

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Date: April 26, 2022

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: School Committee Conference Room

77 Poland Street, Webster

The meeting was called to order by: Chair Seddiki

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Millet
- Member Adamopoulos
- Vice Chair Napierata

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Blythe

I. Call to Order: Pledge of allegiance

II. Approval of April 12, 2022 Minutes

Motion: To approve April 12, 2022 Minutes as presented

The motion was made by Member Millet

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

III. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

Moment of Silence for Mr. Jack Kelly.

Jack worked for the district since 1998 as a mail courier and she also delivered lunches to the parochial schools. Jack will be missed by everyone. Our deepest sympathies and condolences go out to Jack's wife Rita and his daughter Cathy.

1. Personnel Updates

Resignation: Kelly Nevalsky – Special Education Admin Assist – effective April 29th
Lorinda Allen – Assistant Principal – PAE – effective June 30, 2022

2. Bartlett High School Principal Search Update

Through the NESDEC search, we had 14 applicants for the Bartlett High School Principal Search. The Preliminary Screening Committee selected 6 candidates to interview. At this time, these names are confidential and interviews are being held this week; 3 interviews will be virtual (out of state candidates), and 3 will be in-person (in-state candidates).

The Preliminary Screening Committee will be meeting after the interviews to decide on the finalist candidates for the Superintendent's interviews. NESDEC consultant, Donald Beaudette will be obtaining an Agreement in Principle from all finalists prior to scheduling them for a day long visit at Bartlett. Once the finalists have been determined, the Superintendent will send out a press release with names and bio's. The Superintendent and her cabinet will interview all finalists and there will be a scheduled time for staff/parents/community/SC members to meet each finalist candidates on the anticipated dates of May 9th, 10th, 11th. I anticipate making an announcement the end of May with the final selection for the new Bartlett High School Principal.

3. Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Grant

We recently were awarded the Project Lead the Way Grant for \$14,000. These funds will be used to train staff at Bartlett with the new Biomedical PLTW courses for the Health Care and Social Assistance Pathway.

4. Innovative Pathways Project Manager Update

Abigail Callahan will continue to work as our Innovation Pathways Project Manager thru June 2023. This work will not exceed \$15,000 and will be funded through ESSER.

Abigail has written the Project Lead the Way Grant and the Capital Skills Grant. We are still waiting to hear on the Capital Skills Grant to help fund the innovative pathway classes

5. Learning Environment Survey Results

A survey went out to all families via the Superintendent's and Principal's email communication system to ask families about their thoughts on the learning environments at each school.

Summary:

PAE – 99 responses; 10 not satisfied. Concerns: Communication, more PBIS, and more hands on assistance for students.

WMS- 84 responses; 23 not satisfied; 43 in favor of mesh backpacks. Concerns: Discipline, bullying, safety, and not punishing the whole group when a few students are misbehaving.

BHS -29 responses; 10 not satisfied; 11 in favor of mesh backpacks. Concerns: More support for students with disabilities; more assistance from teachers; more PBIS and recognitions for students doing the right things; putting lockers back into use; discipline and safety.

To address the learning environments, we are going to retrain Administrators and Staff on the implementation of PBIS, review and update student handbook discipline procedures, set up meetings with the high risk student's families, and set clearer expectations for students and staff with consistency.

Chair Seddiki asked for clarification on SWISS Data – Dr. Goguen said she is attending a workshop to learn more. She explained that this tracks ALL incidents and creates graphs. PowerSchool is not able to accommodate. Mrs. Pierangeli said with the changes in state reporting we were trying to eliminate double entry and only using PowerSchool, the new program requires us to report “real time data”. PowerSchool has two separate areas: incidents and log entries. SWISS is more user friendly and allows us to view trends and patterns (i.e. are there more incidents after lunch). This tracking of data will show school climates. Dr. Goguen said this is an opportunity to review handbooks to establish clear and consistent language.

6. Other Updates

A. We are working with Old Sturbridge Village to initiate a new traditions where a grade level from PAE and a grade level from WMS travel to OSV for Webster Days.

B. Reminders:

- Informational Night on the Proposed BHS Renovation Project at PAE on April 27th at 6:00 p.m.
- Virtual Informational Night on the Proposed BHS Renovation Project on April 28th at 6:00 p.m.
- Empty Bowls April 29th 6:00 p.m.
- May 2nd– Ballot Vote regarding the BHS Renovation Project
- May 3rd– Super Team -4:30 p.m. / dinner at 5:30 p.m./ speeches at 6:30 p.m.
- May 6th– BHS Dinner Theatre – Murder on the Menu -7:00 p.m.
- May 9th– Town Meeting

B. Business Manager Report

1. School Building Committee Update

Update given previously in meeting

2. Other Updates

Mrs. Pierangeli said we received \$32,557.00, it titled FY22 One Time Assistance for Districts with Pandemic Related Enrollment Interruptions Impacting Ch 78. Due to a decline in enrollment we lost Chapter 70 funding, the state gave a one-time payment. There are no restriction on it's use.

High School Boiler – contractor back, it has been determined that it is not repairable. There are 26 sections to the boiler – we can block off one and still be operational.

C. Principal Report, Heidi Peterson

1. MCAS Updates

All WMS students take the MCAS – started testing before vacation and will continue up to the end of May. Finished ELA, started gr 5 math today, grade 6, 7 and 8 will test the end of this week. Benchmark testing is coming up.

2. Other Updates

a. Student Council Projects

Working with Student Council members – trying to make it more community based. Working on some kindness projects. Mrs. Brauns is working with STU, They are creating a Kindness Rock Garden. Ms. Bergeron is working on a project - Brighten a Day Cards – Webster Manor to provide cards to residents – to date have 100 cards.

b. Planning for June

tentative dates/events:

- May 12th - Old Sturbridge Village – Gr 8
- May 12th - Gr 7 – Family Event – Cookout
- Band director and next year's Gr 5 guidance counselor are going to PAE to talk about transition / band with Gr 4 students. Ms. Peterson will hold a parent event in June to follow up on this visit
- Open House for new students and rising grade 5 student in August
- DIRT Presentation – John Morrello = one man performer, geared for Gr 6-8. Social/Emotional presentation
- June 9th - Spring Concert
- Step up day – 8th gr to BHS, 4th grade to WMS, current WMS students visit teachers in next grade
- Field Day – tentative June 16th
- Gr 8 Celebration and cook out

IV. Student Rep Update – Colin Minarik

- Sports update given
- Empty Bowls this Friday – great event
- SWCEL Tennis Tournament starts Friday – Girls are home, boys in Uxbridge
- AP tests start next week

V. Old Business

A. COVID Protocols Update

Week ending April 12 – 1 student, 3 staff members Then we had April vacation

Weed ending April 26 - 9 students, 6 staff members. Slight increase

Covid Dashboard Aug. 30 to Sept. 7 = 20 students/ 2 staff with Covid.

Covid Dashboard Sept. 8 to Sept. 14 = 8 students/ 1 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 15 -21 = 11 students/ 0 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 21-28= 12 students/ 0 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 29-Oct.5 = 8 students/ 2 staff

Covid Dashboard Oct.6 – 12 = 2 students/ 1 staff

Covid Dashboard Oct.13 -Oct.19 = 5 students/ 1 staff

Covid Dashboard Oct. 20-Oct. 26 = 1 student/ 2 staff

Covid Dashboard Oct. 27- Nov. 2 = 2 students/ 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Nov. 3 – Nov. 9 = 8 students / 0 staff
 Covid Dashboard Nov. 10-16 = 8 students/ 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Nov. 17-24 = 13 students/ 3 staff
 Covid Dashboard Nov. 25-30= 8 students / 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Dec. 1-7= 21 students/ 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Dec. 8-14 = 12 students/ 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Dec. 15-Jan 4 = 68 students/ 23
 Covid Dashboard Jan. 5- 11= 111 students/ 25 staff
 Covid Dashboard Jan. 12-18= 113 students/20 staff
 Covid Dashboard Jan. 12-18= 113 students/20 staff
 Covid Dashboard Jan. 19- 25 = 99 students/ 9 staff
 Covid Dashboard Jan. 26-Feb 1 = 19 students/ 4 staff
 Covid Dashboard Feb 2 – 8 = 13 students/ 1 staff
 Covid Dashboard Feb 9 – 12 = 11students/ 2 staff
 Covid Dashboard Feb 13 – Mar 1 = 11 students/ 4 staff
 Covid Dashboard March 2 – 8 = 3 students/ 2 staff
 Covid Dashboard Mar. 9-Mar. 15 = 1 student / 0 staff
 COVID Dashboard March 29th= 3 students/ 1 staff
 COVID Dashboard April 5th=- 0 students/ 2 staff

VI. New Business

A. Discussion and Vote on School Choice

Need to vote on School Choice on an annual basis. It is recommended that we keep the cutoff date of October 1st and keep the caps that we have established: PAE 140, WMS 150 and BHS 160. As you can see from the chart provided in your packet, grades 3,6,7,8 will be closed to school choice.

Motion: To approve the School Choice plan as presented

The motion was made by Member Millet

The motion was seconded by Member Naparieta

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. Approval of Surplus Items – Cubbies from Webster Middle School

There are two items we are asking to consider surplus. There are 35 projector screens; we replaced these screens with smart boards. These are old and no longer in use. As well as cubbies/wardrobe units that were taken out of the classrooms due to COVID. Will only need enough for grades 5 & 6. In grades 7 & 8 we have installed hooks for coats and backpacks.

Motion: To declare surplus items of 35 Draper Luma projector screens an d23 wardrobe units at Webster Middle School an dot direct the Assistant Superintendent for Business an dFinance to auction off, donate or otherwise recycle/dispose of these materials in conjunction with the provisions of MGL 30B

The following roll call vote was taken:

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

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

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

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:51 PM

The following roll call vote was taken:

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

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 Marrazzo

Documents included in the packet:

- 4-12-2022 Minutes
- COVID Dashboard
- Surplus Items
- School Choice – grade level enrollment recommendations
- Warrant