

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Date: April 9, 2019 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 Blythe
- Member Seddiki
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of March 26, 2019 Minutes

Motion: To Approve March 26, 2019 Minutes as amended

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Tri-Committee Update Members Chenevert and Napierata as well as Mrs. Pierangeli and Superintendent Goguen attended the meeting with Board of Selectman and Finance Committee. The town is recommending a 3% budget for the school. If additional funds come in the first \$40,000 will be allocated to the school. If any additional Chapter 70 funds come they will be split 70/30.

2. Mapfre Partnership

- 121 Prom dresses donated ~ 14 Mapfre employees came with 3 large boxes. Tomorrow students can come and pick a dress
- Mapfre is also sponsoring “In Control Program”, it is coming to BHS from April 29 – May 6. There will be a survey to be completed by students. Will be bringing a damaged car to be placed at school main entrance and prizes
- Mapfre employees collected \$500 for Tyler Adolfo’s DECE trip to Orlando. Outpouring of support from our community
- Research project with Fundacion Mapfre, John Hopkins Center for Injury Research and Policy (Center) at the Bloomberg School of Public Health to learn more about the current status of accidental injury and violence prevention educational activities within our district. Center researchers will be soliciting input from teachers through a voluntary survey. They will also be conducting phone interviews with principals, nurses and health teachers who have volunteered. The voluntary survey for teachers will take about 15 minutes and has questions related to injury topics, such as violence prevention, bullying and suicide prevention as well as accidental injury topics, like fire and burn prevention, child passenger and pedestrian safety, and poison prevention. The data collected will be used to enhance the Webster Public School, Fundacion Mapfre and John Hopkins understanding of the current status of accidental injury and violence prevention educational activities within our district. Working with Eileen McDonald, Senior Scientist & MSPH Program Director

Also, Principal Cushing arranged a presentation about texting and driving through the Attorney General’s Office.

3. Other Updates

- Last week held a DMH (Department of Mental Health) meeting – Trauma Informed Nation – Carly Sebastian from DMH along with our school counselors and principals – looking for ways to support families
- Correspondence to School Committee from bargaining units with intent to bargain regarding health insurance
- First ever *Community Safety Fair* – Mar 18th from 11 to 2. Agencies involved – Police, Fire, EMS, Mapfre, Boston Children’s Hospital, District Attorney’s Office, Mapfre, Boston Children’s Hospital Injury Prevention Team, North Village, AA Transportation, DMH, South County Community Partnership, Head Start, Town Library, town recreation Dept., UMass Harrington Hospital, Webster School leaders / students
- CMP Training was held this past Saturday ~ the Professional Development Session went well – some middle school teachers joined the high school teachers allowing for vertical conversation. This was the 7 of 8 sessions. Thank you to Jill Chapdelaine for her efforts and all teachers that attended
- Last Monday held a District Leadership Team meeting to discuss the Webster Educators Assoc. concerns.
- Last Tuesday, held a Superintendent’s Educators Council meeting to listen to teachers and problem solve – 8 teachers volunteered. Will be meeting again after vacation
- Last Wednesday Paraprofessional Negotiations were held ~ they are going well
- Last Thursday – attended the Bartlett HS Community meeting
- As a result of a recent concern with safety the following plan is being put in place:
 - Full time dean at WMS/BHS with a much more structured roles and responsibilities at BHS safety – discipline is being reported as the reason things are not being done so now we will have clearer roles for the Principal, Assistant Principal and Dean. Other restructuring will begin this Thursday:
 - Gina Nieves will be Dean at BHS, Barry Berthiaume will be her sub
 - The WMS Dean of Students position has been posted
- Superintendent Goguen has been invited to speak at the Literacy Volunteers Recognition at the Gladys E Kelly Library this Thursday night
- Becky Czernicki is putting together a team and we will be going to the Spring Convening of the Dropout Prevention and Reengagement work group. We will be looking at our tiered interventions

- Looking Ahead: ~ April 30th – WMS Math Night
~ May 7th – BHs Super Team
~ May 13th – Town Meeting

B. Business Manager Report

1. Third Quarter Budget Review Mrs. Pierangeli gave an outline of the Third Quarter Budget. Substitute and SPED tuition costs are being closely watched. A phone deficit is a new allocation and was not included in the original budget. Major area of concern ~ SPED tuition with a \$213,320 deficit. Legal services is also in a deficit – all bargaining units had contract negotiations this year having an impact. Expecting a deficit foster care transportation currently at 68%. Mrs. Pierangeli said it is hoped all budget items would be at 55% and that is why there is a spending freeze. There was discussion about Circuit Breaker funds.
2. Update on Public Hearing Will be held at April 23rd School Committee meeting at 7:00pm. Has been advertised in newspapers and on line.
3. Grant Application Recently submitted a Safe School and Community grant with Chief Shaw and SRO whiting. This would be for security cameras at the schools. We would be eligible for up to \$60,000 (based on town size). Hoping to hear on or about April 26th. If we get the grant it will be installed in June.

C. Principal Report – Michael Zajac, Webster Middle School

- Boston Museum of Science field trip Grade 8 students were able to go to the Museum of Science from a scholarship that Mr. Dan Kelly received.
- Washington DC field trip To date 72 students and 27 chaperones will be attending this trip – May 29-31
- Opera Performance Mrs. Bari Baggett arranged for this for all 5th grade students. This is the second year for this event.
- School Newsletter First edition recently went out. Thanks to Stacey Tucker for facilitating
- MCAS Assessment Updates Today was the first day of testing – 560 students, 54 testing locations within the school. All went very smoothly

We will be having a Pep Rally this Friday before vacation – many activities and games planned.

IV. Student Update : Mariah Belletti

Not present this evening

V. Old Business

A. Monthly Report on Fundraising Applications Chairman Hurton stated as a reminder that the School Committee does not approve fundraisers, only report them

- Senior Class – Kiss a senior goodbye
- DECA Club – concession stand at Thompson Speedway
- Class of 2022 – sale of pretzel rods
- Class of 2022 – car wash
- BHS Drama – selling flowers

- Black Empowerment Student Union – Lip Sync Contest
- WMS National Junior Honor Society – St. Patrick’s Day carnations

B. FY20 Budget update Superintendent Goguen said the Admin Team has been taking a closer look at the budget. Ongoing conversation about focusing on students and staftey. Tonight 2 budgets were presented – 3.2% and 3%. A review of the proposed staff additions, changes were reviewed. We are proposing taking \$200,000 from School Choice Funds.

Member Seddiki asked for details of the \$9,000 reduction in curriculum. Superintendent Goguen said there isn’t a defined outline yet – we will continue to move forward, would possibly have an impact of new SS and Science curriculum, will not impact ELA or math. Member Seddiki also asked about custodian overtime. Mrs. Pierangeli explained the impact of adding a new custodial position would allow for reduction of over time.

Chairman acknowledged the hard work being done and pointed out the goal of working collaboratively with the town. He asked for clarification of staffing reductions. Superintendent Goguen said these positions are all brought from the building principals – they looked at the programs and priorities in their building in making recommendations.

VI. New Business

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

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:38 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents included in this packet:

- March 26, 2019 Minutes
- 2019 Quarter 3 Budget
- Fundraising applications
- Scenarios of 3 budget possibilities
- FY20 3.0% budget
- FY20 3.2% budget