

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Date: January 9, 2018 Time: 6:15 PM Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Hurton

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Napierata
- Member Seddiki
- Member Makara
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order: Executive Session: Convened according to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 to discuss strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions with Webster Educator's Association and to reconvene in Open Session

Motion: Executive Session: Convened according to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, S21 to discuss strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions with Webster Educator's Association and to reconvene in Open Session

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X Passed

 Failed

II. Approval of December 12, 2017 Minutes

Motion: To Approve December 12, 2017 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

1 members having abstained (Member Chenevert)

The motion: X Passed

 Failed

III Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Goguen wished everyone a Happy New Year. She thanked the BHS, WMS and PAE staff and students for their wonderful holiday concerts.

A. Superintendent Update / District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Special Education Mid Cycle Review Results

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Special Education Mid Cycle Report states we are in full compliance. We were complimented for the professional developments offered to our staff. Mrs. Goguen thanked Kathleen Baris and her staff for a job well done.

2. Personnel Update

*Susan Finney – Special Education Teacher at PAE

*Wanda DePasquale – Administrative Assistant at BHS

*Sheryl Spink – Business Office Manager – transition from her current role when Mr. Avlas retires.

*Will be interviewing for Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Math & science within the next few days.

- There is a new district website – thank you to Monique Pierangeli and the IT Department
- Today Mrs. Goguen along with Mr. Knowlton attended the Worcester County Superintendent's Scholar Luncheon – Connor Brennan was the recipient. Connor has received 5's on all his AP classes, participates in All State Choir, Captain Mock Trial, Captain Varsity Track & Field, member of Congressman McGovern's Youth Cabinet to name a few of his accomplishments.
- BHS Student Council having a fundraiser at Mexicali – receiving 20%
- BHS will have 25 students participating in Next Generation MCAS (ELA and Math) this year
- District Learning Team Walk-Thru's will begin this Thursday

B. Principal Report – Michael Zajac, Webster Middle School

1. Holiday Concert Review

Impressive performance by the Webster Middle School band and chorus to a sold out crowd.

2. Robotics Club

This new club will be support by Title I funds, will start later this month. Twenty students will design a robotic program

3. First Trimester Honor Roll and Celebration

132 students (out of 595) will be recognized for their accomplishments this Thursday with an ice cream party.

4. Athletic Update

Girls basketball teams is currently 2 wins / 3 losses, Boys basketball is 5 / 1. Home games are very well attended. Ms. Pierce (teacher at BHS) has been volunteering her time with 20 WMS cheerleaders.

5. National Junior Honor Society Update

27 8th grade students are candidates for the National Junior Honor Society

Ms. Linda Millett added the teachers are enjoying the WMS sports. She also shared that is the 15th year the 6th grade held their annual Food Share, they also drew pictures that were delivered with the Meals on Wheels.

C. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report

1. Administration Renovation Project Update

* Electric and plumbing permits have been completed. HVAC is complete

* Bay Path student are completing the finish carpentry work

* Just informed by the flooring company that they will start next week.

* Tuesday, 1/23 tentative date to move the furniture from the Credit Union to BHS. Saturday, 1/27 janitors will begin the move from Filmer to BHS.

2. Park Avenue Elementary School Building Project Update

Next meeting will be held Thursday, 1/11/2017, moving along to close out the project

Mrs. Pierangeli gave an update on the new phone systems at Filmer and Bartlett along with the new Administration offices with NetTelOne. Teachers have access to phones during the day. Voicemails show up in an email. NetTelOne has been very easy to work with and have provided training to staff.

The new website has new features, we can play videos (school committee meetings), and there is a basketball game on the high school site. It is still a work in progress. We can integrate social media on the new website. A new feature is “Financial Transparently”, we contracted with ClearGov to help provide information on the district.

IV. Student Update: Lays Napoli

- Incoming Freshman class Open House – informational session will be held Tuesday, January 16th at 6:30PM
- Grades close next Friday, 1/19
- YOUiversity is available to students Monday, Wednesday & Thursday for students looking for extra help
- DECA District Competition will be in Boxborough, MA on January 12th
- Mexicali Night for Student Council is tomorrow, 1/10, for Show Choir is 1/24 – 20% profit goes to the organization
- Lunch menu are now being included in the morning announcement
- Farm to School collaboration with Charlton Orchard and Mrs. Hoenig’s marketing class. There was a blindfolded test of rainbow carrots last month, baked apple sampling this month.
- Senior Class = Scholarships are up in guidance. community Services hours being completed
- Athletic update given

V. Old Business

A. Monthly Fundraising Report

Included in the packet are the approved fundraisers for the past month

VI. New Business

A. Acceptance of donation – Timeshare accommodations for Bartlett Cheerleaders – National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL

The Bartlett High School Cheerleaders are traveling to Orlando, Florida for National Championship in February. Unfortunately all hotels have been booked. Coach Arelis Stawiecki and her husband have donated the use of their timesharing in Disney for the team to stay during the competition. Staying in this timesharing will provide all the advantages of staying on Disney property. This will be a cost savings to each girl with this donation.

Motion: To acceptance of donation – Timeshare accommodations for Bartlett Cheerleaders – National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, FL

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

B. Opiate Task Force Presentation – Deputy Chief Shaw

Chairman Hurton stated that he along with Superintendent Goguen are part of the Opioid Task Force Committee in Webster. Work being done is amazing. Deputy Chief Shaw recapped how this Task Force came to be in a partnership with local stakeholders to focus on targeted intervention. Meet monthly, also joining is Aids Project Worcester, AdCare along with other local groups. Have begun a partnership with the schools. Hoping to get the message out to more people affected by this crisis we will be putting on a presentation for Bartlett students on January 19th, on January 24th at 7:00pm there will be a presentation open to the community.

Superintendent Goguen is impressed with the community support in Webster. She and Resource Office Whiting have taken an on-line course “This is not about Drugs” to help the program.

C. Approval of out of state field trip – Bartlett Basketball Teams to University of Connecticut

Girls’ varsity, JV and middle school basketball will travel to University of Connecticut to see a college basketball game.

Motion: To approval of out of state field trip – Bartlett Basketball Teams to University of Connecticut

The motion was made by Member Makara

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

 5 members having voted in the affirmative

 0 members having voted in the negative

 0 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

D. Approval of Bartlett High school trip to Europe April 2018

This item will be tabled until a future meeting.

E. FY19 Budget – First Draft

Mrs. Goguen and the Administration Team were present the FY19 Budget presentation. The budget process and calendar was reviewed. A PowerPoint presentation began with the 17-18 District Highlights, reviewed goals, enrollment, average caseload for special education / intervention programs and proposed staffing changes. The proposed FY19 (first draft) budget is \$21,125,489. Mr. Avlas reviewed “Budget at a Glance” (included in packet) showing the 5.2% increase from current budget. The governor’s budget will be out 2/23, day after our next school committee meeting.

Member Seddiki questioned the class size for grades 3 & 4, possibly adding a teacher. Mr. Coleman acknowledged the large size, but said currently there are physically no additional classrooms. Every nook and cranny is being used. Mr. Avlas said the only relief would be if the BHS MSBA submission included a Preschool renovation and move those classrooms out.

Chairman Hurton is looking to have a conversation regarding programming / staffing / caseloads. Also looking at the lower learning students and how we are servicing them. He was also questioning the amount of money put towards extracurricular activities in comparison to athletics.

Discussion over scheduling a Saturday workshop, decided to be held on February 10th from 9-12

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

A. Approve transfer request from Webster Middle School Student Activity Account

Motion: To transfer \$5,586.88 from Webster Middle School Student Activity Account to the Student Activity checking Account

The motion was made by Member Makara
The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki
The following roll call vote was taken:
 5 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 Account

Motion: To transfer \$25,932.35 from Bartlett High School Student Activity Account to the Student Activity checking account.

The motion was made by Member Chenevert
The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki
The following roll call vote was taken:
 4 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)
The motion: X passed
 Failed

At this time the Committee will reconvene into Executive Session and not return to Open Session

Motion: To will reconvene into Executive Session and not return to Open Session

The motion was made by Member Seddiki
The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert
The following roll call vote was taken:
 5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 Failed

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 9:30 PM

The motion was made by Member Chenevert
The motion was seconded by Member Napierata
The following roll call vote was taken:
 5 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 Failed

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori A. Glennon

Documents used during this meeting include:

- December 12, 2017 Minutes
- DESE Mid-cycle Review – Special Education Department

- Fundraising Applications approved for month
- Donation letter for timesharing at Disney from Arelis Stawiecki
- Out of state field trip – Girls Basketball to UConn
- FY19 Proposed Budget PowerPoint
- School Budget at a Glance
- Webster Middle School transfer request
- Bartlett High School transfer request