

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Date: October 22, 2019 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 Makara

The following Committee Members were absent:

- o Member Seddiki

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Approval of October 8, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Approve October 8, 2019 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Blythe
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

1. Personnel Update

Sad news to share – Kori Olson, a guidance counselor at WMS passed ways on Saturday, 10/19. Counselors were on site for students, notification went home to families EAP was available for staff. A moment of silence was held in her memory. Will plan a memorial of her in the Spring.

Chairman Hurton offered the Committee's condolences to Ms. Olson's family.

New Hires – Debra Dempsey – Special Education Teacher at WMS

- David Fodaski – Grade 5 Teacher at WMS
- Jenna Gouin - Adult Education Lead Advisor
- Sean Gilrein – Short term sub for Assistant Principal at WMS

2. Adult Education Program Quality Review

Leslie Baker was in attendance to report on the most recent visit by DESE and the progress of the FY20 Corrective Action Plan for Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages. Leslie stated that last Thursday, an 8 member team from DESE came – visited our 3 sites. The purpose is to take a deep look at programming. They interviewed staff and students. They shared their initial findings 1. Career Pathways is a strong program. 2. Leadership strong – both within the program and the district. 3. Digital literacy still a struggle. 4. Students in offsite were not sure of emergency plans. It will be 8 to 12 weeks before we get a report.

Chairman Hurton thanks Ms. Baker and her team for their hard work

3. Central Massachusetts Collaborative Update

The new Executive Director, Susan Farrell, has reported that CMC has had a successful start to the new year. Ms. Farrell is taking a program passed approach. They are focusing on safety and program development. Currently we have 2 student attending there. The Department of Education is meeting with the Director next week to provide feedback on the new Collaborative Agreement that includes oxford and a new fee structure. Oxford has joined the Collaborative.

4. Best Buddies Mentor Day – Bartlett High School – Mapfre

Three students from the 18-22 year old Program at Bartlett will be going to the Best Buddy's mentor Day on October 30th. We are in the process of working with Best Buddy's organization regarding starting an official Best Buddy's chapter.

5. Other Updates

- Boston Children's Hospital Injury Specialist Barbara DeGiralmo conducted safety assemblies at Webster Middle School on October 17th
- Building Administrators are working with their ILT's and teachers on MCAS analysis and will present at an upcoming meeting.
- Ongoing curriculum coaching with the new McGraw Hill social studies pilot at WMS and the Wonders program at PAE during common planning times. Looney Math have been coming to the district on a coaching basis
- Mrs. Baris held a Special Education Parent Groups meeting was held on October 16th Looking to re-organize this group. Seeking parents to join
- WEA is sponsoring a drive for Support for Students Opportunities Act - in front of legislation now
- Chad Hymes visits this week going very well – he has an extremely powerful message
- Town Meeting was held last night ~The additional Chapter 70 funds were approved. It will be on our next agenda to have the FY20 budget approved. The boiler project was approved as well as the grant to accept funds for foster care
- National Honor Society Jr induction will be held tomorrow night, the BHS national Honor Society induction will be this Thursday.
- October – beginning stages of the FY21 Budget process.

B. Business Manager Report

1. FY21 Budget Calendar

Mrs. Pierangeli stated the FY21 budget season has begun. It's a time to change and adapt to new programs. A copy of the tentative FY21 budget calendar was presented. Tomorrow have a DLT meeting then move to each school and meet with their staff. Will bring back to school committee in January and plan joint meetings with the town.

2. End of Year Report

Mrs.

Mrs. Pierangeli said this report was submitted last week. The report was included in the packet. She reviewed a few key line items. This report reflects the entire spending of the district including grants, revolving, gifts, and town spending items. She thanked Town Accountant, Tim Bell, for his collaboration as well as Maria Santerre from the Special Education office. The auditors will come in January or February.

Member Napierata questions line 139 – revenue of School Choice. Mrs. Pierangeli explained that funds from that line were used of offset ABA tutor salaries.

C. Principal Report – Fran Thomas, Bartlett High School

1. Breakfast Before the Bell Participation

Mr. Thomas said there are 120-125 breakfasts served a day. Looking to promote the most popular items to entice students that may arrive tardy – arriving on time ensures you get one of the favored food items.

2. Attendance / Tardy Update

September was at 91%, just below that for October. Looking at overall trends – Monday's do seem to be a chronic problem. There is a large amount of students coming in tardy between 7:26am and 7:36am. It's the students arriving 50-60 minutes late that we want to focus on. We hold Attendance Committee meetings every Friday.

3. Nichols Acceleration Learning Participation

Last year zero students participated in this program – this year there are 9. Mr. Thomas met with Quinsigamond Community College and Nichols College – this Thursday meeting with rep from AEP Labs (innovative in getting career pathways at Uxbridge High). Looking to expand opportunities for our students, offering dual enrollment at local colleges. Hoping to get juniors in college discussion rather than waiting for senior year. Wanting to get first generation college students onto college campuses

4. Discussion regarding dual enrollment opportunities

In the early stages with QCC and 7 other schools. Mixing advanced placement courses and dual college enrollment. Hoping to get juniors in college discussion rather than waiting for senior year. Wanting to get first generation college students onto college campuses. This all aligns with our renovation project. All our students are on Nav

IV. Student Update: Logan Paranto

- PSAT's were held on October 16th
- DECA Club members are preparing for their upcoming competitions
- Athletic Update was given
- National Honor Society inductees have been selected and the ceremony will be held this Thursday, October 24th
- Student Council ran Homecoming Spirit Week which included Class Color Day, Tacky Tourist Day, Sports Day and Green & White Day
- Homecoming Dance was a success

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

A. Approval of out of state field trip – Bartlett students to Quinebaug Valley C.C., Connecticut

Guidance Counselor, Chris Shen is requesting to take BHS students to QVCC in Danielson CT to view their manufacturing technology center

Motion: To approve out of state field trip – Bartlett students to Quinebaug Valley C.C., Connecticut

The motion was made by Member Blythe
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

B. Wellness Policy – ADF – First Reading

Dr. Goguen presented a new Wellness Policy. This was put together by school nurses. We are proposing to create a wellness committee. Some of the items in this policy are already in place.

Chairman Hurton explained the procedure of three readings for any new policy

C. Approval of Special Town Meeting Article – Bartlett High School Feasibility Study

Chairman Hurton reviewed feasibility process. First step is for district to create Bartlett High School Building Committee, the first financial step is to request from the town funds for feasibility study. That will occur at the January 13th Special Town Meeting. The request will be for one million, this is an extensive process. Mrs. Pierangeli stated that we are currently at a 76.84% reimbursement rate so the net cost to the Town would be \$250,000.

Motion: To approve Special Town Meeting Article – Bartlett High School Feasibility Study

The motion was made by Member Makara
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

D. Acceptance of donations:

1. School supplies from Webster 5
2. Books from Long Subaru
3. Piano and Display Case from Mapfre (2)

In Webster Kindness Matters – Dr. Goguen re-stated her motto. She met with Jill St. Cyr today, Ms. St. Cyr is working on holiday donations

Motion: To accept the donations of school supplies from Webster 5, books from Long Subaru, piano and two display cases from Mapfre as presented

The motion was made by Member Blythe
The motion was seconded by Member Napierata
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The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

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

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM

The motion was made by Member Blythe
The motion was seconded by Member Napierata
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:

- October 8, 2019 Minutes
- FY21 Budget Calendar
- End of Year Report
- Our of State field trip request
- Wellness Policy- File ADF
- Bartlett High School
- Feasibility Study
- List of donated items