



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

MaryJo Livingstone Humanities Center & Zoom

February 1, 2024

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 2/15/24)

Members In Attendance: Tracey Nardone, Chair; Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw, Vice Chair; Mary-Ellen Devine, Secretary; Kathy Curran; Danielle Graziano

Members Absent: Mayor Hedlund, Steven Buccigross

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

The meeting began at 6:02pm

Mrs. Nardone moved to enter into executive session;
Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 21(a)(2): To conduct collective bargaining session: WEA Level III Grievance
Motion seconded by Mrs. Devine. Roll call vote. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

The chair informed that the meeting is being recorded and available on WETC.

Mrs. Nardone led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

The Consent agenda included:

- Payment of Bills: Confirmation of Warrant: 30 -2024 Date: 1/22/24 Amount: \$1,792,335.76
- Regular Meeting Minutes: 1/18/24
- Meeting of the Whole Minutes: 1/11/24
- Executive Session Minutes: 1/18/24

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Devine. Motion unanimously passed.

Report of the Superintendent:

Superintendent Wargo congratulated WHS basketball player Edrick Louissant on scoring his 1000th point and the girls indoor track team members Kate Carnes, Leah Glavin, Gracie Richard and Izzy Galusha for winning 4x800 and placing 12th in the nation.

Kindergarten registration is open and will close on April 1, 2024.

5 volunteers, including Ms. Graziano, have completed the training orientation for the Chapman volunteer group.

The Superintendent presented an update (attached to these minutes) on the Strategic Plan. Planning began in June of 2021 with educational visioning by Dr. Locker as well as stakeholder input. Hundreds of hours of work have taken place. The timeline was reviewed. From visioning came engagement, empowerment, and equity which are now focus areas of student learning, student belonging, and family & community partnerships. Goals, expected outcomes, and action steps were outlined. Alignment from District to School to Department and Teachers was shared. Student learning, student belonging, and family & community partnerships are included at all levels and represented in each school's school improvement plan. One pager District Vision will be posted around the schools.

WEA President Murphy asked that the word Teacher be replaced with Educator in the presentation.

Intervention strategies, attendance, student success as well as resolute instructional leaders were discussed. Relationship building between students and school adults was emphasized.

A suggestion was made to include the focus areas on all communications going out.

All questions by the committee were addressed. Thanks for the presentation.

Superintendent Wargo shared that the district is proposing to have 3 modular spaces at the Hamilton school. Increasing enrollments as well as possible redistricting was mentioned. It was noted that the School Committee would have to vote to add and place modulars. Modular spaces will be placed on the capital list. Short term (5-7 years) and long term (7+ years) plans to accommodate the district's growing needs as well as growing student needs were stressed. Modulars would be similar in size to the ones at Academy and installation to Talbot. Which programming that would be housed in the modulars is still being evaluated.

As Johnson will be vacant starting September 2024, talks of alternate uses may include dual language school, innovation school, or a 9th primary school. Both the language and innovation schools would be part of the WPS system. Information was requested whether Chapman has

increased student retainment. Boilers and heating assessment are included on the capital list. Johnson was built in 1951. Stakeholder input will be gathered on future use of Johnson. A request was made for the Superintendent to keep the committee updated on enrollments, capacities and numbers.

Assistant Superintendent Smith shared that the goal of having the site ready at Mitchell Field for the Open Air Transportation Structure is September 2024. The building could potentially be a solar project and will house ~30 vans. Thanks and appreciation was expressed to the van drivers, monitors, and maintenance for their patience.

Capital Plan requests (attached to these minutes) of curriculum and instructions, instructional technology, and operations & maintenance that will be submitted to town were reviewed.

Funding of the Adams measures were discussed. An additional measure would be needed for exterior work.

Capital Requests will be included in the public hearing on March 7, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Budget Sub-Committee Report-1/24/24

Assistant Superintendent Smith shared that the goal for the FY25 budget is level service expenses, level service staff, however budget factors of increasing needs of all students, competitive salaries, end of ESSER funding and circuit breaker obligations may impact that. Contractual bargaining is in addition to these factors. Projections of the fiscal cliff were presented in the Fall of 2022. Typical funding of 3.8% from town may be impacted by revenues. State revenue Chapter 70 and charter school reimbursement is flat. The preliminary budget will be available 2/15/24. The next budget meeting will be February 7 at 6:00pm.

c. Superintendent Goals & Focus Indicators (Action Requested)

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw and seconded by Mrs. Devine to table Superintendent goals until the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

d. School Committee Goals (Action Requested)

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw and seconded by Mrs. Devine to approve the 2023-2024 School Committee Goals as corrected in the Meeting of the Whole; Promoting an Inclusive and Supportive Environment, Partnering with the Superintendent on the Master Facilities Plan, Negotiating Collective Bargaining, Maintaining the Policy Handbook, Approval of the Budget, and Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Weymouth High School Program of Studies-Second Reading-Principal Monahan, Interim Associate Principal Northup

Principal Monahan explained that language will be amended to 'highly recommend' for the prerequisite of Jazz Band.

There was no public comment on the WHS program of studies.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to combine the second and third reading of the WHS program of studies. Seconded by Mrs. Devine. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the WHS program of studies as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Devine. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Policies for Second Reading:

IE - Organization of Instruction

IGD - Curriculum Adoption

IHAI - Occupational Education

IHBG-R - Homeschooling

IMA - Teaching Activities/Presentation

IMG - Animals in School

EFC - Universal Free School Meals

EFD - School Nutrition Program Charge Policy

IMGA - Service Animals in School

EFE - Civil Rights Complaint Policy for Child Nutrition Programs

IGA & IGD - Curriculum Development and Adoption

Mrs. Curran advised these policies include minor edits or are being removed-recommendations by MASC.

There was no public comment for these policies.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw and seconded by Mrs. Devine to combine the second and third readings of the policies listed on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw to approve the recommendations of the policy sub committee for policies IE, IGD, IHAI, IHBG-R, IMA, IMG, EFC, IMGA, EFE, IGA & IGD. Seconded by Mrs. Devine. Motion passed unanimously.

c. Update and status of Abigail Adams and Johnson - Assistant Superintendent Smith

Assistant Superintendent Smith gave an update of the last meeting. Exterior work was discussed and there was a walkthrough. Van loop, parent and staff parking, as well as green space were talked about. There will be additional cost for exterior work. The early education program

entrance will be on the Academy Ave side of the building and security will be with fobs and keys
There will be a lift at the gym entrance.

Public Comment

In accordance with Policy BEDH and kept to 3 minutes.

-Elizabeth Foster Nolan, 54 House Rock Rd

Inquired why a safety update was not part of the agenda as it was stated that it would be a standing agenda item in a previous meeting.

-Katie Monteiro, 8 Chauncey St

Commented on the amount of the deficit and items on the capital list. She suggested the money used for lit signage at WHS could be spent elsewhere like adding additional fob access at primary schools.

Announcements:

SEPAC-February 27, 2024, 7pm Zoom-Federation for Children with Special Needs

SEPAC-April 23, 2024-Resource Fair at Chapman

Scholarship applications are still available,more information on Weymouth Scholarship FB page

Next School Committee Meeting:

Meeting of the Whole: Monday, February 5, 2024 - 6:00pm

Regular Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024 - 7:00pm

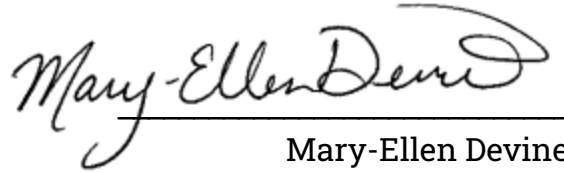
The Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm on the motion by Dr. Sherlock-Shangraw and seconded by Mrs. Devine. Motion passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- Superintendent's Report-Strategic Plan presentation
- Facilities Update and Capital Plan presentation
- WHS Program of Studies
- Proposed Changes to WHS Program of Studies
- IE - Organization of Instruction
- IGD - Curriculum Adoption
- IHAI - Occupational Education
- IHBG- Homeschooling
- IMA - Teaching Activities/Presentation
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- JC - Attendance Areas
- JCA - Assignment of Students to Schools

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary-Ellen Devine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

Mary-Ellen Devine
Secretary