

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Date: November 13, 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 October 23, 2018 Minutes**

**Motion: To Approve October 23, 2018 Minutes**

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

**II Superintendent's Report**

**1. Personnel Update**

Resignation – Katie Mathews – Special Education / Life Skills Teacher at Bartlett High School

**2 Recipients of John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

Thirty three Bartlett High School Seniors will be receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarships! We will be recognizing these students on November 20<sup>th</sup> with their families. This is awarded to students who scored Advanced Performance Level on 1 of 3 state assessments in English, Math or Science and have a combined score from the 3 tests that place them in the top 25% of students graduating in Webster. There will be a reception for these students and their families on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:00AM

**3. ELL Parent Advisory Meeting**

Kathleen Baris and I held our first ever ELL Parent Advisory Group meeting at the North Village Community Center. The purpose of this group is to increase parent involvement and learn more about the specific needs of our second language learners. Three committed parents attended; Ms. Margarita Nieves was selected as the chair of this committee. The purpose of this group is to increase parent involvement and learn more about the specific needs of our second language learners. Reminder of parents of second language learners, with advanced notice, we can schedule translators for upcoming parent / teacher conferences. We will be meeting on the following dates at the North Village Community Center for lunch and I encourage parents / guardians of second language learners to join our group. Boston Children's Hospital will have tables set up at our school Open Houses.

January 15, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
February 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
March 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
May 22, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

#### 4. Mapfre Partnership

- A. Park Avenue Elementary School & Webster Middle School - Boston Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Programming. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, Mapfre Vice President, Linda Johnson and Vice President Pepe along with their PR department came to PAE to create an educational video on how their safety programs are benefitting students. This was a wonderful event and we are very grateful for the partnership we are developing with Mapfre. Once this video is available we will share with everyone.
- B. Bartlett High School- Leadership Program – 25 students will be visiting Mapfre on December 11<sup>th</sup> to learn more about their own leadership skills. Students will be meeting with employees and managers, have lunch and participate in their leadership curriculum.

#### 5. ST Math – Curriculum Update

This is an amazing program that assists with teaching math to students with no language. It is a game based program that promotes critical thinking. The program was designed by Dr. Peter Matthews, a neuroscientist. Jill Chapdelaine and I went to a workshop this week to learn more about the program. I first saw this program last summer and we will be applying for a competitive grant to obtain this for our district next year.

#### 6. Other Updates

- \*Report cards for BHS and WMS went home last Friday. PAE report cards are going home December 7<sup>th</sup>. Reminder to parents to schedule a time to meet with their child's teachers for conferences are November 14<sup>th</sup> in the evening and November 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.
- \*The ILT Teams at each school are currently working with their administrators on creating action plans for students who did not meet grade level standards on MCAS
- \*Currently offering afterschool Title I support for students: YOUiversity at BHS, ThinkTank at WMS – these programs run Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays
- \*We are providing additional support for Pre-MCAS Math review for high school students who need to retake the math MCAS test
- \*We are in the process of organizing the afterschool Title I tutoring at North Village starting in January 2019. We will be hosting a brunch at North Village on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 for parents of students who may wish to join this program
- \*We are preparing for the Comprehensive District Review happening March 4-7, 2019

Chairman Hurton congratulated all the students on receiving the John and Abigail Adams scholarship.

### **B. Business Manager Report**

#### 1. Central Massachusetts Collaborative Budget Update

Mrs. Pierangeli attended a meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup> with Beverly Taft, CMC Business Manager, Brian Allen, Worcester Public School Business Administrator and Mike Tempesta, CMC Director. Discussed contracts, tuition, enrollment, and the plan for other districts joining as well. Although we have submitted a letter to withdraw we do have the option of remaining. The next meeting will be a budget discussion.

## 2. ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Report Cards

ESSA is a district report card on assessment status. It is being expanded this year to include financial / expenditure data. Mrs. Pierangeli will be participating in a webinar to review the data that we will be reporting. We are required to post publically for each school. Letters will go home in January explaining this district report card.

## 3. Head Start – Snacks / Breakfast / Lunch

Recently attended a meeting with Head Start and Ellen Nysten– they are looking to open their Webster location in January with 75 students attending. We will supply 3 meals – breakfast / lunch and snacks. Discussion over treating them as a contractor or include them as a site like we do the parochial schools. Have checked with DESE on the best procedure. Head Start serves their meals in a family style – employees eat with students, which makes it difficult for us to account for a meal head count.

## **C. Principal Report – Michael Zajac – Webster Middle School**

- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Thirty three students were inducted in to the National Junior Honor Society last week. This was an increase of 14 students from last year. Bartlett High National Honor Students lead this induction ceremony.

- Washington DC Trip and Fundraising efforts

Planning is moving forward, to date 30 parents are interested in chaperoning, 20 students have signed up. Held a fundraising meeting last week, came up with many ideas both individual and class fundraising. The next payment is due in February, trying to coordinate fundraisers with due dates. There will be another meeting next month. Offering financial assistance.

- Parent Teacher Conferences

Using an on-line system (started last year) for families to sign up for conferences. A form was sent home for families that do not have computer access to sign up. Conferences have already begun after school.

- PBIS Update

As you walk the building you will see many posters outlining the expectations. Each month we have a community meeting where teachers recognize students for making good choices. Looking to change the culture, recognizing students for their good decisions / achievements.

As this is Mr. Zajac's second year, Chairman Hurton asked what he sees as improvements or what the struggles may be. Mr. Zajac said the culture and behavior have changed. Last year was a challenge with respect, clearly seeing a tremendous change. Seeing a higher focus on academics. The challenge is to stay on course, reminding students they can make good choices and succeed.

Chairman Hurton asked about the email / one call confusion over communication with BHS families regarding teacher conferences. There was discussion about BHS communication, it was unclear what program Principal Cushing was using, Superintendent Goguen and Mrs. Pierangeli will check further into this.

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

- Quarter 1 ended on Friday, November 2, report cards will be received soon
- An update on athletics was given
- DECA and Mrs. Hoenig's marketing class have finished selling both long sleeve Thanksgiving pep rally t shirts and the senior class sweatshirts
- Farm to School Committee served caramel apples on Tuesday, October 30
- Student council is hosting a Turkey feather fundraiser starting November 20, students will be able to buy 4 feathers for \$1 where they will put it on teachers' doors. The teacher with the most feathers has to wear a turkey costume during the morning of Thanksgiving Pep Rally
- Medical Careers Club are selling their annual carnations that will be delivered on pep rally morning
- Salvation Army is looking for "Bell Ringers" starting November 12 at Price Chopper
- Tutors at YOUiversity

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Monthly Fundraising Report**

Applications submitted in the past month:

Webster Education Foundation	- Raffle Table at PTO events
Bartlett DECA Club	- Sell senior sweatshirts
Class of 2019	- Yankee candle products sale
Bartlett Student Council	- Turkey Teacher Fundraiser
Bartlett Art Dept.	- Empty Bowls
Webster Middle School	- Mixed Bags for DC trip
Webster Middle School	- raffle ticket sales for DC trip

##### **B. FY20 Budget Update**

Mrs. Pierangeli and Superintendent Goguen have met with the three school principals. Will begin meeting with all administrators next week. The FY20 Budget Calendar was given out.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Acceptance of donation from Mexicali Restaurant**

Mexicali Restaurant in Webster generously donated \$375.00 to be used to assist children with special needs. Superintendent Goguen said Mrs. Baris will oversee the distribution of this donation.

##### **Motion: To accept \$375.00 from Mexicali Grill Restaurant**

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

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

#### **VII. Adjournment**

##### **Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

- October 9, 2018 Minutes
- ILT / DLT October 11<sup>th</sup> Agenda
- List of students receiving John and Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Fundraising applications