

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, September 24, 2019

Date: September 24, 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

- Member Napierata
- Member Seddiki
- Member Blythe
- Member Makara

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Approval of August 27, 2019 Minutes

Motion: Approve August 27, 2019 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 1 members having abstained (Member Makara)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Approval of September 10, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Hurton requested one correction - in Old Business – A – remove the word NOT.

Motion: Approve September 10, 2019 Minutes as amended

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 1 members having abstained (Member Makara)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Approval of September 10, 2019 Joint Meeting Minutes

Chairman Hurton requested one correction – first paragraph, add the word thanked

Motion: Approve September 10, 2019 Joint Meeting Minutes as amended

The motion was made by Member Blythe
The motion was seconded by Member Seddiki
The following roll call vote was taken:
 4 members having voted in the affirmative
 members having voted in the negative
 1 members having abstained (Member Makara)
The motion: X passed
 Failed

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Personnel Update

Resignations – Shelby Piekarczyk – WMS ABA

New Hires – Kelsey Uppstrom – WMS Grade 6

Transfers – Suzanne Taiste has worked at the PAE Breakfast in the Classroom program for 4 years – she is not the BIC Coordinator at PAE

2. Enrollment Update

As of 9/19/2019 there is a total enrollment of 1,844 students

PAE = 817

WMS = 591

BHS = 436

3. MSBA School Building Committee Update

School Building Committee has been formed, we held our first meeting on 9/17/2019. The Chair is David Hurton, Vice Chair is Ted Avlas, and Secretary is Lisa Kontoes. The next meeting dates are 10/16 and 11/4, with more to come.

Superintendent Goguen said this is a wonderful opportunity to renovate Bartlett High School. If we are approved for the eligibility / feasibility phase we are at a reimbursement level of 78.6%.

Chairman Hurton said the committee members are very positive, the group members brings different views and expertise which is important.

We are looking to get town meeting approval for the feasibility study funding in March – other timelines were reviewed.

The Capital Improvement Plan for the project has been submitted by Mrs. Pierangeli

4. Circuit Breaker Reimbursement Update

Superintendent Goguen said she was pleased to report \$692,000 in reimbursement for FY20 – we anticipated \$622,000. This is a \$70,000 increase. Funds will be used to offset the high number of special education students new to our district.

5. MCAS Results – Public Release

The 2019 MCAS results were released publically today. The District Leadership Team will meet this Thursday with some DSAC to plan some actions steps. We are not deemed a district requiring assistance any longer. Bartlett High School and Webster Middle School as still classified as needing assistance.

Mrs. Daniels reviewed the historic data of the district MCAS results. Aligning the curriculum, professional development and hard work of students and teachers has come to fruition. She gave the preliminary breakdown of the 2019 MCAS results. Dr. Goguen said the focus is on the classroom; curriculum, PD, technology. And we are seeing results. Will bring a more detailed report at a upcoming meeting

6. United Way Day of Caring

Last Friday was the United Way Day of Caring; volunteers from Mapfre and United Way came to the district to do a fall clean up. They trimmed, weeded and planted – lots of hard work. Thank you to all that helped out.

7. Other Updates

- Thank Bay Path health tech students that helped with height and hearing checks
- Nichols Induction
- Heading to Florida Sunday with Rep. McKenna to visit the Immakalee Foundation
- Hosting a Substitute Training tomorrow at 4:00pm and Thursday at 10:00. We placed an ad in the Yankee Express and sent a flyer to local colleges in hopes of recruiting substitute teachers/paraprofessionals.
- 10/16 Special Education PAC Advisory Meeting
- 10/21 Chad Hymes at the Gladys Kelly Public Library

B. Business Manager Report

Mrs. Pierangeli was not present this evening

1. Food Services Report

Food Service Director, Ms. Ellen Nylen reported on this summer meals program. Three community sites were added this year: Hoops for Hope, North village and the Library as well as 400 meals at Head Start. All sites were very successful. Looking to increase the days served at the Library next year. Goal is to meet the kids where they are. Had an increase of 1300 meals from last year. Shout out to cafeteria staff; Tiffanie Jarmolowicz and Marcella Bugbee. This is the second year that the program employed a BHS student in the summer meals program.

Member Makara asked how logistically the number of meals are distributed every day. Ms. Nylen explained how meals are prepared and delivered.

Ms. Nylen also reported that we now have Breakfast in the Classroom across the district. One of the concerns is what are the kids eating, since breakfast is bagged there is a lot of processed food. In speaking with Mass Farm to School we became part of a pilot program. She explained the pilot Webster and Salem districts implemented for healthier breakfasts. In the planning stage at this time.

C. Principal Report – Michael Zajac, Webster Middle School

1. Opening of School

Maintenance crew did a phenomenal job. Great start to the school year. Met with all students to explain the expectations for the year.

2. Sports Update

Have new staff members coaching this year – students are having fun

3. Open House Update

Was well attended. Excited to introduce Interim Dean of Students, Mr. Dan Kelly. National Jr. Honor students assisted, this year we have 38 students being inducted. We've opened up to 7th graders, excited to expand the program

4. Washington DC Trip

Last year was an incredible trip. Was impressed with students and chaperones. Will be coming to a meeting soon with presentation for a trip this year.

III. Student Update: Logan Paranto

- Picture day for all students was September 19th
- New WIN block which is every Thursday has given students time to do homework, turn in missing assignments or get peer help. Logan said he personally loves the WIN block.
- The 2023 Nichols Honors Academy cohort was inducted on Sept 12th at Nichols College
- Clubs continue to have signups
- Drama Club has started their production of their upcoming play “The Crucible”
- Athletic Update was given
- National Honor Society – community service opportunity for members to go to Christopher Heights
- NHS induction for incoming juniors and seniors will be held October 24th
- Student Council members helped parents find their way around the school during Open House on Sept. 12th

Chairman Hurton asked Logan about the MCAS test as it relates to his personal education at BHS. Logan feels he and his class members have passed all MCAS's – some had trouble with the science.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Appoint School Committee Secretary

With the appointment of Member Seddiki as Vice Chair there is a vacancy for the SC Secretary

Motion: To nominate Member Blythe as the School Committee Secretary

The motion was made by Member Napierata

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

Chairman Hurton recused himself from the next agenda item

B. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement- - Webster Educator's Association

Superintendent Goguen said the Webster Educators Association collaboration is great this year, we are meeting monthly. At our most recent meeting we realized that this year we did not have a History Department member step forward to be the 19-20 Curriculum Leader. This MOA combines the History and English departments to be Humanities.

The MOA also modifies Section 7-6 (page 8) adding Monday and Friday to the days that middle and high school teachers designate a “late night”

Member Seddiki asked for clarification of the Department Head stipend.

Motion: To approve the WEA Memorandum of Agreement as presented

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
1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)
The motion: X passed
 Failed

Chairman Hurton stated that the Annual Town Meeting is held at Bartlett Auditorium on Monday, October 21st – it is the same night as the Chad Hymes presentation

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

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents included in the packet:

- August 27, 2019 Minutes
- September 10, 2019, Minutes
- September 10, 2019 Joint Meeting Minutes
- Enrollment Figures
- MCAS District Review and Accountability Overview
- WEA Memorandum of Agreement