



Weymouth

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Weymouth School Committee

Humanities Center & Zoom

September 14, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

(approved 10/5/23)

Members In Attendance: Tracey Nardone, Chair; Carrie Palazzo, Secretary; Kathy Curran, Steven Buccigross; Danielle Graziano

Members Absent: Rebecca Sherlock-Shangraw, Vice Chair; Mayor Hedlund

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

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: 10-2024 Date: 9/5/23 Amount:\$ 1,111,822.61
- Payment of Bills: Confirmation of Warrant: 08-2024 Date: 8/21/23 Amount: \$1,087,782.98
- Budget Sub Minutes: 6/21/23, 8/9/23
- Regular Minutes: 8/17/23
- Executive Session Minutes: 8/17/23

Motion by Ms. Palazzo to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mr. Buccigross. Motion passed unanimously.

Report of the Superintendent:

The Superintendent shared information regarding Kindergarten registration, assignment, and process. Mr. Wargo advised that he believes he is in compliance with policies JCA & JC and asked the committee to look at the policies at the policy sub committee if they feel language needs to be adjusted. There are currently 449 kindergarten students of which 34 have been assigned to a non neighborhood school. To maintain equitable class size across the district and abiding by the Unit A contract the Superintendent expressed that Equitable distribution of students is the best long term solution. Families may reach out if they are experiencing hardship due to school assignment.

The facilities team comprises of Committee Member Curran, Assistant Superintendent Smith, Chief of Staff Langil, CPO MacLeod, Mr. Meehan, and Principals Monahan, Burm, Costello, Higgins, and Ronan. Mr. Meehan is currently performing auditor assessments of schools educational space.

All questions by the committee were addressed.

The focus areas of the visioning development with Frank Locker have been identified. They are student learning, student belonging, and family and community partnership. Equity, empowerment, and engagement will be intertwined in these areas.

The Superintendent shared the process of creating bus routes and that there were transportation delays. Of 5700 students, 3000 take the bus. Assistant Superintendent Smith advised that parents should apply for the bus as soon as possible and that payment may be made at a later time.

Systems are in place if classroom temperatures rise again.

The Superintendent expressed his thanks and appreciation to all schools for the start of the new school year, complimenting the Seach and Chapman schools spirit.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Discuss MASC delegate at MASC conference

The Chair requested that if committee members are interested in attending the conference in November to reach out to her. Members were also asked to review the resolutions which will be voted on at the October 5th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Assistant Superintendent Smith summarized the meeting of September 12, 2023. Design work is complete for classrooms and offices; there will be 20 classrooms with bathrooms and sinks in each. The project was rebid and the contractor will be announced soon. Sub bids will be awarded the first week of October. Additional funding is set from the Town Council. The next meeting will be on Oct 10, 2023 however may be moved due to the long weekend.

Public Comment

In accordance with Policy BEDH.

There was none.

Announcements:

-Budget Sub-Committee-September 20, 2023, 6:00pm - Abigail Adams Library-Canceled

-SEPAC-September 19, 2023, 7:00pm, A director from Aspire will speak

Next School Committee Meeting:

Regular Meeting: Thursday, October 5, 2023 - 7:00pm

The Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm on the motion of Ms. Palazzo, seconded by Mr. Buccigross.
Motion passed unanimously.

Documents Attached to These Minutes:

- Kindergarten presentation

Respectfully Submitted,



Carrie Palazzo
Secretary