

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Date: November 15, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Makara
- Member Hurton
- Member Chenevert
- Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation:

I. Call to Order: Approval of October 25, 2016 Minutes:

Motion: To approve the October 25, 2016 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

1 members having abstained (Member Chenevert)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

- Recent actions have been taken regarding lead & copper in drinking water. In October samples were taken from over 300 spots in the 3 schools. It was identified that BHS had 15 "hits". WMS and PAE had zero reports. Of the "hits" at BHS, water bubblers have been shut down until repairs can be made, bottled water is available. Other locations have been corrected. Updates will go up on website

B. Principal Report – Jennifer Lundwall, Webster Middle School

- Student attendance for October / November averaged 96%
- Back to School Night held October 6th
- Chromebooks roll-out presentations will be held this Thursday, along with student led conferences.
- WMS Enrichment Program – The 8th grade finalists gave their presentation on "Surplus Technology Solution" (included in packet)

C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients

This is a state scholarship awarded for scoring advanced on 1 or 3 10th grade MCAS tests and proficient in 2 of 3 also top 25% in their class. This scholarship waives tuition at state universities. This year twenty four Bartlett High School graduating seniors received this award (list included in packet).

2. MCAS 2.0

Mr. Lind provided the Committee with a brief update on the new state assessment being rolled out this Spring, similar to PARCC. (PowerPoint included in packet)

Also, Mr. Lind just received notification from DESE regarding the Sturbridge Village Charter School – the Public Hearing will be held Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at Sturbridge Town Hall. January 6, 2017 is the deadline for submitting a written expression regarding the new charter school.

III. Student Update : Lyndsay Makie

- Medical Career Club continue work on their public service announcement to help prevent and educate against drunk driving
- National Honor Society has officially opened their Trading Post, allowing gently used clothes and shoes to be available to students and faculty.
- Student Council is looking to host a can drive through the winter for a community service project
- Induction for new NHS members took place last night
- The Marching Band will be hosting an alumni breakfast Thanksgiving morning before the football game
- Music students went to Boston Symphony last month
- December 20th the music department will host their winter concert.
- Sports update given

IV. Old Business

A. Superintendent Search

Finalized the search committee members, December 1, 2016 at 7:00 is the first meeting to be held at Park Avenue Elementary School Library

B. Policy BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties – Third and Final Reading

_This is relative to the Charter Review

Motion: To approve Policy BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties

The motion was made by Member Hurton

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

C. Fundraising Update and Discussion

Mr. Lind provided samples of policies and documents that were given out at a December 2015 meeting when the Committee first began to consider revisions. There was discussion over lack of adhering to current policies and lack of knowing who/what fundraising is currently occurring. Further discussion on procedures and policy will follow.

Mr. Lind will work with administration to come up with guidelines and procedures for an upcoming meeting. Chairman Collins suggested collaboration with outside entities to make them aware of current policy and procedures.

D. Acceptance of donation from Bartlett Sports Alive

Athletic Director, Tony Paranto was present and read the letter from Bartlett Sports alive requesting funding for a scorer's table. The current scorer tables are a safety concern. The proposed new one has safety pads. Member Hurton is concerned about spending this money when all after school activities were cut from Webster Middle School. There was discussion about advertising in school setting as this new table would have an LDC screen that could accommodate advertising space.

Mr. Avlas said the cost of the table is \$6,750.00, a donation from Bartlett Sports Alive (50%), \$3,375.00 with the other half from the facilities rental account

The Committee is not willing to support this considering all the cuts that have been made in the budget.

V. New Business

A. Approval of out of state field trip – Bartlett High School Art to New York City

BHS Art teacher, Sean Harrington is requesting permission to take 50 Grade 11 & 12 students to NYC to the Guggenheim Museum, the Metropolitan Museum and Central Park on April 28, 2017

Motion: To approve the out of state field trip – Bartlett High School Art to New York City on April 28, 2017

The motion was made by Member Hurton

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. FY16 Final Budget Report

Mr. Avlas reviewed the FY16 Budget adjustments (included in packet)

C. Approval of Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative 1st Quarter Report

Mr. Lind presented the SWCEC 1st Quarter Report – Webster along with 15 other towns are members of this Collaborative, in fulfillment of the collaborative Regulations, 603CMR 50.00 each must review and accept

Motion: To accept Southern Worcester County Education Collaborative 1st Quarter Report

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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 Bartlett High School Activity Account

A request to transfer \$21,795.19 from the Bartlett High school Student Activity Savings Account at Webster Five Cent Savings to the Bartlett High School Student Activity Checking Account at Webster First Federal Credit Union in order to pay bills associated with student activities

Motion: To approve transfer in the amount of \$21,795.19 from Bartlett High School Activity Savings to 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

 1 members having abstained (Member Hurton)

The motion: X passed
 Failed

B. Approve transfer request of funds for Bartlett High School

There is a request to transfer \$1,300.00 from Bartlett High School non-instructional technology to Bartlett athletic supplies to pay for 50% of HUDL services. Mr. Paranto gave an explanation of the HUDL program; it is something that has been used for the past 5-6 years by the football team. There is the availability for additional programs (i.e. Band and Drama) to use this in addition to other sports teams. An explanation of non-instructional technology account was given.

Chairman Collins is concerned over the process that has occurred in this situation. Receiving an “invoice” for items not yet approved.

Motion: To approve transfer in the amount of \$1,300 from the Bartlett High School non-instructional technology to Bartlett athletic supplies

The motion was made by Member Hurton

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

The motion: X passed
 Failed

VII. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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:

- October 25, 2016 Minutes
- List of students awarded John and Abigail Adams Scholarship
- PowerPoint of MASC 2.0
- PowerPoint on Surplus Technology Solution from WMS 8th grade students
- Policy BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties – Third and Final Reading
- Fundraising examples of policies and procedures from other schools
- Bartlett Sports Alive letter requesting 50% funding of scorer's table
- Our of state field trip request – BHS Art students to NYC, April 28, 2017
- FY16 Final Budget and Budget Adjustment sheet
- Southern Worcester County Special Education Collaborative Quarter 1 Report
- Bartlett High School Student Activities transfer request
- Bartlett High School transfer of funds request