

Weymouth School Committee Meeting
MJL Humanities Center
May 9, 2019
Minutes

Approved 5/23/19

<p>CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE</p>	<p>At PM 6:00 p.m. Dr. Sullivan moved that the committee enter executive session as permitted by MGLc. 30A, s. 21(a)(2) To hear a level III Grievance regarding Team Chair Stipends as part of the collective bargaining agreement and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel. Mrs. Sheehan seconded Roll Call Vote: Sheehan - yes, Nardone - Yes, Sullivan - Yes, Curran - Yes, Sherlock-Shangraw - Yes).</p> <p>7:25PM 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 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 (arrived at 7:38pm) Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA * Items = tabled</p>	<p>Payment of Bills Warrant 46-2019, in the amount of \$614,267.61</p> <p>Field Trip: Chapman Middle School, Grade 8 - Canobie Lake Park, Salem, NH Dates: June 13, 2019</p> <p>Approval of Minutes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Regular Minutes: 4/25/19 Executive Session Minutes: 4/25/19</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the consent agenda SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>	
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT Bold = speaker</p>	<p>Mrs. Nardone opened public comment. Linda Roy 693 Commercial Street Ms Roy came to the table to inquire about grievance levels, and Team Chair Unit designation and responsibilities. Assistant Superintendent Kustka explained that a level 1 grievance is violation of the contract brought to the direct supervisor if an agreement can not be reached the situation becomes a level 2 grievance at the district level, it moves to level 3 at administration.</p>	

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	<p>Superintendent Curtis-Whipple gave an overview of the Team Chair duties, some of which include overseeing the special education evaluation team special education students, The Team Chair is part of Unit A contract, and on the teacher salary scale.</p>
REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT	<p>The Superintendent shared that Awareness night was held on May 8, 2019 at WHS. The event was truly a collaboration of all departments, especially, Weymouth Police Department, Weymouth Fire Department, Health Department and Weymouth Libraries. Awareness night started with resource tables for community members to learn more about addiction, prevention and treatment and ended with keynote Speaker David Sheff, author of Beautiful Boy. Mr. Sheff stayed long into the night to sign books and meet with community families. Superintendent Curtis-Whipple gave thanks to Betsy Harris, and Eileen Pitts and lead sponsor, South Shore Bank for their hard work in preparing and running such a successful event. On May 15, there will be a community book club event about 'Beautiful Boy'. Dr. Curtis-Whipple thanked Mr. Sheff for going above and beyond with all he did with the staff, students and community families.</p> <p>WHS metal fabrication student, Liam Connolly created a sheet metal project in honor of Sgt. Michael Chesna and presented it to the Chesna family. The project will be displayed at the Weymouth Police Department.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple announced that May 13, 2019 will be evening High School Graduation. A great night to celebrate the evening students.</p> <p>International nights are happening across the district; Academy Ave is hosting theirs on May 16. The School is also doing a reading challenge for the month of May.</p> <p>At Abigail Adams author Max Rigllier visited and spoke to the students on how exciting it is to be an author. The school also did another lip dub video which is a huge hit. It's a throwback to the 80's. Mary Poppins will be on May 16, art show and international night will be on May 22.</p> <p>Dr. Kustka shared that the District will be hosting the 4th Annual Full STEAM ahead event on May 22 at Weymouth High School. It is a humanitarian night along with a free planetarium viewing. The Assistant Superintendent encouraged community members and families to attend. More information to come.</p> <p>The Superintendent gave kudo's to the Wessagusset staff and students for having a 'Making Sense of Our Differences Day' in celebration of autism awareness. Students were able to experience what it is like to have sensory needs.</p> <p>Dr Curtis-Whipple excitedly gave an overview of the information that went to families and staff affected by Chapman changes including the transition plan and</p>

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	<p>additional administrative supports. Chapman will have an interim associate principal, Rebecca Fisher Paulus. Mrs. Fisher Paulus is a dean at WHS with Special Education experience. She will be working closely with Principal Meehan who will oversee students in grade 5-8 and Principal Strauss who will oversee grades 8-12. All three administrators had a positive response to being given this opportunity. The Superintendent reiterated that this transition plan was a collaborative effort across the district and is a great plan for the kids long term and thanked the community and staff for helping to get the word out so a new Chapman would be possible.</p> <p>The Vice Chair echoed the Superintendents thoughts</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked about the remaining primary schools that had not yet been fitted with upgraded security entrances. Assistant Superintendent Smith said that two of the four are almost done, and that grant money would be paying for these upgrades.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p><u>Review of Open Meeting Law Complaint filed by Mr. Gerard Mackin against Chair Lisa Belmarsh and School Committee</u> Joe Callahan, City councilor came to the table and advised that this is the 11th open meeting complaint and he believes no violations occurred</p> <p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to empower the town solicitor to represent the School Committee with respect to these allegations SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p> <p><u>Special Education Presentation-Patricia Hayes, Interim Special Education Administrator</u> Patricia Hayes, Interim Special Education Administrator and Dr. Meg Verlicco, Interim Assistant Special Education Administrator came to the table and presented an overview of their Strategic Plan. Topics included Inclusion-Cohort 1 and Cohort 2, Teaching and Learning, Social Emotional Learning, Program Enhancement including CEP Task Force, Processes and Procedures, and SEPAC-a state mandated council. A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes. All questions asked by the committee were addressed. The committee thanked the presenters for their report.</p> <p><u>Space Request for Non-School sponsored trip in April 2020-10 day tour of Italy (Rome, Sorrento Region, Matera, Bari)</u> A request from staff member Andrea Montgomery to host meeting MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to make our space available for the aforementioned non school trip</p>

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SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Space Request for Non-School sponsored trip in April 2021-11 day tour of Spain (Barcelona), France (Carcassonne, Provence, Nice), Italy (Pisa, Rome)

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to make our space available for the April 2020 and April 2021 non school sponsored trips

Mrs Sheehan noted that the committee only had information for the 2020 trip.

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to provisionally accept the field trips subsequent to any new information

SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Approval for Superintendent Curtis-Whipple to Participate on the Board of South Shore Educational Collaborative effective July, 1, 2019

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to approve Dr. Curtis-Whipple to participate on the board of South Shore Collaborative

SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Approval of Addendum to Superintendent Curtis-Whipple's Contract

Dr. Sullivan read into the record the addendum to the Superintendent's contract (attached to these notes).

MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to accept the addendum

SECOND: by Dr. Sherlock Shangraw
UNANIMOUSLY VOTED

Discuss Unit B Job Descriptions

Pre K-12 Assistant Curriculum Director Fine and Performing Arts

Pre K-12 Assistant Curriculum Director Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Pre K-12 Assistant Curriculum Director Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Pre K-12 Assistant Curriculum Director Humanities

The Superintendent gave an overview of some of the duties of the Assistant

Curriculum Directors. Directors will not be teaching any classes and no additional

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	<p>funding will be required by the district. The district is ‘tweaking’ these job responsibilities and the grade span is different. Directors will be working closely with Dr. Marculitis and Dr. Ho. Unions were also notified as they will have to accept these positions into their union (Unit B). The Superintendent thanked Maryann Bryan and Melanie Curtin and the whole to make this feasible and move forward. Mrs. Curran expressed a preference for a music-only administrator, or at least with someone who has music experience. When hiring for the above positions, Mrs. Curran would like to be sure the new hire will be familiarized with Dr. Nicolucci’s report from a few years ago, and she would like to be on the search committee.</p> <p>Dr. Curtis-Whipple said that this issue will be on the agenda of the next School Committee meeting with a request for action.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p><u>Public Comment</u></p> <p><u>Student Handbooks-Second Reading</u> Rebecca Fisher, Alan Strauss, Karen Monahan, Matt Meehan, Kathy Guilfooy and Rich Bransfield came to the table. Changes made after first reading have been included</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan asked a number of clarifying questions, all of which were answered. Administrators agreed to add: the office phone numbers of assistant superintendents, and examples of post-secondary choices similar to those provided to the committee.</p> <p>Mrs. Sheehan also expressed a desire to make sure students whose 504 plans allow them to use the elevator do not feel like they are being put under a “spotlight” when being asked for a pass to use the elevator.</p> <p><u>a. District and High School Changes</u> No changes from first reading. Vaping language can be looked at for next year. Vaping detectors do not work as students have found a way around detection.</p> <p><u>b. Primary School Changes</u> For the attendance policy -each term (3 in a year) after 5 day of unexcused absence-letter home to parent/guardian. Display of student work was discussed.</p> <p><u>Public Comment-</u> MaryEllen Devine Mrs. Devine shared that she supports that ISS is in all handbooks.</p> <p><u>c. Middle School Changes</u></p>

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	<p>No changes from first reading. The Committee questioned for excessive absence why 4 days and not 5 days (like primary) for letter to families. Principal Meehan pointed out the Middle School has 4 terms as opposed to 3 at the primary level.</p> <p>Moved to third reading</p> <p><u>Chapman School Building Update</u> Wonderful showing of support and vote for new chapman. Assistant Superintendent Smith advised that the School Building Committee will be holding a a meeting Tuesday, May 28, 2019. Meetings are taped and televised.</p> <p>All presentations, minutes and other information regarding the School Building can be found at: www.anewchapman.org</p>
Announcements	<p>Budget Sub-Committee-May 14, 2019 at 6pm, Administration TWPC-May 14, 2019 7pm, Humanities The next Weymouth Market will be June 5, 2019 at 3:30pm in the WHS Gold Cafeteria SEPAC-June 4, 2019 at Abigail Adams Library Robotics-Mattress Sale and Skills USA-Janell Ford Fundraiser on May 11, 2019 at Weymouth High School</p>
NEXT MEETING	<p>Meeting of the WSC Thursday, May 23, 2019 - 7pm - MJL Humanities Center, WHS</p>
ADJOURNMENT	<p>MOTION: by Dr. Sullivan to adjourn the meeting at 8:48p.m. SECOND: by Mrs. Sheehan UNANIMOUSLY VOTED</p>
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	Approval for Superintendent Curtis-Whipple to participate on the Board of SSEC, effective July 1, 2019 Approval of Addendum to Superintendent Curtis-Whipple's contract Pre K-12 Assistant Curriculum Director Job Descriptions
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Submitted by:

John Sullivan, Secretary