

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, November 10, 2015

Date: November 10, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by

- o Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members were present:

- o Member Hurton
- o Member Makara
- o Member Chenevert
- o Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members were absent:

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Approval of October 27, 2015 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the October 27, 2015 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 4 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- 1 members having abstained (Gorski-Strong)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- The next School building Committee meeting will be held Thursday, 11/19. It will be held at the Park Avenue Elementary School Library
- Results of the testing came back on the abatement at BHS – everything came back fine
- FY15 Budget is in the close out phase

B. Principal Report – Jennifer Lundwall, Webster Middle School

- First Standard Based Progress Report going out 11/13
- Parent Conferences will be held Tuesday, 11/17 from 6-8PM and 11/19 from 12-2PM
- Created a new team and it has been named Warrior Wildcats
- At Faculty Meeting today discussed classroom management, received good feedback
- 95% attendance rate for students for the month of Octobym

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. PARCC and MCAS Results

Dr. Malkas presented the PARCC results data that were released today. She compared grade level MCAS and PARCC results. A review of the scoring levels for each test was provided. Our average performance with PARCC was a 3 in ELA, Math had slightly lower scores. Our CPI (Composite Performance Index) scores show increases in ELA and Math. Our SGP (Student Growth Profile) showed high performance in student growth for ELA and Math. Preliminary scores place us at Level 3. Our district participated in PARCC with the paper and pencil version versus electronically. November 17th the State will announce if it will require PARCC or MCAS 2.0 for all districts.

Dr. Kelley presented Grade 10 MCAS results. The power point gave a four year comparison of Math and ELA. He also gave a comparison of our students in relation to state results.

There was discussion on programs to support students that are struggling and what more can be done. Dr. Malkas concluded that there are so many variables in our district that are out of our control, but she is very pleased with the results.

III. Student Update – Robert Price

- At the last meeting he informed the Committee about the Nichols Leadership Conference that some of our students attended. He read a press announcement that gave additional details. There were 18 female juniors that attended this workshop on career readiness. This was provided from a grant obtained by Rebecca Czernecki
- Last Thursday the National Honor Society Induction took place
- Teacher Conferences will be held Wednesday, 11/18 at 6:30
- The cheerleaders won the MSSAA Massachusetts Regionals Competition
- Two football games remaining, all other sports are complete

IV Old Business

A. Athletic Practice Schedule Discussion

Member Hurton reiterated his concern with mandatory Sunday athletic practices. He said it has been a personal concern of his for many years, recently other parents have approached him. With Family Engagement a district goal he feel this is something to be addressed. There was discussion over current handbook language. Member Hurton suggested flexibility in scheduling Sunday practices.

Athletic Director, Tony Paranto along with many team coaches were present. Mr. Paranto said that some teams face a disadvantage without holding Sunday practices. He also pointed out that the coaches are missing family time, but have a passion for the sport. He was not aware of anyone getting penalized.

There was conversation pertaining to gym and field time and the importance of sports for students. Member Chenevert stated his concern that there have been penalties for missed practices and sometimes students and parents are afraid to complain. Mr. Paranto felt this may have been an isolated incident and it was address.

A few of the coaches stood to emphasize their flexibility and understanding in scheduling practices. A couple parents stood to express their opinion. One parent did state that her child was penalized for not attending Sunday practices due to court ordered parent custody.

Dr. Malkas summarized the will of the Committee and stated that she along with Mr. Knowlton and Mr. Paranto will address parents and coaches concerns.

V New Business

A. Appoint Designee to Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative

Annually the School Committee must appoint a representative to represent the district on participating collaborative boards. The superintendent has been the school appointed representative since 2012.

Motion: Move to appoint Dr. Malkas as the designee to the Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative

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

B. Appoint Designee to Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative

Same as above

Motion: Move to appoint Dr. Malkas as the designee to the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative

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

C. Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents Academic Excellence Award

Each year a senior student at each high school is identified for academic excellence to be acknowledged by the district superintendent to receive the Massachusetts Association of Superintendents Award. This year the recipient for Bartlett High School is John Hughes. Dr. Malkas gave a bio of John and his accomplishments.

The Committee applauded John for his receipt of the award and his many accomplishments

D. FY2017 Budget Calendar

Mr. Avlas reviewed the FY17 Budget calendar (enclosed in the packet). Chairman Collins suggested that we hold several public meetings this year. Mr. Avlas agreed, stating that by law one public hearing must be held two weeks prior to submission. There was discussion regarding creating a subcommittee for budget. Discussion continued on the most effective way to engage the community along with Acting Town Manager and Finance Committee

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

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents used during this meeting:

- ❖ October 27, 2015 Minutes
- ❖ PARCC Results 2015 PowerPoint
- ❖ Bartlett High School Handbook – pages 38-40
- ❖ FY2017 Budget Timeline