

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Thursday, March 16, 2017

Date: March 16, 2017 Time: 6:45 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 Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Chenevert
- Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Move to go into Executive Session according to M.G.L. Chapter 30A S21 (a) to discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

Motion: To Move to go into Executive Session according to M.G.L. Chapter 30A S21 (a) to discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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

Motion: To recess Executive Session and to reconvened after regular meeting

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong

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

II. Approval of February 28 2017 Minutes

Motion: To approve the February 28 2017 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- There will be a three board meeting on March 23rd at 7:00 at Park Avenue Elementary School Library. will include the Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and School Committee
- The Board of Selectman has called for the annual Town Meeting to be May 8th. At our next meeting we will discuss if there are any articles we will submit
- Mr. Lind and Mr. Avlas attended a Board of Selectman Meeting this past Monday to discuss the FY18 Budget

B. Principal Report – Steven Knowlton, Bartlett High School

- Last week 4 Student Council members attended the annual conference on Cape Cod
- Annual DECA Competition – 3 BHS students competed
- All State Chorus & Band – 2 BHS students performed
- Last Wednesday was International Woman's Day = 20 students along with Ms. Czernicki attended the Woman's Leadership Conference at Nichols College
- BHS Cheerleaders won the SWCL Championships, won Division 4 regional competition and finished 4th in Division 4 State Competition
- BHS Boys Basketball had an undefeated season, District 3 Champs and Clark Tournament winners
- Unified Arts Basketball begins next week
- MCAS begins 3/21

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Update on Webster Middle School Principal Search

- Committee has reviewed applications, have selected 8 individuals for interviews to be held on 3/27 and 3/28. 3-5 finalists will be put forward, Ruthann Petrino-Goguen has been invited for finalist interviews.

Mr. Lind made note that there is no school for students on Monday, March 20, 2017 – it's a full professional development day. Focus on social / emotional learning.

III. Student Update – Lyndsay Makie

Not present this evening

IV. Old Business

A. Report on Fundraising Applications

Mr. Lind presented a packet of the most recent application fundraising applications.

B. FY18 Budget Discussion

Mr. Avlas and Mr. Lind met with Finance Committee and Board of Selectman recently. Have on going communication with the Town Administrator.

There was discussion on fee cash, Mr. Avlas said that does not affect the operating budget.

V. New Business

A. Approval of overnight field trip – BHS All State Choir to Boston

This occurred last week-end, technical glitch prevented it from getting approval prior to going. Two BHS students participated in the All State Choir in Boston the weekend of March 9-11, 2017

Motion: To approve the overnight field trip – BHS All State Choir to Boston

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

The following roll call vote was taken:

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 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

B. Acceptance of \$10,000 donation to Bartlett High School from the Fels Family

Mrs. Marilyn Fels has donated \$10,000 to be used for BHS music department, purchase of new instruments. This was an item that was cut from the budget, this donation will help, thrilled to have this donation

Motion: To accept \$10,000 donation from the Fels Family

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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 to amend the Central Massachusetts Special Education Collaborative name and agreement

The CMSEC is changing their name; removing “special education”. With the name change they must change their agreement. When submitted to DESE for their approval an error was found in Section VII, Section D2 regarding calculations of surplus funds.

Motion: To approve the updated agreement reflecting name change and other changes with Central Massachusetts Collaborative as presented this evening

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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 Superintendent Contract

Pass over at this time

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

A. Approve transfer request form Webster Middle School Student Activity savings to checking account.

Motion: To approve The transfer in the amount of \$5,934.60 from the Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings Account at the Webster Five Cent Savings Bank to the Webster Middle School Students Activity checking account at Webster First Federal Credit Union

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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 Failed

VII. Adjournment

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 Failed

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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:

- February 28, 2017 Minutes
- Monthly Fundraising request
- BHS overnight field trip request
- Handwritten note from Mrs. Fels
- CMSEC new agreement and name change
- WMS Transfer request