

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

Date: February 28, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Hurton
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Makara
- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Approval of January 19, 2017, January 30, 2017, January 31, 2017, February 1, 2017, February 2, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes

Motion: To approve the Superintendent Search Committee Minutes as presented

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

Approval of February 14 2017 Minutes

Motion: To approve the February 14 2017 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

- 2 members having voted in the affirmative
- members having voted in the negative
- 1 members having abstained (Chairman Collins)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Park Avenue Elementary Building Update
 - Held a recent Building Committee meeting. Working out a few issues, in a holding pattern, In hopes to close with MSBA in June
- Administrative Reno Update
 - Bid went out for dry wall – hoping for completion in mid May
 - Bay Path coming back to continue work on project
 - Thanks to Charter we will have a state of art audio / visual program. will have the ability to stream meeting live also an expansion of recording events at BHS live
- Library Building Committee
 - on schedule
- Town Charter Review Committee
 - Met with Town Council, plan to present at Town Meeting in May

B. Principal Report – Jennifer Lundwall, Webster Middle School Principal

- Monthly average attendance rates were given
 - the week prior to vacation was Webster Middle School spirit week, review of evens was given
 - Five students auditioned for the Central Mass Districts –all were chosen. Concert will be April 29th
 - WMs has been asked to host the Great Was Festival again
 - Working on MCAS Training
 - 360 Assessment has continued work with the 18 member leadership team in areas of:
 - *our image does not match actuality
 - *discipline
- We were recognized for the new initiatives put in place, the start of a FB page and student newsletters.
- Trimester 2 report cards are going home March 24th

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

- There will be a Town Hall Meeting for the new MCAS on March 29th at Nipmuc HS
 - DESE will be determining a new scoring level for the MCAS test. Testing will be from April into May. Principals will coordinate schedules.
- There was questions about the on-line vs paper MCAS testing. Mr. Lind said the largest challenge is the on-line connectivity. Something we are looking into.
- Last night the Board of Education approved the Old Sturbridge Village Charter School. The first year will have grades K-3 with 160 students

III. Student Update – Lyndsay Makie

- Third Quarter Progress Report grade close this Friday, 3/3
 - Student Council will be hosting Mr. Bartlett on March 16th
 - National Honor Society will be sponsoring March Madness, events were listed
 - The BHS Jazz Band performed at the 49th Annual Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival – thanks to support from Webster Music Boosters
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- The Arts Dept. will be hosting their “empty Bowls” on March 24th with all profits going to Webster/Dudley Food Share
 - An update on all sporting teams was given

IV. Old Business

A. Webster Middle School Principal Search Discussion

Mr. Lind stated that he reached out to parents and staff for interested people to be on the search committee. Received many responses. Consideration to have an odd number of members, will increase the parent members to three. TimeLine is on track. Currently have 34 applicants.

B. Appoint School Committee Member to WMS Principal Search Committee

The School Committee members expressed their desire to be a part of this process but having many other commitments find it difficult at this time to be part of the search committee.

C. Authorization to submit FY18 Budget

Mr. Lind gave an overview of process that has occurred to create a preliminary budget with an original 8.69% increase. There has been conversations with the Town Administrator regarding the budget and working with the Admin . Team the budget to be submitted represents a 6.05% increase from last year. It will be presented to the FinCom on March 9th. Mr. Avlas said the newly approved OSV Charter School will have an impact on the budget next October

Motion: To authorize to submit FY18 Budget in the amount of \$20,372,204.00

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

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of donation of two Buddy Benches from PAE PTO

A few meetings ago two PAE teachers received SC permission for two Buddy Benches. A Bake Sale at the Me and Someone Special Dance raised \$942.00, PTO has offered to pay the remaining amount.

Motion: To accept the donation of two Buddy Benches from PAE PTO

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

B. Approval of BHS trip to France, April 2018

Mrs. Rachel Morandi was present to review the proposed 10 day trip in April 2018. Seven – ten students are interested.

Member Hurton recommended the certificate of liability insurance should include The Town of Webster along with Bartlett High School. He asked if we could research having a rider for additional coverage. Mr. Avlas will look into this.

Motion: To approve BHs trip to France in April 2018

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. Presentation and Approval of 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

Mr. Avlas reviewed the Improvement Plan. Page 1 has a maintenance schedule, followed by a breakdown by building. Bartlett has the most extensive list, all of the items are included on our MSBA submission that will be presented to SC within the next 30 days.

Motion: To approve the 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan

The motion was made by Member

The motion was seconded by Member

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.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:45 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:

- January 19, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes
- January 30, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes
- January 31, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes
- February 1, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes
- February 2, 2017 Superintendent Search Committee Minutes
- February 14, 2017 Minutes
- WMS Principal Search Process
- Memo / Budget Update from R. Lind
- FY18 Budget
- School Budget at a Glance
- Buddy Bench donation
- April 2018 Foreign Language Trip
- 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Plan