

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Date: April 24, 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

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

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order:

Motion: To Approve April 10, 2018 Minutes

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

Motion: To approve but not release the March 15, 2018 Executive Session Minutes

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

Motion: To approve but not release the January 23 Executive Session Minutes

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

Motion: To approve but not release the January 9, 2018 Minutes

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

Chairman Hurton stated that is bittersweet moment as Mr. Makara will not be running again, after 18 years on the School Committee. He has been the longest member to serve on the committee as well as participating in 4-5 superintendent search committee, 2 school building committees, many union negotiations, attending workshops, Town Meetings, many events as a school committee member. He has signed 2,300 diplomas, estimated that he has seen 2,700 students attend their first day of kindergarten. Mr. Makara has dedicated many hours to the Webster Public Schools. Chairman Hurton commented on Mr. Makara's leadership and dedication.

Member Chenevert commented on Mr. Makara's caring, kind nature. He thanked Mr. Makara for his years of service as well as his mentorship.

Superintendent Goguen commented on her first encounter with Mr. Makara, his warm welcome and the positive way he embodies the community. He has an open and honest approach to working together, we've been very fortunate to have him.

Mr. Avlas recounted their years together – starting together on the School Committee. He stated that Mr. Makara epitomizes what school committees are all about. He is a role model to other school committee members. He thanked Mr. Makara for his years as a strong committee person.

Mrs. Pierangeli related her being employed at Webster Public Schools for 18 years and admiring Mr. Makara for his strong leadership. She thanked him for all he taught her.

Mr. Makara was humbled by the comments. He stated "do the right thing for the right reasons" has been his moto. He prides himself on not being political, doing what is best for the students. He feels good leaving with the current members of the committee, he has every confidence in Mrs. Goguen and the leadership team. Mr. Makara thanked his family (wife and children in the audience)

II Superintendent's Report

1. Report on Webster Middle School Science Fair

Mrs. Goguen thanked Mr. Holden for organizing this year's Science Fair. There were many innovative ideas presented by student.

Member Napierata also commented on the fair as she was a judge and was very impressed with the student's articulation of their projects. Happy this has been brought back to the WMS

2. Administrative Offices Open House – May 5, 2018

Invitations have been sent out for the Open House that will take place on Saturday, May 5th from 9-12

3. Bartlett High School Impressions and Pit Band – National Anthem at Town Meeting

Selectman Jolda invited Bartlett Impressions Show Choir and Pit Band to perform the National Anthem at Town Meeting, May 14, 2018

4. Bartlett High School Impressions and Pit Band – Invitation to State House – May 3, 2018

Senator Fattman has invited Bartlett Impressions Show Choir and Pit Band to the State House

- Superintendent Goguen also reported of a recent meeting with Rep McKenna and Senator Fattman regarding construction of a safety wall and security cameras in the entrance of Bartlett High School. They have filed an amendment for \$100,000 dedicated to BHS safety.
- We are currently working with consultant Dr. Rojas to look at how to build our family resource program. Looking at our ELL program and how best to have an outreach program
- Park Avenue will be receiving the BIC Grant and will be traveling to the State House on May 10th

B. Principal Report – Ginger Coleman,

1. MCAS Update

The MCAS testing went smoothly. Thank you to the technology team for their efforts. We only had 4 make-ups

2. PBIS Update

Mrs. Coleman said that there was some confusion at the start of the school year between PAWS and PBIS. Mrs. Mackay spoke to the history of being one of the original cohort of BPIS beginning in 2014. Trainings and systems were put in place, but along the way structures were lost. In the second year incentives (PAWS) were misused and lost their meaning. As the school grew in numbers some of the other incentives became too much to monitor. Classroom behaviors became a focus this year with increase student engagement, keeping students in classroom. Student involvement has aided in the positiveness, examples are using 4th graders as helpers to kindergarten students, 3rd graders reading to 1st graders.

3. ILT Team Presentation

Instructional Leadership Team was present this evening. Brennan Green, 4th grade teacher was the spokesman for the group. Also in attendance was Jennifer Kelley, Amy Yeulinski, Jill Recchia, absent was Deb Castellani. He gave an overview of the purpose and what role they have in the building. Having more effective communication is a main goal along with aligning curriculum both horizontally and vertically, building team relationships, sharing best practices and building a professional learning community. This team began their work in January.

The ILT Team members spoke of their personal experience with the creation of the ILT.

Member Napierata commented on the focus being on teachers and what they can do to improve their practices versus looking at what the students should do. Looking forward to seeing improvements in the data.

Member Seddiki added her thoughts on the positive reinforcement practices and perhaps if shared with families there could be follow through at home. Keeping families informed is best practice.

4. Upcoming Events

- Spring Concert on June 18th and 19th
- Graduates on Parade June 5th
- PTO Carnival May 5th
- Student of the Month Recognition with Dignitaries
- Field Trips

C. Business Managers' Report

1. FY 18 Budget Update

Mr. Pierangeli said we have received Puerto Hurricane Relief Funds. The state release \$31,355 for the 14 students in our district (the formula for determining this amount was given). If all 14 students remain here at the end of the year we could receive an additional \$33,000.

III. Public Hearing FY19 Budget 7:00 PM

Per the Town Charter we are required to hold a Public Hearing on the FY19 Budget.

Motion: To open the Public Hearing

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

Chairman Hurton reviewed the budget process. Superintendent Goguen reviewed the 5 goals of the district. This year the District Leadership Team work as a cohesive group looking at the needs of the district and not just their own school. The focus was on improving curriculum and instruction and student outcome. Will continue to keep student safety a priority. A Power Point presentation was given reviewing the budget highlights, the 5 FY19 budget goals.

Mrs. Pierangeli gave a budget breakdown by building

There were no public comments

Motion: To close the Public Hearing

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

IV. Student Update: Lays Napoli

- Last SAT prep class was held Wednesday, April 11th
- AP exam dues are being collected this week
- Framingham State students who mastered in dietetics gave a presentation on proper eating
- Student Council members took part in the Webster Earth Day clean up
- Prom tickets went on sale Monday, April 23rd. Any student attending must have paid their class dues
- Tickets for "Arsenic and Old Lace" are on sale
- This Thursday lunch will feature locally grown baked potatoes
- There was an assembly yesterday for upcoming senior events
- Sports update was given
- Congratulations to Allison Grzembski for being the first girl to be crowned State Free Throw Champion at TD Garden
- Congratulations to Dylan Thomas and Conner Brennan on their National DECA Competiton

V. Old Business

A. Second Reading – Policy AC – Nondiscrimination

No discussion

B. Second Reading – Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity

No discussion

C. Second Reading – Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring

No discussion

D. Second Reading – Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities

No discussion

E. Monitoring Site Visit Report

American Institute for Research (AIR) Report was reviewed by Superintendent Goguen. This report is a result of a two day visit. Areas of focus for Park Avenue Elementary School have been noted and will be used with the ILT Team. Four practices were rated as “developing”. The full report is included in the packet.

Mrs. Daniels said this report and comparison from last year will be used in writing the Turnaround Grant for next year.

F. Review of Town Meeting Article

Mrs. Pierangeli met with Highway Manager, Kenny Pizzetti to review the repairs/repaving to the parking lot of the new administration office. The total we will be asking at Town Meeting is \$35,000 for this article. Mrs. Pierangeli gave details of Free Cash and funds that the District have given back to the Town. The parking lot is a capital expense and not something that would be built into the school budget. As pointed out by Mr. Gabor we will look to do a better job on maintaining our schools parking lots and driveways; sealing cracks will be looked at for a summer project.

VI. New Business

A. First Reading – Policy JFBB – School Choice

No discussion

B. Approval of adoption of McGraw Hill Wonders Program

Superintendent Goguen stated that we have been piloting the Wonders Reading Program PreK-5. Mrs. Daniels explained with the Common Core implementation we are in need of curriculum updates. With the Wonders implementation we have provided professional development and support throughout the year for our teachers to ensure its success. We surveyed the teachers (survey included in packet) and the consensus is they want to the program. The Turnaround Grant and FY18 ELA Grant will fund this purchase.

Member Napierata was pleased to hear the teachers positive response, she suggested having a parent night next fall to explain this program to parents and give them the opportunity to learn about this program

C. Acceptance of Central Massachusetts Collaborative FY17 Annual Report

In fulfillment of the Collaborative Regulations, enclosed in the packet is the Central Massachusetts Collaborative Annual Report for School Committee acceptance.

Motion: To accept the Central Massachusetts Collaborative FY17 Annual Report

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

 0 members having voted in the negative

 0 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

D. Acceptance of Central Massachusetts Collaborative Quarter 1 and 2 Report

In fulfillment of the Collaborative Regulations, enclosed in the packet is the Central Massachusetts Collaborative Quarter 1 and 2 for School Committee acceptance.

Motion: To accept the Central Massachusetts Collaborative Quarter 1 and 2 Report

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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

E. School Choice Discussion

Every year the School Committee must decide their accepting enrollment for next year's school choice. Superintendent Gougen reviewed the suggested open seats at each grade level

Motion: To support the School Choice recommendations as presented

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

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

F. School Committee Conference Room

Chairman Hurton presented a plaque and proposed a motion "In recognition and appreciation for 18 years of dedicated service to the Webster Public Schools, this School Committee Room shall be named the "Michael Makara Conference Room"

Motion: To rename the conference room to the "Michael Makara Conference Room"

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

A. Approve transfer of funds between multiple accounts

Mrs. Pierangeli explained that as we start to close out the fiscal year and clean up the budget we must make some line item transfers.

Motion: To approve transfer of funds between multiple accounts

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

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:52 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

Documents used during this meeting include:

- April 10, 2018 Minutes
- Administration Office Open House flyer
- Policy AC – Nondiscrimination
- Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring
- Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities
- AIR (American Institutes for Research) Annual Monitoring Site Visit Report
- Policy JFBB – School Choice
- WONDERS survey results
- Central Massachusetts Collaboration Quarter 1 Report
- Central Massachusetts Collaboration Quarter 2 Report
- Central Massachusetts Collaborative 2016-2017 Annual Report
- Enrollment chart for School Choice consideration
- Letter from Business Office requesting transfer of funds