

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, January 28, 2020

Date: January 28, 2020 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 Blythe
- o Member Seddiki
- o Member Makara

The following Committee Members were absent:

**I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Hurton announced that this meeting is recorded both video and audio.

**II. Approval of January 14, 2020 Minutes**

Motion: Approve January 14, 2020 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

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 (Member Makara)

The motion:   X   passed

       Failed

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence**

**1. Personnel Update**

New Hires: Jennifer Keary – Adjustment Counselor at WMS

Resignations: Peter Germano – Para at WMS

## 2. Other Updates

- Attended MASS Mid Winter Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - A. Update on Student Opportunity Act
    1. 35 districts are getting 85% of the money. We are getting approx.. 1.2 million
    2. All districts are required to do plans – even if they don’t get any money
    3. We must have a Community Engagement Plan and the School Committee must vote to accept the plan prior to April 1, 2020. Superintendent Goguen is suggesting a public hearing on the Student Opportunity Act Plan March 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>
    4. Many of the FY21 budget proposals align with the Student Opportunity Act plan
  - B. Leadership Workshop – keynote speaker was Jeff Lawrence, Managing Director of Organizational Agility Advisors topic was balancing life and job
- An update on Instructional Leadership was given. There were SSOS Learning Walks on January 15, 2020 at Bartlett High School. This Friday there will be a walk through at Webster Middle School
- Meeting individually with each school administrative team regarding the walk throughs
- Conducting mid-year review meetings with all administrators
- Have spent many hours working on the Webster Middle School schedule. Shout out to Shari Haire. Have included union members in the process to ensure open communication. Next piece is to review EL students and related service provider schedules
- Webster Middle School has been doing data analysis on suspension data
- Had a meeting with consultants that help write Innovative Pathways Grants on January 17<sup>th</sup>
- January 17<sup>th</sup> Professional Development was reviewed – grid of the day’s events was provided in packet
- Central Massachusetts Collaborative Annual Report was included in packet
- Southern Worcester Collaborative is in the process of hiring an Executive Director – more details to follow
- Attended Grandparents raising Grandchildren meeting January 21<sup>st</sup> in Oxford
- The video from last year’s Boston Children’s Hospital “Safe Play Starts Here” Injury Prevention Program has been submitted to the International Film Festival. It is posted on our website and you can all go on to vote until February 14.
- The Governor has proposed a Career Technical Initiative – it aims to provide more Massachusetts students / residents access to career technical training using existing resources at vocational high schools. The proposal would allow students to attend from 2-5pm, adult learners from 5-8pm. This would increase skilled workers in trade and construction jobs.
- Congratulations to Logan Paranto for scoring 1,000 points!
- Superintendent Goguen included the 2018-2019 Central Massachusetts Collaborative Annual Report

### **B. Student Update – Logan Paranto**

- Quarter 2 grades have closed
- Scholarships for seniors have started
- Guest Speaker – Kulture – came for an assembly to talk about racial inequality and being your best self
- Update on clubs given
- Update on sports given
- Trading Post had its grand opening today – thanks to Mapfre for their assistance

### **B. Business Manager Report – Monique Pierangeli**

#### **1. School Building Committee Update**

February meeting was cancelled. We are waiting for MSBA to return their finding on our enrollment summary. We are anticipating to be placed on their April agenda

#### **2. FY20 Quarter 2 Update**

Transfers have been made to cover deficits in specific lines. We are at 38.5% for teachers and 55.7% for weekly salaries. Special Education budget is stable. Watching contracted services, will be asking for transfer later in this meeting. The reasoning for this transfer is to cover some long term substitutes (maternity leaves). Will be checking each line item to confirm proper posting.

### **C. Principal Report – Robin Parmley, Park Avenue Elementary School**

#### **1. Peace for Kids – Grade 2 Concert**

Mrs. Parmley said this was an amazing concert with an inspiring theme (MLK) Great turnout. Shout out to Mrs. Valerie Howes and the Grade 2 staff

#### **2. Grade Level Collaboration for PD**

Schedule of the PAE professional development on 1/21/2020 was presented.

#### **3. Me and Someone Special Dance**

PTO sponsored this event. Over 250 families attended each session. Approximately \$1,500 was raised. Shout out to Amanda Anderson for assisting in organizing the bake sale.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. Food Services Audit Report Update – Ellen Nylen**

A State Administrative Review of Webster Middle School was completed the week before Christmas Break. This is a comprehensive review done every 4 years (changing to every 5 years). After the conclusion of the review week there is an observation week. Additionally, a Procurement Review began today. Mrs. Pierangeli said that audits are a good learning tool. The Corrective Action plan due this Friday, Ms. Nylen gave a review of the findings. The majority of the findings were from the Breakfast in the Classroom program. This is an extremely comprehensive review.

#### **B. FY 21 Budget Update**

Mrs. Pierangeli presented the FY21 Budget. A review of the School Committee binder was given for members.

Dr. Goguen had some follow up information on the Special Education Budget. Mrs. Baris outlined the current and projected caseload and teacher assignments. A PowerPoint of 2020-2021 recommendations was given for all grade levels. Webster's special education statistics was given to give a point of reference. Asked for 2 new special education teachers at PAE.

Clarification over caseload / grade level need and budget staffing was given.

Mrs. Pierangeli gave an overview of the new Preliminary Chapter 70 Aid (slides included) formula. This new formula will be phased in over 7 years. We will have of 8.23% or \$1,128,407.

### **V. New Business**

Chairman Hurton recused himself from the next agenda item

#### **A. Approval of overnight field trip – Bartlett High Student Council to Annual Conference**

Dr. Goguen explained that this is an annual conference for high school student council members. This year it will be held March 4-6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Motion: To approve overnight field trip – Bartlett High Student Council to Annual Conference**

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Naperata

The following roll call vote was taken:  
4 members having voted in the affirmative  
\_ members having voted in the negative  
1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)  
The motion:  X  passed  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Failed

Dr. Goguen said the following four policies have been recommended by the MASC. We do not have these policies, Dr. Goguen is recommending we adopt all four policies.

Chairman Hurton said the School Committee policy has a three reading (meetings) to discuss any changes. This is the first reading of the following: There were no questions or comments on the following

B. Equal Education Opportunities Policy – JBB – First Reading

C. Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services Policy – JFABD – First Reading

D. Educational Opportunities for Military Children Policy – JFABE – First Reading

E. Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care Policy – JFABF – First Reading

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

A. Approval of transfer from the Business Office

Motion: To approve transfer from the Business Office as requested

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 (member Hurton)  
The motion:  X  passed  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Failed

## **X. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Marrazzo

Documents included in the packet:

- January 14, 2020 Minutes
- 2018-2019 Central Massachusetts Collaborative Annual Report
- PAE January 21<sup>st</sup> Professional Development Plan
- FY20 Quarter 2 Budget
- FY21 Special Education Review
- FY21 Foundation Budget Review
- Bartlett High School Student Council State Conference – overnight field trip request
- Policy JBB – Equal Education Opportunities
- Policy JFABD - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
- Policy JFABE - Educational opportunities for Military Children
- Policy JFABF – Educational opportunities for Children in Foster Care
- FY21 Level Service Budget
- Business Office Transfer Request