

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
 MJL Humanities Center
 April 11, 2019
 Minutes

Approved 4/25/19

<p>CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE</p>	<p>7:03 PM The regular meeting was called to order. All that were present stood for the pledge.</p>	
<p>MEMBERS Strike out = absent</p>	<p>Lisa Belmarsh, Chair (arrived 7:12pm) 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 42-2019, in the amount of \$1,180,356.32</p> <p>Field Trip: Grade 4 Science/Math, Museum of Science, Boston, MA Dates: May 31, 2019-June 1, 2019</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regular Minutes: 3/28/19</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept (including minutes as corrected) SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker</p>	<p>Chair Belmarsh opened public comment.</p>	
<p>STUDENT ADVISORY</p>	<p>Katelyn Horan and Jessica Carvahlo came to the table and gave an overview of the fundraiser that was held over the weekend to raise funds to offset expenses for members of the WPD and Chesna family who will be traveling to Washington DC for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service. The students presented a check in the amount of \$3,881.00 and personal checks in the amount of \$430.00 for a total of \$4,311.00 to Officer Jen Pompeo. Funds were raised at the ‘Wildcats Appreciate You Day’ on April 6, 2019. The students thanked the Weymouth Police Department for all they do every day. Officer Pompeo expressed her thanks for the event and the donated funds.</p> <p>Committee members commented on what a great program and community even it truly was, especially the singers.</p>	

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**REPORT OF
SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Curtis-Whipple reiterated what a great event it was and thanked staff and volunteers for their help in putting together a great day.

Lynda Mullaly Hunt, author of *Fish in a Tree*, surprised Abigail Adams students and staff with an in person visit. She spoke about all three of her books, including her new book *Shouting at the Rain* and answered questions from excited students. It was an incredible experience for everyone.

[Chair Belmarsh arrived at 7:12 PM]

Chapman Project 351 students Emma Desmond, and Molly Stockton led a clothing drive which collected 20 bags filled with shoes and clothing. 17 Bags were donated to the Cradles to Crayons organization and 3 bags were donated to the Bay State Textiles to support Weymouth Schools. Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked the Project 351 ambassadors and the Chapman community for the amazing contribution.

Across the district many buildings, students and staff recognized World Autism Awareness Day. At the Hamilton School, students read the book “It’s Okay to Be Different”, and created a mural with faces that they made demonstrating that the faces may be different but they fit together to make something beautiful.

Justin Galusha and WHS VIP students joined a PBIS assembly at the Murphy School to spread the positive message of kindness. VIP students shared examples with the Murphy students to encourage them ‘To Be The Change’.

The entire Ralph Talbot School toured the State House April 11, 2019 and visited with Representative James Murphy. All students were given t-shirts with the phrase “Together We Can Change the World”. It was a great opportunity for learning as well as bringing the whole building together. Superintendent Curtis-Whipple thanked Representative Murphy helping to organize such a worthwhile experience.

The Superintendent invited guests, parental discretion advised, to the ‘Beautiful Boy’ screening on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at the Abigail Adams Campus at 6pm. This is a free event and childcare will be available during the screening. Dr. Curtis-Whipple also encouraged guests to attend ‘Awareness Night’ on Wednesday, May 8, when keynote speaker, David Sheff will be speaking. David Sheff was named to the 2009 Time Magazine’s list of the World’s Most Influential People. Mr. Sheff is a journalist and bestselling author (*Beautiful Boy, Clean, High: Everything you Want to Know About Drugs, Schizo, and Tweak: Growing up on Methamphetamines*) and an advocate of US Drug Crisis, Prevention and Treatment of Addiction. Doors open at 5:30 and David Sheff will be speaking at 6:30. The

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	<p>Superintendent reminded that childcare will be available that this is a free important community event.</p> <p>Abigail Adams Student Council recently met with Mayor Hedlund and Councilor Hackett to discuss leadership.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple excitedly shared that Weymouth Public Schools will be holding “Weymouth Idol” for students in grades 5-12. Round 1 auditions will be held at the Chapman School on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10am-12Noon, at which time school tours will be available and also on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 12Noon-2pm. 25 students will move on to the next round held on May 10, 2019 where 12 finalists will get to sing ‘I Want to Know What Love Is’ with Foreigner at the South Shore Music Circus on August 24, 2019. More info to come.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Transportation Update & Homeless Student Support-Robin Howard</u> Robin Howard, came to the table and gave an overview of her presentation. Topics included bus ridership, vehicle usage WPS vehicles vs. First Student, 7D Driver License requirements, new vehicles , of which one van is accessible for a wheelchair, 3 year McKinney-Vento & DCF enrollment, Title I, and referral sources. Ms. Howard thanked Regina Callahan and the transportation department for all of their hard work. All questions asked by the committee were addressed. Committee members thanked Ms. Howard for her continued hard work and informative presentation. A copy of the presentation is attached to these notes.</p> <p><u>Policy Sub-Committee Report-April 10, 2019</u> Mrs. Sheehan stated that she had met with Jim Hardy of MASC, but that other members could not attend. At the next meeting on May 20 (6PM at 111 Middle St), the committee will discuss sections A & B of the policy manual, as well as Policy JLF, which deals with reporting child abuse and neglect.</p> <p><u>Last Day of School 2018-2019</u> The schools had 2 snow days, this year so Dr. Curtis Whipple proposed a last day of school, which is ½ day for K-11 students, on Friday, June 21, 2019 The last day of PreSchool, would then be June 18, 2019</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept that last day of school SECOND: by Mrs. Nardone UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>

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	<p><u>2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates</u> The handout containing the proposed 2019-2020 meeting dates is attached to these minutes. This calendar includes the recommendation to have only one meeting in November (to avoid conflict with the MASC/MASS conference) and one in December due to the Winter Break. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>2019-2020 School Calendar</u> Before presenting the calendar for approval Dr. Curtis-Whipple noted that serious consideration was given to Mrs. Nardone's suggestion that the start date for Kindergarten be the same as the start date for the rest of the district, but that the start date for Kindergarten will not be able to be changed at this time. She also noted that the first day of Ramadan now appears on the calendar. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to accept the 2019-2020 School Calendar SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Public Comment</u> Chair Belmarsh opened up the floor to Public Comment on any of the policies on the agenda. There was none.</p> <p><u>Policy GBEBG -Online Fundraising and Solicitations-Crowd Funding (third reading).</u> MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to accept Policy GBEBG SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Policy KCD-Public Gifts to the Schools</u> The only change for third reading is that the school committee will vote on and publish the list of gifts on the WPS website each June and December. MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to accept Policy KCD SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>

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Policy-ILD-Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research

MOTION: by Mrs. Nardone to approve Policy ILD Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research.

SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

A copy of each of the policies above is attached to this document.

Chapman School Building Update

Ted Langill, Chief of Staff at the Mayor's office came to the table and presented a **School Department budget update**,

The Mayor filed his FY 20 budget measure to Town Council earlier today. The amount allocated to the school department budget will be \$73,619,894, which represents the FY 19 budgeted amount of \$70,815,271 plus a level service increase of \$1,679,515, plus an increase of \$1,041,204 to cover compliance needs, along with \$83,904 for additional needs.

These numbers do not include money for capital measures.

The school budget is going up 4% while town has a 3.4 % increase. More details will be available after the budget is presented to Town Council on Tuesday.

Letter from Massachusetts School Building Authority:

The previous estimate of the amount of money for which the town would be responsible was \$99,222,715. However, the MSBA voted to increase their contribution, so now the town's portion will decrease to \$95,956,564

An examination of 42 recent similar projects through the MSBA revealed that the average cost of a school has been \$524 per square foot whereas the new Chapman is projected to cost \$508 per square foot.

Including projected interest on an estimated 25 year bond, this will save the town \$4.7 million.

All questions asked by the committee were addressed.

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	<p>Chair Belmarsh recounted that it was clear to the MSBA that the educational plan drove the decision on the building design, and that they thought this project impressed them with design elements and improvements that other districts could model. She thanked everyone involved from the Town of Weymouth, project managers Hill International, and HMFH architects.</p> <p>The Special Election to vote on the Debt Exclusion is April 30, 2019. All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building project can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p>
Announcements	<p>Tuesday, April 30, 2019 will be the Special Town Election to fund cost associated with new Chapman Middle School, Those who usually vote at the Library will be voting at Murphy Voting hours will be 7am-8pm, A voting day safety plan is in place for all schools that also serve as voting places, as it will be a school day. The next Weymouth Market will be May 1, 2019 at 3:30pm in the WHS Gold Cafeteria SEPAC-May 7, 2019-Patti Hayes will speak on social and emotional issues, Abigail Adams Library TWPC-Tuesday May 14 - will meet at 7:00 in The WHS Humanities Center</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Vice Chair to adjourn the meeting at 8:28p.m. SECOND: by Dr. Sullivan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
ATTACHED DOCUMENTS	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 42-2019, in the amount of \$1,180,356.32</p> <p>Field Trip: Grade 4 Science/Math, Museum of Science, Boston, MA Dates: May 31, 2019-June 1, 2019</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regular Minutes: 3/28/19 as corrected</p> <p>Transportation Update & Homeless Student Support Policy Sub-Committee Report Last Day of School 2018-2019 2019-2020 School Committee Meeting Dates 2019-2020 School Calendar</p>

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Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary