

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Date: February 26, 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 February 13, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Hurton pointed out three corrections to the minutes. Corrections will be made and published on website

Motion: To approve February 13, 2019 Minutes with amendments / corrections

The motion was made by Member Blythe
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

Approval of January 8, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

Motion: To approve but not release January 8, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

The motion was made by Member Blythe
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

III Superintendent's Report

1. Park Avenue Elementary Monitoring Site Visit

Superintendent Goguen said this is the second time in 2 years that we have had a site visit. It is scheduled for the week of March 18th. It will provide critical information on the progress of Park Avenue Elementary School and the district. DESE contracted with American Institute for Research (AIR) to conduct this visit. It will include data collection through interviews, focus groups, and staff survey and classroom observations.

2. Personnel Update

Stephanie Mahoney – ABA at Bartlett High School

3. Other Updates.

- Tomorrow ELL parent Advisory Group meeting will be held at North Village at noon
- Tomorrow is BHS Family Feud Night beginning at 6:00PM
- We are working with the District Attorney's office and will be showing "If They Had Known" documentary on March 14th at BHS beginning at 6:00, show begins at 6:30, panel discussion at 7:00. This is about a college student that mixed alcohol and drugs
- Mrs. Pierangeli, Member Seddiki and Superintendent Goguen met with WEA Union reps and are updating job descriptions for athletic coaches
- Mr. Zajac and Dr. Cushing are working on the School Improvement Plans with the assistance of Mrs. Daniels and Superintendent Goguen – will be presented at a later date
- The high school is also working on program evaluations – these are not ready to present
- Administrative Assistant negotiations will be held tomorrow and paraprofessional negotiations on Thursday
- We have our big Comprehensive District Review Audit March 4-7. Have been working for months collecting data for all required areas. Invitations have been sent out. Six experienced educators will be onsite – doing interviews, holding focus groups and classroom observations. The entire schedule was handed out to SC Members. The School Committee members will have their focus group on march 6th from 4:30 – 5:30
- Bartlett High School Drama Club – Murder Mystery Banquet at Point Breeze on March 8th at Point Breeze. Tickets are \$25.00/ person, \$20/students, \$10/young children
- Received notification of the results from the recent Circuit Audit. A few discrepancies were found; \$1,215 discrepancy in Circuit Breaker and \$2,285 discrepancy in School Choice

B. Business Manager Report

1. Park Avenue Elementary School Building Project Update

Mrs. Pierangeli has been notified that the audit on the building project is complete. There was a conference call last week to review the findings. The findings will be presented at the next MSBA Board meeting in April. After that we will submit a request to the School Committee requesting to disband the Park Avenue Elementary Building Committee. Happy to report we came in under budget. Specifics will be shared at later date.

C. Principal Report – Peter Cushing – Bartlett High School

Dr. Cushing said there are many great things happening at Bartlett – as Mrs. Goguen told them. He is encouraging families to attend the March 14th presentation of “If They Had Known” This documentary shares the opioid crisis

- **Breakfast in the Classroom Preparations**

We are required to offer Breakfast in the Classroom. Met over vacation with Mrs. Pierangeli, Mrs. Czernicki, Ms. Nylen and her intern to discuss the program. Logistically tis is difficult at a high school level. Looking into possibly having a cart / kiosk or keeping the caf open longer giving student’s opportunity to get breakfast – food to fuel their mind. We will be sending a survey to students and staff looking for feedback

- **Turnaround Plan update**

On December 17th the American Institute for Research conducted observations in 19 classrooms. They have conducted a survey with teachers and we expect the results from that the first week of March.

- **Athletic Educational / Motivational Speaker – Jack Renkens**

This past Sunday there was motivation speaker jack Renkens cam to BHS. He had an extremely positive message, unfortunately it was not highly attended. There were probably only 4-5 families in attendance.

Member Blythe said she did attend – it’s unfortunate more families did not because it was very good

- **Black History Month Update**

This program was designed by / for the students. A Black Empowerment Student Union has been created. The students designed an amazing kick-off and will culminate this Thursday with an assembly. This is a good opportunity for our students to have a better understanding of race experiences.

III. Student update : Mariah Belletti

Not in attendance this evening

IV. Old Business

A. Review and Authorization to submit FY20 Budget

A PowerPoint of the budget process and goals was presented. The FY20 proposed budget is \$21,850,404 – 4.2% increase from last year. At this point the Governor’s budget proposal includes a \$661,992 increase to Chapter 70 Funding. A review of the changes to the budget was shown along with the proposed reductions.

Chairman Hurton questioned if there has been any feedback from Doug Williardson, Town Administrator. Superintendent Goguen said that the budget has not been presented – we will be meeting with the other boards soon.

Mrs. Pierangeli stated that this budget process was different – there was a system wide approach to creating this budget – there was not any discussion of “my needs, my building”

Motion: To approve submission of the proposed FY20 Budget in the amount of \$21,850,404

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

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

V. New Business

A. Acceptance of \$13,967.50 donation from Curaleaf

Superintendent Goguen has been building a community partnership with Curaleaf. She was very pleased to accept a \$13,967.50 donation for the purpose of installing *FlySense* into the Bartlett High School bathrooms and locker room. Kate Steinberg, Curaleaf Outreach Manager was present, they look forward to continued partnership and further support when needed. There was a short video of the *FlySense* shown. We are one of 5 schools in the area to have this product. There will be communication to students and parents explaining that they will be installed and will be used as a deterrent

Chairman Hurton stated that on behalf of the Committee he was very thankful to have community partners such as Curaleaf.

When asked, Mr. Zajac said there have been issues at Webster Middle School. Chairman Hurton suggested if this works at BHS we should look into funding to purchase for WMS.

Motion: To accept \$13,967.50 donation from Curaleaf

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member

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. Senator Fattman and Representative McKenna – Budget Discussion

Superintendent Goguen thanked Senator Fattman and Representative McKenna for coming this evening to address our budget questions and concerns. Rep. McKenna said this is a topic at Beacon Hill that is having much discussion. Looking at Chapter 70 Funding being more equitable.

Senator Fattman gave some history of the process and key people working on education budget in the State. The Governor's budget is not the final budget. He spoke of a pilot plan that would regionalize high schools offering a trade i.e. Webster Public Schools offering culinary to other local high school students. Making a trade available to students that don't attend the vocational high school. Superintendent Goguen spoke of her experience in a similar high school program, there are limitations – we are unable to offer a trade that is offered at the vocational high school – otherwise would risk losing state funding.

The conversation continued on the Circuit Breaker. Superintendent Goguen expressed her concern that it is not fully funded, special education expenses continue to rise.

Mrs. Pierangeli, Mrs. Baris and Superintendent Goguen outlined a new regulation regarding students in foster care and the district requirement to transport. This became effective as of 7/1/2018 – this mandate is unfunded and our district could possibly have a \$200,000 expense. This is a major impact in the budget. Senator Fattman was unaware of the new foster care regulations and will look into it.

Chairman Hurton opened a conversation about state takeover for underachieving districts.

Senator Fattman spoke of the Senate Youth Leadership program. This is a nationwide program designed to promote student leadership awareness. He would love to have Webster partake in this program. This year's ambassador is Patrick Edwards, Senator Fattman offered for him to come and speak to our students.

The Committee Members and Superintendent Goguen thanked Senator Fattman and Representative McKenna for attending the meeting.

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

A. Approval of transfer from Webster Middle School student activity savings account to the checking account.

Motion: To approve the transfer of \$4,047.80 from the Webster Middle School savings to checking account

The motion was made by Member

The motion was seconded by Member

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 8:26pm

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 included in the packet

- January 22, 2019 Minutes
- Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative Q1, Q2 and Annual Report
- End of year Audit Report
- FY20 Chapter 70 Formula PowerPoint
- FY20 Budget with PowerPoint
- Extra-Curricular budget breakdown
- Field Trip Request Form
- Monthly Fundraising Request
- Overnight field trip request – Student Council to Annual Conference in Cape Cod
- Overnight field trip request – DECA to National Competition in Boston
- Overnight field trip request – All State Choir in Boston
- 2019-2020 School Calendar
- Bartlett High School ~ School Improvement Plan
- Webster Middle School ~ School Improvement Plan
- Park Avenue Elementary School ~ School Improvement Plan
- Mass Cultural Council – grant approval