

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, May 23, 2017

Date: May 23, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Hurton

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Chenevert
- Member Makara
- Member Napierata
- Member Seddiki

The following Committee Members were absent:

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Approval of May 9, 2017 Minutes

Motion: To approve May 9, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

1 members having abstained (Member Napierata)

The motion: X Passed
 Failed

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Park Avenue Elementary Building Update
 - Continue in the close out phase. Resolving a few lingering issues.
- Administrative Reno Update
 - Bypath has been working every day on the drywall/taping, plumbing & painting.
 - Doorways and glass have been installed, HVAC in final stages
 - At the end of the school year the project will shut down. At the beginning of the next school year there are additional items that Bay Path will complete.
 - Hoping the project will be completed December 2017

Last week Mr. Avlas attended a three day MASBO conference on Cape Cod. The theme was Safe and Sound Schools. He gave an overview of the presentations that were given.

Mr. Lind said that Ms. Lundwall is out on medical leave, Mr. Kaczynski has been named Acting Principal

B. Principal Report – Anthony Kaczynski – Webster Middle School

- Transition has gone well (acting principal). Have received support from staff and other administrators.
- Spoke with incoming principal, Michael Zajac, he will plan to spend the day at WMS in early June
- State testing is coming to an end. On-line testing went smoothly. The behind the scene work has made positive outcome.
- Thursday, 5/30 – Student Art Exhibit and Band & Chorus Concert
- Friday, 6/2 – Great East Music Festival
- Grade 8 End of Year Celebration will take place at Indian Ranch again this year

- June 20th – Step up day – Grade 4 students come to WMS
- April Attendance – 94% for grades 5&6 95% for grades 7&8

Chairman Hurton thanked Mr. Kaczynski for stepping up as acting principal

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Webster Middle School Principal Announcement

The district completed the Webster Middle School Principal Search. A contract has been signed with Mr. Michael Zajac, Mr. Lind gave a brief bio on Mr. Zajac.

Mr. Lind thanked the search committee for their hard work.

2. Recognition of School Committee Student Representative

Mr. Lind acknowledged Lyndsay Makie, the Student Representative on the School committee, she served in that role and did a great job. Given that this is her last meeting, we wanted to take a few minutes to thank her.

Chairman Hurton presented her with a certificate of appreciation.

III. Student Update – Lyndsay Makie

- The last day for seniors is this Friday, May 26th with their finals taking place May 30th to June 2nd
- June 5th – Senior Class trip to High Meadows
- June 6th – Grad Parade and Senior Banquet
- June 7th – Senior cookout
- The National Honor Society is hosting a Talent Show tonight
- Sports update was given

IV. Old Business

A. Costa Rica Trip Presentation

Ms. Melinda Doherty gave a PowerPoint presentation of the recent trip to Costa Rica. Nine students (8 females and 1 male) traveled for 8 nights, 9 days with Ms. Doherty and Mrs. Coulson.

B. FY18 Budget Update

Mr. Lind said at the State level there continues to be moving parts. Mr. Avlas stated that the Senate House & Ways budget came out, he reviewed those proposals. If additional Chapter 70 funds come we can go to the October Town Meeting to request some be reallocated.

C. School Committee Vacancy Update

Mr. Hurton publically announced the new School Committee member, Kathy Napierata. Mrs. Napierata gave a brief bio, she has daughters in 7th and 2nd grade in the district, and she has been an educator for over 18 years.

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of \$12, 1550.00 Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant

Mr. Harrington received a grant from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust that funded a kiln for ceramics, a GoPro, 3D printer and art trip to NYC.

Motion: To accept the \$12, 1550.00 Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

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

B. Appoint School Committee Member as Payroll Designee

Per the recently signed Mass Municipal Modernization law (Section 57-58), the School Committee is permitted to designate one or more of its members to review and approve bills or payment warrants, with a report provided at the next meeting.

Motion: To appoint Member Makara as the School Committee Payroll Designee

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

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. Park Avenue Building Committee Vacancy

When Mr. Collins resigned from the School Committee that left a vacancy on the Park Avenue Building Committee. This is a subcommittee of the School Committee. Mr. Lind is proposing to appoint, Mrs. Pierangeli as the School Committee representative.

Motion: To appoint Monique Pierangeli as the School Committee representative to the Park Avenue Building Committee

The motion was made by Member Makara

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

D. Discussion of School Committee meeting start time

Chairman Hurton is suggesting starting the school committee meetings earlier. Members were in agreement for a 6:30 start, if executive session is needed it could begin at 6:15. This change will be effective beginning with the next meeting.

E. Approval of Foundation Budget Review Committee Resolution

Mr. Lind explained The Foundation Budget Review Committee developed recommendations to address the current school funding formula. This formula was developed as part of the Education Reform Act of 1993, and all agree it is outdated and inadequate for today's educational needs. The supporting letter was signed by all members and will be forwarded to MASC and Senator Fattman

Motion: To approve the Foundation Budget Review Committee Resolution

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

Chairman Hurton excused himself from the following three agenda items.

F. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement; Webster Education Association – Library position

Mr. Lind presented a Memorandum of Agreement for the Park Avenue Elementary Library position. Due to budget challenges we were again unable to fund the librarian position, we have reached agreement with the WEA to extend the library paraprofessional at PAE for the 2017-2018 school year.

Motion: To approve Webster Educators Association Memorandum of Agreement; Webster Education Association – Library position

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

2 members having abstained (Member Chenevert and Chairman Hurton)

The motion: X Passed
 Failed

G. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement; Instructional Assistants – Library position

See above

Motion: To approve Instructional Assistants Memorandum of Agreement; Webster Education Association – Library position

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

2 members having abstained (Member Chenevert and Chairman Hurton)

The motion: X Passed
 Failed

H. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement; Webster Education Association – stipend positions

This Memorandum of Agreement extends the MOA reached last year, but is adding the JV Volleyball position.

Motion: To approve Webster Educators Association Memorandum of Agreement; Webster Education Association – stipend positions

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

2 members having abstained (Member Chenevert and Chairman Hurton)

The motion: X Passed
 Failed

I. Approval of Bartlett High School Grade 12 Out of State Field Trip to High Meadows, Granby CT

Every year the Senior Class Trip is to High Meadows in Granby, CT. As this is an out of state field trip it requires School Committee approval

Motion: To approve Bartlett High School Senior Class Out of State Field Trip to High Meadows, Granby CT

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

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

A. Approve transfer request from Bartlett High School Student Activity savings to checking account.

Motion: To transfer \$24,085.14 from the Bartlett High school Student Activities Savings to Checking account

The motion was made by Member Makara

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

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:55 PM

The motion was made by Member Makara

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 include:

- May 9, 2017 Minutes
- Letter of interest – Kathy Napierata
- Janet Malser Humanities Trust Grant
- An Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government
- Resolution Supporting Foundation Budget

- MOA = WEA, PAE Librarian
- MOA = Instruction Assoc. = PAE Library Para
- MOA = WEA, stipend positions
- Out of state field trip – Senior Class to High Meadows, Granby CT
- Bartlett High School Transfer Request