:39 Chair left and returned at 8:43</p>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	Public Comment

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	<p>Elizabeth Foster-Nolan 54 Houserock Road Resident Foster-Nolan commented on the language for GBEBG, and thanked the committee for the clarifying language going forward. For policy KCD, Ms. Foster-Nolan suggests the language of “ The School Committee will publish the list of gifts on the WPS website and publicly vote to acknowledge the list of gifts in June and December.” Committee members were agreeable.</p> <p><u>Policy GBEBG -Online Fundraising and Solicitations-Crowd Funding- Second Reading</u> Mrs. Sheehan gave an overview of the Crowdfunding, Online Fundraising and Solicitation; staff must present to building principal for approval before posting. Chair Belmarsh moved to third reading</p> <p><u>Policy KCD-Public Gifts to the Schools-Second Reading</u> Mrs. Sheehan gave an overview of the new language. Chair Belmarsh moved to third reading</p> <p><u>Policy-ILD-Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research-Second Reading</u> Chair Belmarsh moved to third reading</p> <p>A copy of each of the policies above is attached to this document.</p> <p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u> Special Election is April 30, 2019. Absentee ballots will be available 4/1/19. Voting day plans are in place for schools that are being used for voting. All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building project can be found at: <a href="http://www.anewchapman.org">www.anewchapman.org</a></p>
<b>Announcements</b>	<p>Weymouth Market-April 3, 2019-3:30pm, WHS Gold Cafeteria Save-the-Date-WEF Trivia Night-Friday, April 5, 2019 Save-the Date-Are You Smarter than a Middle Schooler-Friday, April 5, 2019</p>
<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	<p><b>Meeting of the WSC</b> Thursday, April 11, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	<p>MOTION: by Vice Chair to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
<b>ATTACHED DOCUMENTS</b>	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 40-2019, in the amount of \$789,269.62</p>

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Submitted by:

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John Sullivan, Secretary