

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Date: November 27, 2018                      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: Approval of November 13, 2018 Minutes**

**Motion: To Approve November 13, 2018 Minutes**

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

**II Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Goguen began by showing a short educational video filmed by Mapfre for the safety program partnership with Boston Children's Hospital. We are very grateful for the continued partnership with Mapfre. In December we have 25 Bartlett students go to Mapfre for a Leadership Program, and looking into doing a community wide safety event in the Spring.

Shout Out to our Bartlett Indians football team and all the spectators that attended on the very cold Thanksgiving morning. It was the 99<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Day game. A special shout out to the band members and cheerleaders. Thanks to the Fire Department for allowing fire pits to keep people warm. It was the best Pep Rally to prepare for the game. Shout out to Tony Paranto and Arielis Stawiecki for their work with the Prep Rally

**1. Personnel Update**

New Hires – Javier Arango – Foreign Language at Webster Middle School

Elizabeth Isaac – Paraprofessional in the Life Skills classroom at Bartlett High School

Transfer – Jared Slota, a paraprofessional at Bartlett High School has been transferred to the open ABA position

**2. Parent Teacher Conferences**

Conferences were full at all schools, special thanks for all the families that attended. Boston Children's Hospital set up tables at Park Avenue and Webster Middle School. Also at Park Avenue Elementary their PTO and the Boy Scouts had tables. Special Shout Out to the PAE staff that set up interactive curriculum information stations for parents and students could see the new materials.

### 3. District Comprehensive Review

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will be coming out in March, we are busy collecting the evidence. There will be a time during their visit that they will be looking to meet with School Committee members. Will keep you updated.

### 4. YOU Inc. Partnership / Memorandum of Agreement

We recently met with members of YOU Inc. Signed an MOA, they will be providing outside therapy for some of our students. Superintendent Goguen wanted to be clear that they are not replacing the work our counselors do, it's as if they are going to outside therapy They will be coming in next week to meet with all of our counselors.

### 5. North Village Partnership / Memorandum of Agreement

Signed an MOA with North Village to provide after school tutoring at North Village. This is Title I funded. Will be hosting a brunch to provide information for parents to meet the teachers that will be providing the tutoring.

### 6. Bay State Reading Partnership

Unfortunately this has been cancelled due to the weather – will be rescheduled

### 7. Adult Education DESE Site Visit

This was also schedule the day of the snow and has been rescheduled to March 7th

### 8. Opiate Task Force

Held an event at the Gladys E Kelly Public Library. Had a good turn out, there were 2 guest speakers. It was a very informational event.

### 9. Other Updates

- Reached a tentative agreement with the Administrative Assistants. Once they ratify we will bring to School Committee
- Superintendent Goguen will attend the CACE () Conference this week – This is a Title I Literacy Conference
- We are working on Turn Around plans – Bartlett High School is having a TSV (Turnaround Site Visit) December 17-19. PAE tentatively set to have an MSV (Monitored Site Visit) for last week in February. These are both by supported through AIR (American Institute for Research) – a contracted company through Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
- Attended the Central Massachusetts Collaborative yesterday. They have located 4 potential members, giving them t 15% discount. The auditors presented the budget, they are a bit in the red currently. As a board member I expressed my concerns. We are meeting again December 12<sup>th</sup> to look at membership fee equity. We pay more than Worcester. The Department of Education has been attending all of these meetings.
- This room has been very busy. Today at 8:00am there was a DESE training on EWIS (Early Warning Indicator System). Two counselors from Auburn also attended. Then there was a New Teacher Orientation Training this afternoon
- Important dates were shared

Chairman Hurton thanked Mapfre and Boston Children's Hospital – the children stole the show.

## **B. Business Manager Report**

### 1. End of Year Audit

This is very early this year, they will be in contact with us.

Also - Update on the FY18 Grants – have one grant left to close out

- Munis – the Town Accountant has rolled over the system for the year. Things operating smoothly with the new town accountant.

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

- **Setting Vision and Leadership for PAE – ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) & Advisory Council**  
A sample of the agenda from the most recent ILT meeting was given out. The goal is to provide guidance and leadership in instruction. Shout out to everyone on the team. We held our first school advisory meeting. There are 12 members – includes teachers, paraprofessionals, parents and community members. Working on the School Improvement Plan. Within that plan it interweaves the plan of the year 2 turnaround plan. Once complete will present to the School Committee
- **Looney Math Professional Development Update**  
Here today and tomorrow. Providing a lot of support to our teachers. Less teacher voice, more student voice is a focus.
- **Parent Teacher Conferences**  
Wonderful turnout. Thank you the PAE team.
- **Kids of Character in Action**  
This month's theme is gratitude. Students are putting this into action by holding a food drive through December 5<sup>th</sup>. Seeing behaviors dwindling, see a lot of good things happening

### **III. Student update : Mariah Belletti**

- Tryouts for winter sports are this week
- The football team took home the trophy and won the Thanksgiving game over our biggest rival, Southbridge, 42-0
- Mr. Houston won the turkey feather contest and wore the turkey costume all throughout the pep rally
- DECA is doing "Get Warm with DECA" where student and faculty can donate new hats, gloves, socks, scarves, and any other warm clothing items which will be given to families in need in Webster
- Farm to School Committee served homemade pita chips and an avocado-kale dip
- Blood drive on December 6th
- Park Ave's Winter literacy night on December 7th, students can volunteer
- Winter Wonderland December 8th, NHS members are volunteering

Chairman Hurton asked about the new math curriculum; what does Mrs. Parmley see as the level of instruction with the new program. Mrs. Parmley said initially it was stressful, there has been so much support. Feels it's an excellent program and with the support teacher's confidence is growing. IReady is personalized for each student, providing a wide range of information and brings immediate data to teachers. Chairman Hurton stated he is hearing a lot of positive feedback about PAE.

### **IV. Old Business**

#### **A. FY20 Budget Update**

Mrs. Pierangeli stated that there is continued work being done with the FY20 budget. Held meeting with all administrators. Another meeting next week, we are digging deeper, prioritizing student's needs. Pleased with the progress. Superintendent Goguen said it is important to take a system wide approach. Looking at our needs – separating needs and wants. This process is helpful in looking at what our needs will be for next year, especially in Special Education.

### **V. New Business**

Superintendent Goguen said we started a food bank at Webster Middle School and Bartlett High School. We were looking for inconspicuous backpacks for students to carry home.

A. Acceptance of backpack donation from WB Mason

Motion: To accept of 25 backpack donation from WB Mason

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

Superintendent Goguen explained that the food bank is using this to put the food in – then giving to the student to put in the bigger backpacks donated by WB Mason

A. Acceptance of draw string backpacks donation Mapfre

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The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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**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 \$1,450.94 from Webster Middle School student activity savings account to the checking account

The motion was made by Member Seddiki

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

The following roll call vote was taken:

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   members having voted in the negative

   members having abstained

The motion:   X Passed

   Failed

**VII. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:16PM

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

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   members having voted in the negative

   members having abstained

The motion:   X   passed

       Failed

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents included in the packet

- November 13, 2018 Minutes
- Park Avenue Elementary School ILT Agenda (9-11-2019 meeting)
- Park Avenue Elementary School Advisory Council Agenda (10-25-2018 meeting)
- Webster Middle School transfer request