

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010

Date: 11/09/2010

Time: 7:10 PM

Location: School Committee Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Makara

I. Motion: Move to go into executive session according to M.G.L. Chapter 39 S23B to consider strategy with respect to collective bargaining.

The motion was made by Member Collins

The motion was seconded by Member Czechowski

The following roll call was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

0 members having abstained

The following Committee Members were present:

Member Collins

Member Gorski Strong

Member Czechowski

Member McNulty

II. Motion: to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2010 meeting

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong

The motion was seconded by Member McNulty

The following roll call was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

0 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

III.

Dr. Gregory Ciardi, Superintendent of Schools presented the Superintendent's Report

Dr. Ciardi presented the Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

Assistant to the Superintendent for Business, Mr. Ted Avlas presented information on the following information:

Review of Final Budget Report

- End of Year report submitted last week
- Documents were provided showing surplus and deficit items.
- Surplus in the following:
 1. Teacher salaries-\$60,725-monies left due to resignations, retirements with rehires at a lower step
 2. Tools of the Mind-\$22,145
 3. SPED tuitions-\$169,561- budget had 7% increase with fewer students being serviced resulting in surplus
 4. Grant Director was not hired leaving a surplus of \$50,000
 5. Technology contracted services went out to bid with a final bid accepted at \$10,360 less than FY9
 6. Private tuitions were budgeted for two students and only one attended leaving \$16,726
 7. Heating fuel had a surplus of \$131, 019 hopefully due to the conversion to natural gas
 8. Electricity had \$41,028 in surplus
 9. Telephone expenses were lower due to Erate funds with a surplus of \$28, 361
- Deficits
 1. Longevity stipends \$33,000

2. Teaching Associates \$12,705
 3. Educational supplies \$54,218
 4. Medical Supplies/Services had a \$12,191 deficit due to the Pregnant/Parenting Teen Program that serviced 28 at risk students at the high school. The program was originally dropped, but picked back up after relooking at the situation. The program is not just for pregnant students. The program works with students to prevent pregnancy.
 5. Textbooks \$27,113 in deficit
 6. Substitutes were a \$32,483 deficit
 7. Professional training had a \$11,470 deficit
 8. Course Reimbursement had a \$16,837 deficit
 9. SPED contracted services had a \$30,527 deficit which we are looking to address in FY12
 10. Insurances \$6,920 deficit with an increase in the number of staff waiving insurance and receiving \$500 stipend
 11. Building maintenance was in a deficit of \$144,148 because of water and drainage, air conditioning and air quality issues at Bartlett High School
 12. Technology was in deficit at \$39,547 which was made up with Erate funds. The Erate funds also were used for the implementation of the PowerSchool Program.
 13. Transportation had deficit of \$65,628 due to increase in special education transportation needs
- Revolving Accounts are all in balance. Some older accounts with small balances will be closed out. (see documentation).

Principals Report was presented by Carolyn Wallace, Park Avenue Elementary School:

- Halloween Parade was a success. There was a huge turn out that promoted a very nice school climate
- Activities for the playground have been added the PTO
- Staff have been using Examining Student Work with laser-like focus
- MCAS documents were provided
 - Park Avenue Elementary met AYP in all areas and all subgroups
 - No Status in math and ELA-no status is good!
 - AYP in ELA in 2009 and 2010
 - AYP in Math 2010
 - 11.4% average improvement
 - 15.5% increase in white subgroup
 - Advanced and proficient scores increased
 - Needs Improvement and Warning decreased
 - K-2 teachers need to know what works when students go to grade 3
 - Non-fiction writing will have laser-like focus
 - Continued collaboration between grade 2 and grade 3 teachers
 - Grade 2 needs to know what is expected for grade 3
 - Understanding the MCAS test questions is important
 - MCAS Test generator will also be used at Park Avenue, along with the high school

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gregory Ciardi reported the following District Wide News:

1. Young Adult Library Services Newsletter

- Suzanne Larson BHS Librarian received \$1000 award in June to attend the conference held in Washington D.C.
- Mrs. Larson was quoted in the newsletter.
- Mrs. Larson met and conversed with Congressman Neal while attending the conference leading to a visit by the Congressmen to the BHS library in October.
- Dr. Ciardi gave kudos to Suzanne Larson

2. Electronic Grade Book

- Happy to report parent portal open Friday, November 5, 2010
- 224 parents have already logged on to the portal
- Reporting practices will be more transparent
- Parents will see assignments/quizzes tests
- Valuable tool for families to see students work

3. Professional Development Research for Better Teaching

- 25 Teachers enrolled in course that will give strategies for high expectations

IV. Student Representative to the School Committee Daniel Zalewski presented the following:

- Rick and Dick Hoyt-“Anything is Possible” presentation was extremely powerful
- National Honor Society Induction was last week
- Sports updates
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are November 17, 2010
- *Rock the Arts* Talent Show November 19, 2010
- The VDance will be the Friday after Thanksgiving
- Steven Brennan was the new cameraman this evening

V. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gregory M. Ciardi reported the following Old Business

VI. Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Gregory M. Ciardi reported the following New Business:

A. Anti-Bullying Policy First Reading

- Bullying Prevention Slide Show-(documents included)
- Bullying Policy presented that will need three readings.
- An email address has been set up to report bullying at bullying@wesbster-schools.org
- A hotline to report bullying has been established at (508) 943-0104 x 27
- There will be an open meeting on November 30, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Filmer Building
- Member Gorski-Strong suggested that copies of the draft policy be available at parent conferences
- Readings will be as follows:
 - 1st Reading November 9, 2010
 - 2nd Reading November 23, 2010
 - 3rd Reading December 14, 2010

B. Math Facilitator Job Description

- Job description for the previously approved position was presented

Motion: to approve Math Facilitator job description as presented

The motion was made by Member McNulty

The motion was seconded by Member Czechowski

The following roll call was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

0 members having abstained

The motion: passed

Failed

Review/Transfer/Signing of Bills, Payrolls and Vouchers: Committee reviewed and signed bills and vouchers.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting:

The motion was made by Member McNulty

The motion was seconded by Member Czechowski

he following roll call was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

0 members having voted in the negative

0 members having abstained

The motion: passed
 Failed

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Munsch