

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 26, 2016

Date: April 26, 2016 Time: 6:45PM

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 Hurton

The following Committee Members were absent:

- o Member Gorski-Strong
- o Member Chenevert

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 consier strategy with respect to collective bargaining: Approval of March 8, 2016 Minutes:

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

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 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:

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

The motion: X passed
 Failed

II. Approval of March 22, 2016 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the March 22, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion: X passed
 Failed

Motion: To approve the April 12, 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
 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- The Nellie Twardzik Ceremony was held April 13th – Tribute to Hall of Fame Bartlett graduate. YouTube account has been set up that will air the ceremony
- Library Building Committee met last Tuesday. The temporary Library will be at the Town Hall. Demolition should begin this summer
- Administrative Renovation – Bay Path ready to begin construction before summer break
- Town Administrator Screening Committee met last night. A timeline has been set
- Charter Review Committee will hold its second meeting tomorrow night
- Board of Selectman held a Public Hearing last night on the Prop 2 ½ ballot question
- May 2 Town Elections
- May 5 FinCom Public Hearing
- May 9 Special Town Meeting begins at 6:00 PM
- May 9 Annual Town Meeting begins at 7:00 PM. It has been determined that this meeting will open and immediately adjourn until possibly June 1st.

B. Principal Report – Steven Knowlton, Bartlett High School

- In process of accessing applications for the next cohort for Nichols Academy. May 23rd the new participants will be announced.
- Mr. Knowlton has attended three meetings at QCC. In the preliminary stages of offering classes beginning Sept. 2017. This offering of College & Career pathway classes will provide college credits to students

- Today had a drug dog sweep – nothing found
- May 3 Budget Workshop – 6:30
- May 4 Super Team Banquet - 5:30
- May 6 Pre Prom Program will be held at 12:30 PM for all students
- May 7 Prom
- May 31 Senior Honors Night – 6:00

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. PARCC Update

Park Avenue Elementary did their computer based trial test today. On Thursday Webster Middle will do their paper & pencil trial. Dr. Malkas gave the testing schedule (included in packet) and said they are posted on the school web sites.

2. Announcements

On May 17th, in collaboration with District Attorney Joseph Early, a Safe Communities Forum will be held at Bartlett High School

A requirement of federal grants if intending to apply for Federal grants we must notify School Committee and also the public of intent to apply. Lois Taylor has posted this intent in the local newspaper (included in packet). This is a 21st Century grant, upon receipt further communication will be given.

Budget Workshops will be held May 3rd at BHS and May 5th at PAE and this coming Thursday at WMS

IV. Student Update – Robert Price

- Unified Basketball Game held today at BHS with Life Skills Students
- Spring sports update given
- April 28th – National Honor Talent Show
- Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30 the Super Team Banquet will be held
- Prom is May 7th
- AP testing to begin soon
- May 24th – Spring Concert

V. Old Business

A. FY 17 Budget Update

The House Ways & Means Budget Proposal was released, recommendations for additional funding to public schools and Ch. 70 funding. Mr. Avlas highlighted the recommendations. The expansion of the kindergarten grant with new qualifications for funding would add \$59,000 for Webster, under this proposal we would be eligible to restore instructional assistants in the kindergarten classes.

Mr. Avlas reviewed the BY17 school budget priorities. 8.7% Budget is being recommended. It does require a 2 1/2 % over ride

B. Review of Town Meeting Articles

There is an article for technology on the warrant at the annual Town Meeting. Clarification was given regarding the operating budget including chrome books. Discussion continued on purchasing or leasing the chrome books.

The Special Town Meeting article is for additional paving a signage at Bartlett High School

VI New Business

A. Approval of Instructional Assistants' and ABA 2016-2019 M

Dr. Malkas stated that a memorandum of Agreement has been ratified for the Instructional Assistants. A lot of changes are to update language to be in compliance. Clarification was given on all changes (included in packet).

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Instructional Assistants for the period of July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

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

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

B Approval of out of state field trip – BHS Senior Class to High Meadow, Granby, CT

Annually Bartlett High School Senior class travels to High Meadow in Granby Ct. The trip this year is planned for May 20th.

Motion: To approve out of state field trip – BHS Senior Class to High Meadow, Granby, CT on May 20, 2016

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

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

Approve Transfer of Bartlett High School Operating account

Mr. Avlas gave explanation of the transfer request line items of Bartlett High School operating expenses.

Motion: Move to approve the transfer request as presented

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

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed
 Failed

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

Motion: Move to approve the \$20,784.76 transfer from the Bartlett High School student activity savings account to checking account.

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM

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

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Respectfully Submitted;

Lori Glennon

Documents used during this meeting include:

- March 22, 2016 Minutes
- April 12, 2016 Minutes
- PARCC testing schedule
- Instructional Assistants Association contract changes
- Instructional Assistants MOA
- BHS out of state field trip – Grade 12 to Granby CT
- BHS operating account transfer request
- BHS student activity transfer request