

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Date: March 28, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by: Vice Chair Makara

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Hurton
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Chairman Collins
- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

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

Motion: To approve March 16, 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

- Park Avenue Elementary Building Update
 - No updates – conference call tomorrow
- Administrative Reno Update
 - Drywall being completed, insulation has been completed
 - Audio/video in the school committee conference room is being wired by BayPath
- Library Building Committee
 - Ground Breaking Ceremony will be April 4th at 9:00AM
- Town Charter Review Committee
 - next meeting is Wednesday, April 5th
 - Targeted to present at Fall Town Meeting

B. Principal Report – Carolyn Wallace, Park Avenue Elementary School

- PBIS PD on bullying prevention ongoing, monthly assemblies for students
- MSAC season beginning – year 2 for students to take test online. IT practice test yester to simulate , had a few glitches but will work out before next week's testing begins

- Turnaround grant opportunity – stakeholder meeting held this evening, reviewed key goals, survey results. The grant is due May 1st
- Upcoming Events
 - 3/29 Grade 3 & 4 to New Haven Symphony Orchestra performance
 - 4/11 Grade 3 Concert
 - 4/27 MultiCultural Event – this year’s theme is “continents”

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Statewide Assessment Schedule

Mr. Lind said that last night DESE voted to adjust the standards for Math and English MCAS scores

PARCC is no longer being used – this year we have MCAS 2.0 (combination of MCAS and PARCC). The test results determine our level of accountability. A powerpoint presentation was given reviewing the grade level testing dates and subject matter. Results will come to parents October / November 2017

III. Student Update – Lyndsay Makie

- Shout out to the 2017 Super Team students that were announced today
- Diego Supulveda was crowned Mr. Bartlett on March 16th
- Shout out to Dominic Manzi-Kynch for scoring the winning basket in the Senior class vs faculty basketball game
- National Honor Society members that represented Bartlett at their first Honor Bowl on March will compete next week at Tantasqua
- Art Dept. hosted “Empty Bowls” event on March 24th, they raised \$2,000 for the Webster/Dudley Food Share.
- Show Choir had a competition in Andover, awarded a silver medal
- Unified Basketball played in Oxford this past weekend and will host Uxbridge this weekend.

Member Hurton said he attended the Empty Bowl event and thought it was a huge success. Wanted to publically acknowledge Booklovers’ Gourmet, Point Breeze, Delray Docs, Mexicali, Golden Greek, Panera, Price Chopper, Bogeys Ice Cream, Ellen Nylen for their hard work and contribution

IV. Old Business

A. FY18 Budget Discussion

Last week there was a Joint Meeting with the School Committee, FinCom and Board of Selectman. The Town Administrator has determined there is a \$360,000 gap. Tomorrow the Admin Team will meet to prioritize their budget in an attempt to find alternatives.

Member Hurton made some possible suggestions: After reviewing the DESE requirement; possibly eliminate BHS health as that is not a requirement. Suggesting schedule changes to reduce unified arts. WMS; with a schedule realignment finding savings that could be used at PAE since their enrollment continues to grow. Looking at STAR program (enrollment / staff ratio at both WMS and PAE). Final suggestion is finding a way to fund WMS afterschool activities, possibly charging fees to offset expense.

Mr. Avlas and Mrs. Pierangeli put together figures if there was a \$100 annual fee for athletics. Basing this on 465 total athletes (of which 23% are economically disadvantaged) there would be a \$35,000 revenue. Member Hurton would like to know what surrounding districts are charging for fees.

There was a discussion on state/district guidelines related to transportation and if increasing to the 2 mile state guideline would be of any savings. Will hold the Public Hearing April 25th at 7:30 at Park Avenue Elementary

V. New Business

A. Approval of out of state field trip – Grade 5 to Woodstock, CT

This is an annual trip for 5th grade students

Motion: To approve of out of state field trip – Grade 5 to Woodstock, CT

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 Submission of Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Avlas explained the District Renovation is running in the deficient due to outside bids being higher than expected. Typically this situation would use “free case” but that will not be certified in time we are requesting to borrow. Final number is yet to be determined.

Motion: To approve submission of Special Town Meeting Articles

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

C. Approval of submission of Statement of Interest for Bartlett High School

Mr. Avlas presented this to the Board of Selectman last night and received their approval. This is our 5th attempt at submitting the SOI for BHS. An overview of the items requiring work was given. April 7th is the submission date.

Motion: Resolved: Having convened in an Open Meeting on March 28, 2017, prior to the closing date, The School Committee of Webster, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 7, 2017 for the Bartlett High School located at 52 Lake Parkway, Webster, MA. which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts Building Authority.

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

D. Approval of Fundraising Application – Webster Education Foundation

The Webster Education Foundation has submitted an application to be recognized as an approved fundraising organization

Motion: To approve the Fundraising Application – Webster Education Foundation

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

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

Mr. Avlas presented a transfer request from Bartlett High School for four line item transfers

Motion: To transfer of Bartlett High School as presented this evening

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

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

Motion: To transfer \$8,486.50 from the Bartlett High School Student Activity savings account to checking account.

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

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:05 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 Minutes
- BHS field trip request – All State Choir to Boston
- handwritten note from Mrs. Marilyn Fels - \$10,000 donation
- Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative agreement
- Webster Middle School Transfer request