

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Date: April 10, 2018 Time: 6:30 PM Location: School Committee Conference Room
77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Hurton

The following Committee Members were present

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

The following Committee Members were absent:

Mrs. Goguen introduced the Bartlett High School Impressions and Pit Band. This is the most successful season BHS has ever had – 3 Grand Champions, 2 Gold, 2 Best Vocals, 1 Best Choreography. Mr. Carney and Mr. Twiraga gave an overview of each competition and their results. The group performed two songs.

I. Call to Order: Approval of March 28, 2018 Minutes

Motion: To Approve March 28, 2018 Minutes with a correction to reflect that Mr. Makara was not present at the meeting

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

1 members having abstained (Member Seddiki)

The motion: X Passed

 Failed

II Superintendent's Report

- Empty Bowls – Successful event – Thanks to Mr. Harrington and Ms. Gyllenhammer and all the students for their service learning project
- BHS Incident with Bullet – Thank you to the Webster, Auburn, Dudley Police and the Mass. Environmental Policy and dogs. There was an assembly held with students yesterday to review the event

- Monday, April 2nd – Held a workshop for the administrators on school Discipline and manifestation determination process. Attorney Alina Kantor Nir of Murphy, Lamere and Murphy made the presentation
- Superintendent Goguen wrote a letter to the Board of Health to support restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products. Tina Grosowsky informed me the Board of Health passed regulations in Webster
- Tina Grosowsky shared that there will be a special film presentation on Suicide, The Ripple Effect at Blackstone Cinema on May 9th at 7:30. This is a story of a 19 year old who attempted to take his own life and now uses his story to help others
- Very busy week with curriculum, assessment and instruction
 - Review of Illustrative Math – grades 6-9
 - Review of ELA – StudySync 6-12 positive response from high school looking to pilot now
 - Review of Ready Math K-8 and My Math K-5
 - District Wide Assessment Committee review of I-ready, Act Aspire, Galleleo
 - Review of Math Glenco6-12
 - Review of Math Agile Mind 6-12
- Summer School meetings for planning has begun
- WEA negotiations are in process, we've met twice last week, 3 more meetings are scheduled
- District Safety Meeting was held – debriefing on lockdown drills / situations / planning
- Met with Rep. Joe McKenna to discuss special project of securing BHS entrance way and communication devices between schools
- New Commissioner of Education – Jeffrey Riley was sworn in April 5th
- Open House for the new administration offices is scheduled for May 5th

1. Personnel Update

Mauritha Sidebottom has been hired as a Middle School special education teacher

Rebecca Ricciardi is moving from WMS to Bartlett High School special education teacher

B. Principal Report – Michael Zajac, Webster Middle School

1. Math Night Report

On March 26th held 5th grade Math night – over 100 families attended – successful event

2. Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Celebration

Ice Cream Sundaes for honor roll and perfect attendance students. The number of students has increased – 156 students are on the honor roll and 60 students (10% of WMS) have perfect attendance

3. MCAS Preparation

Testing will begin after vacation. Students have been taking practice tests as on-line presents additional challenges for preparation of the testing.

Additional WMS Info:

- Middle School Softball and Baseball start this Friday
- Science Fair – tomorrow evening
- Robotics Program has flourished – have a waiting list

Member Napierata asked if there are any events planned for the 8th graders that will be leaving the school. Mr. Zajac said they will keep with tradition, students will go to Indian Ranch. There will be a ceremony that day as well.

Chairman Hurton thanked Mr. Zajac – wonder partnership with staff and students

C. Business Managers' Report

1. Third Quarter Budget Review

Mr. Pierangeli highlighted the current budget

We are currently 57% teachers payroll pay and 73% through the school year

We are on target

Page 2 – sub lines will be offset at the end of the year

Page 4 – electricity – will be reallocating from net metering. Schedule Z will be filed by Town Hall, we should see some credits in April / May

Page 10 – electricity balances, surplus will offset

Page 11 – area of concern – maintenance at Webster Middle Schools, being 13 years old and needing more repairs / maintained

Page 12 – Longevity – this is a sick leave buy back from a retirement last year. Will be offset from salary adjustments

Page 14 – SPED paraprofessional – reallocation of grants will correct this

Page 17 – Athletic Dues increased from the addition of Webster Middle School teams

Page 17 – BHS maintenance already in the deficit – submitting Statement of Interest to MSB for assistance

Page 18 – SPED Tuition current deficit of \$200,000 once the Circuit Breaker funds are applied to offset.

Mrs. Pierangeli stated that there will be some salary savings that could offset this deficit, she will be closely monitoring. Chairman Hurton asked how this compares to past years, Mrs. Pierangeli responded that we are in similar standings.

Page 21 – cost to run boiler at Filmer – we were in the building longer than expected

There was discussion regarding emergency / catastrophic repair if something happens at Bartlett, regulations to fund repairs. Mrs. Pierangeli said we would have to go to the town to get permission. Mrs. Pierangeli said there is currently a \$25,000 balance in the facility rental fund. There was further discussion on free cash and circuit breaker fund. Superintendent Goguen said there was a conversation of an override with the Town Administrator today, this is not just a school issue, this is a town concern as well.

2. Update on Public Hearing

Public Hearing is scheduled for April 24, 2018 at 7:00. This has been advertised.

Mrs. Pierangeli gave an update on Filmer – we are 90% cleaned out. The Town has had many inquiries on the property. She gave a Shout Out to custodians for their hard work cleaning out the building.

III. Student Update: Lays Napoli

- Quarter 3 has come to a close
- “Teach the Teacher” epidemic with Ms. Coulson’s AAP and A&P bio students educating teachers on virus and a Brain Hat Project
- QCC representative held an info session for students interested in attending, held 1/1 meetings with interested students
- Gelinas Scholarship is due Friday
- Empty Bowls event raised over \$3,000 to benefit Webster Dudley Food Share, in addition 2 carts of canned food was collected / donated.
- First sign language club meeting was held Monday after school
- Health Career Expo held at Holy Cross last week
- Guest forms for the Prom are available from Ms. Nasis – must be submitted by May 4th CORI forms must be completed by May 1st
- Unified Basketball sign ups held on April 5th
- Free presentation conducted by Nichols College for students on NCAA rules and regulations being held tomorrow at BHS auditorium
- Mural in memory of Officer Johnson has been finalized
- There was a meeting for all students to discuss the bullet incident. We were congratulated for cooperating during the prolonged hold in place.
- Congratulations to BHS Show Choir - they had their best season in 15th years. On their return from the Waltham competition they received a Webster Police escort
- Connor Brennan and Alejandro Espino attended the Statehouse representing Bartlett on Student Government Day

Chairman Hurton gave a shout out to Deputy Chief Shaw for arranging a Police escort upon the Show Choir’s return from Waltham this past Saturday.

IV. Old Business

A. Monthly Fundraising Report

Fundraisers approved within the last month were presented – included in packet

V. New Business

Superintendent Goguen stated that effective April 1, 2018, The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act was amended. MASC has recommended existing policies that must be updated adding to the protected classes

A. First Reading – Policy AC – Nondiscrimination

No questions / comments

B. First Reading – Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity

No questions / comments

C. First Reading – Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring

No questions / comments

D. First Reading – Policy JB – Equal Employment Opportunities

No questions / comments

Superintendent Goguen read a Shout Out email from a staff member that recounted her experience after coming back to work from maternity leave. She stated that the support and understanding given to her from the administration and other staff members made for a positive experience upon returning to the classroom.

VI. 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 Savings to Checking Account

Motion: To approve \$6,587.57 transfer from Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

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

VII. Adjournment

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Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon, Recording Secretary

Documents used during this meeting include:

- March 28, 2018 Minutes
- MUNIS Budget Report
- Bon Voyage fundraiser – sale of baked goods and cocoa
- Bon Voyage fundraiser – converse with community
- Bartlett Drama fundraiser – partner with Booklovers Gourmet
- Webster Education Foundation fundraiser – open gym at Gigueres Trampoline
- Class of 2019 fundraiser – sale of pretzels
- email from M. Gilbert, MASC regarding policy updates
- Policy AC
- Policy GBA
- Policy GCF
- Policy JB
- Webster Middle School Transfer request