

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Date: April 25, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Makara

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Hurton
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Approval of March 16, 2017 Executive Session Minutes

Motion: To approve March 16, 2017 Executive Session Minutes and Release

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

The motion: X passed
 Failed

Approval of March 23, 2017 Executive Session Minutes

Motion: To approve March 23, 2017 Executive Session Minutes and Release

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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

Approval of April 11, 2017 Minutes

Motion: To approve April 11, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Administrative Reno Update
 -Project moving forward. Budget over runs reviewed. Seeking \$139,562.62 to complete project. There was discussion over site/entrance work being cut from the project (estimate \$40,000). Could possibly use revolving funds. Without Town meeting approval the project will come to a stop.
- Food Services
 - Pleased to report Ellen Nylen received \$1,700 grand funds for the Summer Program

B. Principal Report – Steven Knowlton, Bartlett High School

- AP exams and MCAS testing has begun
- 4/28 40 arts students traveling to NYC
- 5/2 Super Team Banquet
- 5/6 Drama production – Little Shoppe of Horrors
- 5/18 Spring Concert
- 5/30 Seniors Honors Night
- 6/6 Graduates on Parade
- 6/6 Senior Banquet at Point Breeze
- 6/9 Graduation

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

III. Public Hearing: FY18 Budget

Mr. Lind gave a budget PowerPoint presentation (included in packet) A review of the process, funding, breakdown of restored positions was given.

Resident, Bob Whitelaw spoke of the positive method he has seen the budget be presented. He suggested that the budget be available for public review earlier than this, too close to vote at Town Meeting.

There was discussion of possibly looking at changing Town Meeting to June; the state budget is released so late there isn't much time for the budget to be finalized. Moving Town Meeting to June would allow additional time for public review.

Public Hearing ended at 8:00 PM

IV. Student Update – Lyndsay Makie

Lyndsay reviewed many of the same events as Mr. Knowlton

V. Old Business

A. Approval of proposed FY18 Budget in the amount of \$20,086,062. to submit for Town Meeting

Motion: To approve FY18 Budget

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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

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V. New Business

A. Acceptance of \$18,846.78 donation from Estate of Emily F. Roberts

The estate of former employee, Emily Roberts has donated \$18,846.78 to Bartlett High School. These funds will be put in a scholarship in her name

Motion: To accept the \$18,846.78 donation from Estate of Emily F. Roberts

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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 Webster Educators Association Memorandum of Agreement – Turn Around Grant

Member Hurton recused himself from this item.

Mr. Lind explained that as part of the Level III Turnaround Grant for Park Avenue Elementary School, the District and The Webster Education Association engaged in negotiations that resulted in the attached memorandum of agreement. The creation of instructional leadership positions will have an increase hours and duties. There is funding for 9 (nine) PAE teachers to be appointed

Motion: To approve Webster Educators Association Memorandum of Agreement – Turn Around Grant

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

 2 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 1 members having abstained (Member Hurton)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

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

A. Approve transfer of funds between multiple accounts

The Office of Business and finance is seeking approval allowing the transfer of funds between multiple accounts. This will expedite the end of the year process

Motion: To transfer funds between multiple as requested

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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. Approve transfer request from Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity savings to checking account.

Motion: To transfer \$2,359.61 from the Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity savings account to the student activity checking account.

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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 16, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- March 23, 2017 Executive Session Minutes
- April 11, 2017 Minutes
- Budget Public Hearing power point
- Donation from estate of Emily F. Roberts (letter from Bernard J. Conlin, P.C.)
- Memorandum of Agreement between WEA and School Committee
- Job Description – Instructional Leader – PAE
- Transfer request from the Office of Business and Finance
- PAE transfer request