

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Date: September 10, 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.

He publically welcomed Michael Makara back to the Committee

II. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Personnel Update:

Resignation: Meaghan Prince – WMS Special Education
Hilary Sturgis – WMS Grade 5

New Hires: Sigifredo Jara – BHS Foreign Language
Donna Smith – District COTA
Debra Zablocki as the Interim Dean of Students at PAE

Retirement: Tony Kaczynski is retiring as of December 31, 2019 after 33 ½ years

2. Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Goguen shared this year's goals with members. Chairman Hurton made note that they are aligned well with the strategic plan, he feels they're reasonable and achievable goals.

Motion: To approve Superintendent Goals as presented

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

3. Other Update:

- **ST Math Grant** – Mrs. Chapdelaine explained that we started working on the program 2 summers ago. It is a nonverbal supplemental math program. The grant we received is about \$50,000. There has been professional development and support available to teachers. She gave a shout out to Lauren Galotti for organizing folders for all PAE students this year. Ms. Amy Jordan and Mrs. Pam Milnarik were present to speak about the program and the kick-off that occurred last Friday, they said students are excited for the launch. JiJi the mascot also made an appearance at the meeting. This was discussion about implementation and
- **Safety Grant** – we received \$60,000 for new security cameras – Shout Out to Monique Pierangeli, Chief Shaw and RO Whiting.
- **Donation from Mrs. Fels** – We have been offered \$25,000 donation for new band uniforms from Mrs. Fels – working with Mr. Twiraga to purchase those.
- **REAL Madrid** – working with Mapfre, Tony Paranto, Athletic Director and Fran Thomas. This is \$15,000 funding for sports extra-curricular
- **MOU with area Superintendents** - Superintendent Goguen signed an MOU to assist other district and provide post event support in times of crisis. We would share counselors / resources if needed.
- **Immokalee Foundation** – Superintendent Goguen will be traveling to Florida for three days with Joe McKenna and Mr. Chris Roberts to view this program and see if our district could mirror the program
- **Safety Walk Through** – Mrs. Pierangeli, Chief Shaw and Superintendent Goguen went to all three schools today, also reviewed our crisis and multi hazard plans.
- **DESE Tiered Focus Monitoring** – we are one of 125 districts selected for the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Baris and Superintendent Goguen will be attending a training in November to begin to prepare
- **DESE Notification** - Received notification that our special education data does not show significant disproportionality by race or ethnicity
- **Off to a great start** – This year we are stressing that everyone feels they have a voice and asking people to share concerns and be a part of the solution. Opening day speaker was inspirational, he will be returning in October. Had ALICE Staff Training and District Safety Meeting.

B. Business Manager Report

1. Green Communities Grant

Mrs. Pierangeli said that we received notification that the #1 boiler at Bartlett has failed inspection, we have been using the others. It would be a major repair. Since we are a Green Community we received a grant for \$100,000 for repairs. Cost for repair is \$153,000; will be discussing the remaining \$53,000 funding with Town Administrator. There is an additional \$10,000 or removal of the old boiler.

2. New Timekeeping System

Mrs. Pierangeli notified the Committee of a new timekeeping system – Kronos that was implemented at the start of school. It has been a learning curve, staff has been doing a great job learning the new system. Thank you everyone for their patience

3. Continuation of FY19 Budget Closeout

Mrs. Pierangeli said she is currently working on closing out grants. The end of year report is due Sept 30th – Town Hall is currently short staffed, we may need an extension

Chairman Hurton welcomed Mr. Thomas at his first official School Committee Meeting

C. Principal Report – Fran Thomas, Bartlett High School

- 1. AP Test Results** – Mr. Thomas said last year 155 tests were taken (that does not mean 155 students). Results aren't "good". He spoke of the variables of students taking the AP exams. Very few students are taking AP classes are getting the college credits (requires specific score on exam). Need to look at other alternatives / offerings for our students. An explanation of the score chart was given. Conversation continued on classroom rigor and student motivation. Superintendent Goguen said that these scores are typical of past years. We are looking at data with a new lens.
- 2. Implementation of the Breakfast After the Bell Program** – New this year at BHS is Breakfast after the bell. Students come in and get a bagged breakfast – it is a grab and go to their first class. Finding that students are not always interested in all contents of the bag. Looking to streamline the process and introduce hot breakfasts. Hoping this could entice students not to be tardy.
- 3. Class Assemblies** – Had separate assemblies for each grade level rather than the whole school, the message is different for each class. YTD attendance is 94%. Staff has been more visible and assessable to students.

Chairman Hurton said he has heard a lot of positive feedback. He thanked Mr. Thomas for his efforts.

III. Student Update: Logan Paranto

- Incoming Freshmen have been welcomed from students and faculty in the first couple weeks of school
- SAT signup deadline was 9/6
- Show Choir has begun
- Yearbook has begun brainstorming themes and ideas for this year's yearbook
- Fall athletic health meeting took place on 9/3.
- Sports Update was given
- Student Council as well as members of the School Committee welcomed freshmen at a cook out August 22nd.

Chairman Hurton Thanked Logan for volunteering to be the Student Rep this year.

Superintendent Goguen gave an update to the EEE Threat. Webster is in a high risk area. There was spraying in August 25th and 26th and will occur again tonight. We do not have any activities after 6:00pm. All games will end at 6:00pm, we have bug spray available

IV. Old Business

A. Monthly Report on Fundraising Applications

Chairman Hurton said the School Committee's policy is to review, SC does not approve fundraisers

- *Grid Iron Club – program book ads
 - meat raffle
 - alumni football jersey sale
- *Webster Middle School – Meadow Farms
- *Park Avenue PTO – Yankee Candles

V. New Business

A. Appoint School Committee Vice Chair.

With the resignation of Vice Chair Chenevert we must appoint a new vice chair

Motion: To appoint Member Kelly Seddiki as the School Committee Vice Chair

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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

B. Appoint Back up Warrant Signatory per MGL we are allowed to have a backup warrant signatory, Mr. Chenevert was the designee, we must choose a new one.

Motion: To appoint Member Sheila Blythe as Back up Warrant Signatory

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

C. Approval of out of state field trip – Bartlett Show Choir to Warwick, RI

Mr. Peter Carney is requesting to take the BHS Show Choir to Bishop Hendricksen HS in Warwick RI tomorrow to partner with other show choir students

Motion: To approve of out of state field trip – Bartlett Show Choir to Warwick, RI

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

D. Approval of Fundraising Organization – Park Avenue Elementary PTO

Park Avenue Elementary School PTO does amazing work raising funds for students.

Motion: To approve Fundraising Organization – Park Avenue Elementary PTO

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
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Superintendent Goguen said the PAE Open House is this coming Thursday- - the PTO is having a Book Fair in the Library.

E. Acceptance of donation from Long Subaru

Superintendent Goguen said annually Long Subaru fills a car with backpacks and school supplies. A list of the supplies was provided in the packet

Motion: To accept the donation from Long Subaru as presented

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

F. Acceptance of Eos Foundation Grant

Ellen Nylen obtained a grant from the Eos Foundation – this will support the BHs grab and go breakfast

Motion: To accept the \$5,067.00 grant from the Eos Foundation

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.

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM

The motion was made by Member Seddiki
The motion was seconded by Member Makara
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:

- Superintendent Annual Goals
- 2019 BHS AP scores
- Monthly Fundraising applications – Grid Iron Club
 - Webster Middle School
 - Park Avenue PTO
- Out of state field trip request
- District Fundraising Application – PAE PTO
- Eos Foundation grant letter