

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Date: May 10, 2016 Time: 6:30 PM Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by

The following Committee Members were present:

- o Chairman Collins
- o Member Makara
- o Member Gorski-Strong Arrived at 6:40 PM, left @ 8:10 PM
- o Member Hurton
- o Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Move into Executive Session in Accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, S21(a) to consider strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to discuss nonunion personnel positions

Motion: To Move into Executive Session in Accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, S21(a) to consider strategy with respect to collective bargaining and to discuss non union personnel positions :

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 4 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

Motion: To return to public session immediately following executive session

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 5 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

II. Return to Public Session – Reorganization of Committee

Motion: Move to appoint Shawn Collins as Chairman of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Makara
The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

Motion: Move to appoint Michael Makara as vice Chairman of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong
The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

Motion: Move to nominate Martina Gorski-Strong as Secretary

The motion was made by Member Makara
The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

III. Approval of April 26, 2016 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the April 26, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Hurton
The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
1 members having abstained (Member Chenevert)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Administration Renovation Update – BayPath plumbing students along with carpentry students are working, one week ahead of time. Framing has begun. Will present budget at upcoming meeting
- Food Services – Summer Food Program has been approved – more details to follow
- Food Services Director – Ellen Nysten. August 1st start date. Relocating from Indianapolis, her bio was given
- CEP Program – this year numbers of participation have increased. Looking forward to next year's participation. There is a bill pending that would change the formula for calculating low income students, if that goes forward we would not qualify for this program

B. Principal Report – Carolyn Wallace, Park Avenue Elementary School

- Incoming kindergarten students came last week for a presentation, over 150 people attended
- EOS / Breakfast in the Classroom – districts that had 80% or higher participation attending an event at the State House. For the second year we have received a \$500 grant
- Someone Special Dance held last week. Set a limit of 450, sold out quickly. Discussing ways that all can attend next year.
- Unified Arts Day will be held this year in place of Field Day. It will be June 8th as a whole school event

The Academic Interventionists from Park Avenue Elementary gave a power point presentation on the their program

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

➤ Personnel Announcement

Dr. Malkas announced her intent to resign effective June 30, 2016. Letter to the School Committee included in the packet

Pat Corriera from MASC was present to discuss the process for selecting a superintendent. She stated the pool of candidates is low, she encouraged an interim as it is not advisable to begin a search now. Recommended look for internal candidates.

The Committee also asked if she could provide a list of possible interims. The official search will begin in September. Pat provided a tentative timeline. Discussion continued over the timeline, posting, advertising, It was agreed that an internal posting would be done immediately, MASC would do an external search and a list of 4-5 would be given to the Committee to review.

V. Public Hearing: School Choice

Current School Choice enrollment limitation was reviewed (included in packet) along with specific grades that are at their max vacancies. Chairman Collins asked if there are any recommendations for change in the school choice vote. Dr. Malkas does feel Bartlett average class size is high. Conversation around enrollment and financial exposure continued.

It was decided to keep the school choice vote of last year will remain the same.

VI. Student Update – Robert Price

- AP exams began last Monday
- Super Team Banquet was held last Wednesday
- PreProm presentation held last Friday, Prom was this past Saturday, 120 attended
- Sports update given
- HS concert will be held May 24th

VII. Old Business

A. FY 17 Budget Update

Dr. Malkas stated that there is a line item over-ride break down available on line at the Superintendent page and there are also hard copies available at the Business Office.

The House passed the budget increase in Ch. 70 funding, but Webster Public Schools will not receive anything. The House Ways and Means will vote May 17th, it will then go to the Senate. Mr. Avlas sent a letter to Senator Fattman with his concerns.

B. 3rd Quarter Budget Review

Mr. Avlas distributed a budget up through the end of April. (80% of the school year complete) He highlighted specific items. To date we have received \$30,000 in Net-metering credits (WMS). Once the other two schools are on-line we should see similar savings.

C. Request to Transfer Funds

Mr. Avlas is requesting that the School Committee authorize him to be able to complete necessary line item transfers to balance the FY16 budget for the close of the fiscal year.

Motion: To approve the Office of Business and Finance authority to transfer funds between multiple accounts for remaining of FY16

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

 4 members having voted in the affirmative

 0 members having voted in the negative

 0 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

D. Review of Town Meeting Articles

Town Meeting was held last night. Our first article was passed over until June 6th meeting. We are prepared to move forward with the repairs. The paving will be approx.. \$12,600 and signage will be \$4,800. At the request of Student Rep the student parking lot was appraised and it would cost over \$16,000 to replace, repairs will be done at this time.

Will bring to the committee at the next meeting the exact figures for the technology article.

VIII. New Business

A. Superintendent Search Process Discussion

Included in Personnel Announcement

B. Designation of Email Record Keeper

Dr. Malkas stated that normally the email record keeper is the administrative assistant to the superintendent

Motion: Designate Lori Glennon as the email record keeper

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

C. Designation of Legislative Representative

Motion: To nominate Mr. David Hurton as the Legislative Representative

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Dr. Malkas is suggesting the next School Committee meeting be moved to Thursday, May 26th. The regular scheduled date of May 24th has a conflict with the BHs Spring Concert. Committee members were in agreement to change the date.

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

A. Approve transfer request from WMS Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

Withdrawn for further review

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Respectfully Submitted;

Lori Glennon

Documents used during this meeting include:

- April 26, 2016 Minutes
- School Choice enrollment figures
- Business and Finance Office request to transfer
- YTD Budget Report
- Academic Intervention Specialist power point presentation
- Superintendent Search hand-outs from MASC