

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, May 8, 2018

Date: May 8, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Michael Makara 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 Chenevert
- o Member Blythe

The following Committee Members were absent:

- o Member Seddiki

Chairman Hurton explained that after every town election we must have a reorganization of the committee. He congratulated Kathy Napierata and Brian Chenevert on their re-election. He thanked Mrs. Blythe for running and being elected to the committee.

I. Call to Order: Reorganization of Committee

Motion: To nominate Mr. Hurton as Chairman of the School Committee

The

motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

Motion: To nominate Mr. Chenevert as Vice Chairman of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Chairman 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

Motion: To nominate Member Napierata as secretary

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by NONE

The following roll call vote was taken:

 members having voted in the affirmative

4 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X Passed

 Failed

Motion: To nominate Member Seddiki as secretary

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Chairman 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

Motion: To approve April 24, 2018 Minutes

This will be tabled until the next meeting

II Superintendent's Report

- Superintendent Goguen welcomed Mrs. Blythe to the committee.
- Superintendent Goguen gave a Shout Out to our teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week
- Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative has been leasing space at Bartlett HS – we have just been informed that a financial decision has been made not to renew this lease. Chairman Hurton asked Mrs. Pierangeli about the Revolving Account (this was a significant revenue for the District) now that the lease funds will not be a source of income. Mrs. Pierangeli stated that this is a self-supporting fund (rentals, etc.). She said the balance will support any need that arises.
- We received a Summer Food Services Grant for \$3,185.00. This will be used to market, advertise and purchase small equipment. Thank you to Ellen Nylen
- May 10th a meeting is scheduled with the Town Administrator and the Chairs of the School Committee, Finance Committee and Selectman to discuss the FY20 finances and a potential override along with any additional Chapter 70 funds
- Partnering with the Senior Center – on May 10th Monique Pierangeli will be visiting the Senior Center to answer any questions regarding the FY19 school budget

1. Worcester County Superintendent Association update

Superintendent Goguen attended her last meeting for this year. The guest speaker was the new DESE Commissioner Jeff Riley. Mr. Riley discussed his educational philosophical approach and goals.

2. New Superintendent Induction Program Update

May 23rd will conclude Superintendent Goguen's participation in the M.A.S.S. Superintendent's Induction Program. She publically thanked her coach, Suzanne Scallion. She stated that the program has been helpful, but will not continue in the program next year.

3. Evacuation Drill Update

May 3rd we successfully conducted evacuation drills at all three schools with the assistance from the Webster Police, EMT's and Fire Dept. along with Fr. Luke for allowing us to access the Greek Orthodox Church to practice a shelter in place for WMS and BHS.

B. Principal Report – Steven Knowlton, Bartlett High School

AP Testing

Beginning yesterday through May 18th AP testing will be taking place. 112 students will be taking 205 AP tests. If students do not take the exam they do not get a grade for the class

2. MCAS Testing

May 23 / 24 Sophomore Math

June 6 / 7 Sophomore and Freshman Science

3. DSAC Visit

May 18th the DSAC team will have a full day visit. They will be collecting data and looking at our instructional practices

Mr. Knowlton reviewed the list of scholarships that will be awarded at Senior Honors Night on May 29th. Five will be given at graduation as they are based on class rank.

C. Business Managers' Report

1. Technology Update

Mr. Pierangeli updated the committee on technology; there have been many updates over the past couple of years. She gave a shout out to Stacy Quilty, Data Specialist, Jon O'Neill, Vernon Tyson and Deb Ramsdell for their hard work. They rotate throughout the buildings allowing them to be proactive on technology issues. They have transitioned our special education data to a new PowerSchool program. Ms. Quilty and Mrs. Baris have worked closely with this new program that went live a couple of weeks ago. Also a shout out to the special education staff and teachers for their hard work during this transition. Mrs. Pierangeli thanked Jon, Vernon and Deb publically for their tireless work

Chairman Hurton thanked Mrs. Pierangeli for her efforts in the technology advances over the past couple of years with her behind the scenes effort. He asked if there is a plan for upgrading the Chromebooks. She replied that Mr. O'Neill has already begin looking into this. We will look to use School Choice and E-Rate funding for this project

2. Open House

Saturday, May 5th was the newly renovated administrative offices Open House. About 20-25 people attended along with Bay Path's Superintendent LaFlesh, and some Bay Path School Committee Members and the architect for the project.

III. Student Update: Lays Napoli

Lays officially introduced Mariah Belletti as the 2018-2019 School Committee Student Rep. Mariah gave a brief bio, she said her focus is on academics and takes school very seriously, she participated in 3 bands, has 5 siblings and is a people person. She expressed her appreciation for this opportunity

- Progress Report grades close May 11th
- Juniors attended the college fair last week held in the gym
- Business Law classes went to the Worcester County jail and House of Correction
- Student Council attended the spring conference in North Brookfield
- Student Council participated in the Walk for Hunger held in Boston on May 6th
- This Thursday national Honor Society will be visiting the New England Aquarium and Faneuil Hall
- Show Choir toured the State House and had lunch with Senator Fattman on May 3rd
- Forms for Senior Athletic Plaques are available in the Guidance Office and are due Friday, May 11th
- Prom is Saturday, May 12th at Indian Ranch
- 2018-2019 class officer and student council elections are May 14th
- Congrats to the Drama Club on their showing of Arsenic and Old Lace last week-end.
- Congrats to Alyssa Ward for signing with Regis College for softball

Chairman Hurton asked Lays if she has seen an improvement in the culture at Bartlett High School since the BPIS program has been used. She said that she felt the beginning of this school year was the best. The only complaint she had was the hallway congestion.

IV. Old Business

A. Third and Final Reading – Policy AC – Nondiscrimination

Chairman Hurton said this is the third reading amending policies for The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act that was effective April 1, 2018

Motion: To approve amended Policy AC - Nondiscrimination

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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. Third and Final Reading – Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity

Same as above

Motion: To approve amended Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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. Third and Final Reading – Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring

Same as above

Motion: To approve amended Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

D. Third and Final Reading – Policy JB – Equal Education Opportunities

Same as above

Motion: To approved amended Policy JB – Equal Education Opportunities

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

E. Second Reading – Policy JFBB – School Choice

For the same reason as above this is the second reading of Policy JFBB – School Choice

No discussion

F. Monthly Fundraising Report

Numerous fundraisers have been approved over the past month – included in packet

V. New Business

A. Bartlett High School BPIS update

Mr. Eric Tracey, Dean of Students at Bartlett High School presented to the Committee the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) Program. Bartlett is in the cohorts finishing Tier 1 of a 3 year program. This has been successful program and a catalyst to the positives in the school. The PBIS Team is Gina Nieves, Michelle Bigelow, Coleen Nasis, Kim Granger, Shari McCarthy, Chris Nasis, Corrie Morrissey, Nancy Guiney and Mr. Tracey. Their motto is Pride. Teachers have access to a designated program “PBIS Apps” that has been used this year. There has been a decrease in behavior referrals since being implemented. A PowerPoint presentation was given (included in packet) showing the data of referrals and discipline. Mr. Tracey gave examples of the recognition of positive behavior given to students (i.e. shout-outs, student of the month, perfect attendance breakfast)

Chairman Hurton commented on the data and the improvements made and asked about challenges for next year. Mr. Tracey said taking data and looking at them in advisory periods, increasing the positive reinforcements. Also look into what’s happening with the students that haven’t been recognized.

B. Approval of Bartlett High School Program of Studies

Superintendent Goguen said the Bartlett Program of Studies was updated this year with the help of BHS Administration, teachers, department heads and curriculum leaders

Mr. Knowlton said the Program of Studies was due to have a major overhaul with Becky Czernicki spearheading this project. The formatting was made consistent, and careful review of the offerings.

There was discussion over the levels of courses offered (college level, accelerated, honors). Chairman Hurton inquired about what we offer for Career Readiness (versus college readiness). Superintendent Goguen said we are looking to bring programs / courses to Bartlett, possibly some vocational programs and QCC offerings. Part of the offerings will be dependent on our MSBA submission.

Member Napierata asked for clarification of the Social Studies offering as it aligns to the Nichols Honors Program. Principal explained the courses that would be offered at each grade level.

C. Approval of out of state field trip – Grade 2 to Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, RI

Superintendent Goguen said this is an annual trip for Grade 2 students

Motion: To approve out of state field trip – Grade 2 to Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, RI on June 7, 2018

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

D. Appoint School Committee member to Unit B Contract Negotiations

Chairman Hurton said there has been a request from Mr. Kaczynski requesting to enter into negotiations for Unit B. He will volunteer to be the school committee member for these negotiations.

Motion: To appoint Chairman Hurton to the Unit B Contract Negotiations

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

E. Designation of email record keeper

Chairman Hurton explained that as mandated by the Open Meeting Law regulations all email messages between school committee members must be retained for public record. These messages are printed and kept in the central office. In the past the School Committee has designated Ms. Glennon.

Motion: To continue to have Lori Glennon as the email record of keeper

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

F. Designation of Legislative Representative

Chairman Hurton said the School Committee annually designates a person, who may or may not be a member, as the Legislative Representative as part of the reorganization meeting. The Legislative Representative is authorized to speak on behalf of the School Committee regarding legislation considered by MGL.

Motion: To appoint Member Chenevert as the Legislative Representative

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

G. Approval of Surplus Items

Business Manager, Mrs. Pierangeli is requesting the School Committee approve the declaration of materials and equipment as surplus.

- Three (3) #10 can racks from Webster Middle School to Southbridge Public Schools
- Outdated reading books / materials to LifePoint Church in Chicopee, MA

Mrs. Pierangeli said that these are no longer needed and haven't been used for quite some time. Looked to sell these, give to Webster Food Share and Worcester Food Bank – to no avail. Southbridge Public Schools expressed an interest and will come pick them up.

Superintendent Goguen said old reading program materials were donated to LifePoint Church

Motion: Move to declare the attached list of items as obsolete and to direct the Business Manager to auction off, donate, or otherwise recycle / dispose of these materials in conjunction with provisions of MGL 30B

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

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

VII. Adjournment

Adjournment

Motion: To enter into Executive Session only coming back to Open Session to adjourn

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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:

- Policy BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting
- Policy BDB – School Committee Officers
- List of 2018 Scholarships
- Policy AC – Nondiscrimination
- Policy GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity
- Policy GCF – Professional Staff Hiring
- Policy JB – Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy JFBB – School Choice
- Fundraising Applications
 - Foreign Language Students / selling candy
 - Music Students / community outreach day
 - Boys Soccer Team / selling tickets 50 year reunion
 - Student Council / “kiss a senior goodbye” – selling Hershey Kisses for seniors
- PBIS PowerPoint
- Bartlett High School Program of Studies
- Field Trip Request form – Grade 2 to Roger Williams Zoo, Providence, RI
- email from Mr. Kaczynski, Unit B negotiations
- Letter from Business Office / Surplus items