

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Wednesday, July 1, 2015

Date: July 1, 2015 Time: 7:00 PM Location: School Committee Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order by

- o Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members were present:

- o Member Hurton
- o Member Chenevert
- o Member Makara

The following Committee Members were absent:

- o Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to order:

II. **FY2016 Budget** Mr. Avlas stated that at the Town Meeting held last night an additional \$67,172.00 was approved. along with the Draft 9 FY 16 budget. The recommendation for the additional funds is to restore athletics at Bartlett High School along with extracurricular.

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| ExtraCurricular will restore | - Drama |
| | - National Honor Society |
| | - Mock Trial |
| | - Medical Careers |
| | - Senior Class Advisor (1 of 2) |
| | - Art Club |
| Along with all athletic teams | - Freshman Basketball |
| | - Freshman Football |
| | - Boys / Girls Tennis |
| | - Boys / Girls Outdoor Track |
| | - Boys / Girls Cross Country |
| | - Golf |
| | - JV Cheerleading |
| | - Boys / Girls Indoor Track |

Member Hurton asked about considering the additional Senior Class Advisor and National Honor be reduced and use additional funds to restore Webster Middle School extra curricular activities. Mr. Avlas said the District Leadership Team would consider.

Motion: To approve the FY 16 Budget in the amount of \$18,271,488.

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

Conversation continued regarding FY17 budget and best practice to make information available to the public. Mr. Avlas said this year was difficult to determine budget due to the grade reconfiguration and the late release of the Governors budget. Mr. Avlas said he is optimistic with increased enrollment we will see significant increase in Chapter 70 funds.

Member Makara recognized Interim Town Manager, Pam Regis, the Finance Committee, but remained frustrated that at the last minutes funds are available. Every year we have less funds set aside to fall back on.

Member Hurton stated that if an override is proposed for next year we must have a focused group to promote and inform voters.

Parent, Paige Rockwood was in attendance and said she became aware of the budget process on Facebook. She said there is a need for more accurate information available to the public. There was discussion around possibly having a parent focus group to inform the public on the process; debriefing on the FY16 process and educating on the FY17. Ms. Rockwood stated it would be helpful to know how this process is done to alleviate inaccurate perceptions.

III. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Items included in the packet:

- ❖ FY16 Budget