

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Date: January 24, 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
- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Makara

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

I. Call to Order: Approval of January 10, 2017 Minutes

This was passed over until the next meeting

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Administrative Reno Update
 - Budget for the project was presented (included in packet)
 - Possibly use Facility Rental fund for over budget items or go to Town Meeting if Committee desires asking for additional funds
 - Timeline of project was reviewed
- Library Building Committee
 - Signed contract with builder
 - The bid came in under budget
 - Looking for outside donations for assistance in funding project

B. Principal Report – Steven Knowlton, Bartlett High School

- Student Course Scheduling Day – tomorrow. Goal is by February vacation to have all schedules entered so we would know enrollment – will assist with budget process. Using Chromebooks this year
- Feb 6-10 = Diversity Week
- Honor Bowl =- Competition with other schools in area. First math vs Millbury is March 8th
- Unified Basketball – Life Skills along with BHs Student Council students playing other schools, first game playing in Oxford 3/25, the following Saturday we host Uxbridge
- Nichols Honor Academy – getting ready for next cohort

Member Hurton wanted to acknowledge Tyler Davern - scored his 1000 points at recent basketball game

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Mid Cycle Goals Progress Report

Mr. Lind presented his four mid year goals. There was conversation about PBIS being implemented at PAE and BHS, lacking at WMS. Mr. Lind said the goal is for WMS to be trained next year. There were no other questions on the goals presented.

III. Student Update : Lyndsay Makie

Not present this evening

IV. Old Business

A. Policy KHB - Advertising – Second Reading

No discussion / changes

B. FY17 Quarter 2 Budget Review

Mr. Avlas reviewed the year to date FY17 Quarter 2 Budget. He highlighted specific line items (included in packet), nothing to be concerned about at this time. He is keeping an eye on all sub lines due to many long term sub needs.

C. FY18 Budget Discussion

Mr. Avlas stated that he is waiting for the release of the Governor's Budget (tomorrow). Indications are we will see an increase in Chapter 70 funding. Budget Workshop will be held Saturday Feb. 11th with School Committee and Administrators.

D. MSBA Discussion

Mr. Avlas reviewed the MSBA options that we have – the Accelerated Repair Program or the Core Program for Bartlett High School, giving the deadlines for each. If the Committee chooses to submit an SOI with the Accelerated Repair Program a vote must be taken this evening in order for A list of all items in need of repair / update was given (included in packet). Mr. Knowlton reminded the Committee that NEASC has placed us on warning due to the condition of the building. There was discussion over the best way to proceed and submit the next SOI.

V. New Business

A. Appoint School Committee Member as Payroll/Bills/Warrants Signature Designee

A new law has gone into effect allowing the appointment of a payroll / warrant / bill designee. This is mainly for times we do not have a regularly scheduled meetings (summer).

Motion: To Appoint Chairman Collins as the designee and Member Makara as an alternate as Payroll/Bills/Warrants Signature Designee

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong

The motion was seconded by Member Hurton

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

Member Hurton suggested the possibility of reviewing the warrant before each meeting. Mr. Avlas and Mrs. Pierangeli said that is possible and would experiment with the February 14, 2017 meeting.

B. Approval of Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Second Quarter Report

In fulfillment of state regulations, the SWCEC Second Quarter Report is being presented for your acceptance. Also included is the SWCEC Program of Services for the Committee's review.

Motion: To accept Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Second Quarter Report

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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

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

A. Approve transfer request from Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity Savings to Checking account.

Motion: To approve transfer \$1,114.34 from Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity Savings to Checking account.

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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. Approve transfer request from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking account.

Motion: To approve transfer \$9,984.50 from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking account.

The motion was made by Member Gorski-Strong

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

 1 members having abstained (Member Hurton)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Motion to adjourn:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Gorski-Strong

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents used during this meeting include:

- January 10, 2017 Minutes
- District Administration Renovation Project Budget
- Superintendent's Evaluation Mid Cycle Review
- Policy KHB – Advertising in the Schools – Second Reading
- FY17 Year to Date Budget Report
- MSBA Statement of Interest information
- An Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government – Listing of and FAQ's
- SWCEC FY17 Second Quarter Report
- Park Avenue Elementary School Transfer Request
- Bartlett High School Transfer Request