



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

April 27, 2023

MEETING OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

Members In Attendance: Tracey Nardone; Interim Chair; Carrie Palazzo (6:02pm), Secretary; Kathy Curran; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw; Steve Buccigross

Members Absent: Mayor Hedlund

Also Present: Robert Wargo, Superintendent; Brian Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Melanie Curtin ; Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

Superintendent Evaluation Update

The Superintendent informed that he is on schedule to provide the end of cycle report on May 4. He will align the goal/standard to the evidence and will also share pictures. It was reminded that if a member has not sat with the Superintendent for a 1 to 1 meeting yet to, schedule it as it is helpful for the evaluation process. Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw will be compiling the data received from the members.

Mrs. Nardone reiterated her disagreement with the public evaluation of the Superintendent.

School Committee Meeting Dates

A suggestion was made to delete the July 20, 2023 meeting, consensus was reached. If need be, a 1 item agenda meeting could be added. Discussion was had of potentially having 2 meetings in November, the 16th and 30th. This will be revisited and evaluated in September.

School Committee Vacancy Procedures

The announcement for the school committee vacancy was reviewed. Letter of interest must be submitted to Eileen by May 12. Sample questions will be sent out to suitable candidates scheduled for interview. Whether review of applicants can happen in executive session or

open meeting was talked over. Per reason 8, applicants will be reviewed in executive session. Eligible candidates will be brought forth for a public interview at a school committee meeting. A minimum of 2 candidates will be moved forward.

The schedule dates were reviewed. The School Committee will review applicants on May 25, 2023 in executive session. Two candidates will be moved forward for an interview at the June 15, 2023 School Committee meeting. Selection of the candidate by the School Committee will be by public vote.

Alternate Pathways

It was stated that the alternative pathways are not a consequence or punitive but to examine the best environment and fit for some students with maladjusted behaviors who are struggling in Tier 2.

Dr. Verlicco, Ms. Cooper, and the executive team have had ongoing conversations. The team would like to build on the Chard Street platform for a behavior focused program utilizing the Adams lower level for students in grade 7-12 struggling with self management. DESE has been consulted.

The pilot program would hold about 30 students and start winter of 2024/25. Staffing would be a Director, 4 teachers and a counselor to begin in fall of 2023 building curriculum and the program. There was previously a job description for a Director of Alternative Education/Pathways. The Superintendent will update the description for the committee and give a deadline for feedback before the position is posted. Assistant Superintendent Smith shared funding sources of operating, ESSER III. The Directors position will need to be built into the operating budget for FY25.

Concerns were raised for grades 7-12 being in the same building as preschoolers. Privacy and safety was mentioned. This first pilot year will not have pre school students in the building.

The goal of the program is for what is best for the student. There will be enrichment and activity opportunities. Re-Entry plans will be thoughtful and planned.

This program is based on the framework presented by Anne Donovan from Accept Collaborative.

The committee requested that the space be inviting and asked for a walk through of the program as well as Chard St. in the fall.

Members showing support at the Chapman 8th grade dance was discussed.

Consensus was reached to have a Meeting of the Whole on June 8, 2023 at 5pm to discuss the compiled Superintendent evaluation data.

PUBLIC COMMENT

-Danielle Graziano

Commented on a student's school refusal going to the alternative pathways program and options.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm on the motion of Mrs. Curran, seconded by Dr. Sherlock-Shgangraw. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carrie Palazzo
Secretary