

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Date: April 27, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Remote ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by: Chair Seddiki

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Millet
- Member Blythe
- Member Napierata
- Member Adamopoulos

The following Committee Members were absent:

Chair Seddiki stated as a reminder the changes in Open Meeting Law issued, just over a year ago, by Governor Baker on March 12, 2020 given the COVID19 outbreak and the Executive Order modifying Open Meetings. The meeting is posted on the district website with the zoom link allowing the public to join in the meeting. As another reminder this meeting is being recorded both audio and video and will be posted on the district website.

I. Call to Order:

II. Approval of April 13, 2021 Minutes

Motion: To approve April 13, 2021 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 (Member Millet gave a motion of thumbs up)

 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. Personnel Updates

New Hires: Jessica Roman – Cafeteria at BHS

Tiffany Legere – Cafeteria at PAE

Cheryll Sergel – Cafeteria at WMS

Kelly Nevalsky - Special Education Administrative Assistant, replacing Lynn Bent

2. Return to in person learning Update

Preparations are being finalized for the return of students TOMORROW at WMS and BHS. Mrs. Parmley will update you on the return of PAE students in her report later in this meeting.

3. Other Updates

- a. DESE Updated Guidance on Close Contact** – dated April 20, 2021. Close contacts at school and on the school bus must be within 3ft (not the previous 6ft). We will be adhering to this new guidance.

New guidance from DESE released today regarding remote learning. DESE is requiring all teachers to have a visual of all students – that information was shared with families today. All along we have been promoting students to have their cameras on – new mandate outlines students must have at least a visual check in with staff.

- b. Summer School Plan** – we have a new format to hopefully engage students throughout the summer with ongoing instruction. Will run regular special education program with some enrichment activities. (i.e. robotic, art – list included in packet). Also running Title I, ELL and Credit Recover at BHS. Positions have been posted. Thinking ahead to next year – posted Grade Level Leaders, Content Leaders and Curriculum / Dept. Leaders with the Summer Summit to be held July 22nd.
- c. MCAS Testing** – Only remote students in grades 3-8 will have the option of taking a remote MCAS test. High School will not have that option.
- d. Tri-Committee Meeting** – This meeting was held last night meeting. Tomorrow Mrs. Pierangeli and I will be meet with Town Accountant and Town Manager to discuss how to fully fund the school budget. We are tabling the FY22 Amended budget this evening – as in years past we will look to hold a quick meeting May 10th prior to the Town Meeting to have School Committee vote on the amended budget

B. Business Manager Report

1. School Building Committee Update

Mrs. Pierangeli said the committee met on 4/15. They voted to submit the final Educational Plan to MSBA. They are in the process of reviewing, we are anxious for their feedback. Will be meeting Monday morning with leadership team to review plans. Next scheduled is May 20th.

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

1. Return of all students in person learning

Mrs. Parmley said everyone is excited to have the students back. It was a team effort to prepare for the return. She reviewed the plan for feeding over 600 students, plan of shifting to ensure coverage is met. There is currently a waiting list for students to come in person, due to the CDC guidance there currently is not enough room.

2. Literacy Reset

With collaborative partnerships we have reviewed data to close achievement gaps and put in interventions. Working with consultants to redefine instruction. Dr. Goguen had previously presented the consultants that had come in for training.

3. Preparing for Spring 2021 MCAS for grades 3 & 4

MCAS testing begins May 11th. All PAE staff have been trained. Shout out to Ellen Jeffers for her help. Created 21 new locations to accommodate IEP small groupings.

IV. Student Update – Vivian Poplawski

- Sports update given
- Counselor & Classmate Connection Group started after school
- DECA finalized senior sweatshirt orders
- Students are excited to return fully in person tomorrow

Vivian shared that she committed to University of New Hampshire for the fall

V. Old Business

A. Approval of Amended FY 22 Budget Update

This item has been tabled

VI. New Business

A. Appoint School committee member to the Unit B contract negotiations

Dr. Goguen said that we received a letter from Debora Zablocki requesting to begin negotiations for the Unit B contract that expires June 30th 2021.

Motion: To appoint Member Adamopoulos as the School Member to enter into contract negotiations with Unit B members

The motion was made by Member Napierata

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

B. Approval of Surplus Items – Miscellaneous furniture and outdated technology.

Mrs. Pierangeli gave a review of outdated and broken equipment. Chrome books typically have a life expectancy of 4 years – most of these are 6 years old (list is included in the packet)

Motion: 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 M.G.L. 30B

The motion was made by Member Millet

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

VI. Review / Transfer / Signing of Bills, Payrolls and Vouchers:

There were no questions

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:24 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Marrazzo

Documents included in the packet:

- March 31, 2021 Minutes
- April 20, 2021 DESE Guidance on school, bus and community setting close contacts
- April 26, 2021 DESE Guidance FAQ's / Remote Guidelines
- COVID Dashboard
- Letter form Unit B to enter into negotiations
- List of Surplus items for recycling
- Warrant