

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Date: October 26, 2021

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: School Committee Conference Room

77 Poland Street, Webster

The meeting was called to order by: Chair Seddiki

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Napierata
- Member Millet
- Member Blythe
- Member Adamopoulos

The following Committee Members were absent:

As a reminder this meeting is being recorded both audio and visually and will be posted on the district website

**I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Approval of October 12, 2021 Minutes**

Motion: To approve October 12, 2021 Minutes as presented

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

4members having voted in the affirmative

  members having voted in the negative

  1 members having abstained ( Blythe)

The motion:   X   passed

      Failed

**III. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence**

**1. Personnel Updates**

New Hires: Elizabeth Smarra – Re-Engagement Specialist

Resignations: Joanne Lemberger – WMS Paraprofessional

Open Positions:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian at PAE
- Grade 4 Teacher
- SPED Teachers Kindergarten and Grade 1
- ABA at PAE

- Academic Interventionist WMS
- Paraprofessional at WMS
- SPED Teacher at BHS
- COVID Nurses at PAE & WMS
- Remote Academic Part time Tutors
- WMS Assistant Principal

## **2. Literacy Reset Update**

The GLEAM grant is very extensive. The GLEAM Network monthly meeting update – Jessica Burokas and Debora Zablocki attended this meeting and provided WMS and BHS with notes. As the GLEAM teacher leads they will be attending these meetings and providing information to their colleagues.

GLEAM District Leadership monthly meeting update – The GLEAM District Team met on October 20<sup>th</sup> after school. The members are Heidi Peterson, Lynn Gingras, Jessica Burokas, Sara Reardon, Fran Thomas, John Haley, Paula Malone, Rebecca Nasis, Debora Zablocki, Kathy Baris, Patty Mackay Jill Chapdelaine and Ruthann Goguen. Part of conducting a district wide Needs Assessment, Hill will be sending out a survey to all staff, surveying ELA teachers and conducting focus group interviews, in addition to their observations. Then Hill will resent results to the district and assist with creating next steps of action. The first meeting was Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.

The GLEAM Convening (twice a year) with DESE was held today from 9-1 with every member across the state, approx. 290 people attended the zoom meeting.

In addition to these supports the Principals and Central Office will participate in monthly Data meetings with Hill Consultant. The first one was held on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Principals shared the data they are using in their schools with their ILT's and teachers to gage student achievement and growth. Shout out to Michelle Budney and Stacy Quilty, they presented snapshots of a 4 year trend of our data.

## **3. MCAS Summary / Highlighting Bartlett High School**

Fran Thomas and Dr. Goguen gave an overview of 2018, 2019 and 2021 MCAS results. Mr. Thomas noted that 2018 was a different test – the Next Generation test using two different methods of achievement.

The Sub Group comparison was reviewed. Mr. Thomas said there was an 11% increase from 2018 to 2021 for ELA. The math achievement level was not as high but there was an increase. Considering only graded 10 takes the Math MCAS it is difficult to compare

Ms. Millet asked how the MACS scores compare to the District testing. Dr. Goguen said we are charting iReady Assessments and have begun to compare MCAS results, grades and attendance to dig deeper. The work around data is time consuming to analyze the whole picture. MCAS testing is just a snapshot. Mr. Thomas explained that typically high school does not measure data like the elementary level does. The length of time it takes to do the assessments takes away from class time.

## **4. School Building Committee Update:**

The SBC met on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to review the information on the sub-committee meetings for the HVAC system choices and Athletic Field options. The Designer, Kent Kovacs was joined by John Charwick from Activitas and presented several options to consider for the Athletic Fields. Discussions included the wetlands and minimizing the disruption to the grounds.

## **5. Other Updates**

### **a. Targeted Assistance Grant**

We have been awarded \$50,000 to continue the turnaround work with WMS and BHS. These funds will assist with covering salaries of the Reading Specialists as they are working to support the principals with the use of data and the literacy reset. These two areas are specifically outlined in the WMS and BHS School Improvement Grants and align with the use of the TAG funds.

### **b. Collaborative Boards**

I have attended both SWCEC and CMC board meetings. We currently have 7 students attending SWCEC and 3 students at CMC.

### **c. Adult Education**

Last night attended Adult Education event at BayPath. DESE rebranded the manufacturing program for adult learners program to MassSTEP. A representative from the state and Senator Fattman's office was there to present a citation to Adult Education Director Jenna Gouin. Publically thank BayPath for allowing us to use their space.

### **d. Farm to School Award**

Shout out to Christine Esposito. She has been awarded the Kale Award. Ms. Nylen explained this is from the Mass Farm to School. Chris particular strength is in recipe development, adventurous with whole foods. In Ms. Esposito's statement she thanked her staff

## **B. Business Manager Report**

### **1. Food Service Report**

Ms. Nylen spoke about the USDA Farm to School Grant we received. There are new raised beds at WMS, yesterday we held our first our planning meeting, focusing on the curriculum connection. Our first community partner attend, the owner of The Rose Room. Last Friday we held a Framer Market at PAE for our kindergarten students. We had 10 BHS students help out and get some community service hours. We have three BHS field trip planned.

Ms. Nylen gave an overview of the supply chain challenge and how we are being effected. We didn't get our government orders for two months that means we must order those supplies commercially which is more costly. We have been advised to have 2-3 weeks of supplies on hand – we do not have the storage space. DESE has provided waivers on items that typically would not be in compliance. Menu changes happen quickly – do not have time to alert families, but we do notify the main office and nurse at the school. We are not experiencing a shortage in staffing. We are working with our 18-22 students – they are packaging utensils at PAE.

Chair Seddiki commented on the caf team working through COVID and now dealing with the shortages,

### **2. End of Year Grant Report**

Ms. Pierangeli presented an overview of the closing balances of grants from FY21. She explained that some of these grants are multiyear funds so not all grants need to be closed out at the end of the fiscal year. She noted which grants are closed and which grants have carry over balances.

Member Adamopoulos asked about FY19 grants still being open – Mrs. P said that grants were extended over because of COVID but should be closed at this point in time. There is one that we are waiting for an invoice to close.

### **3. Other Updates**

- Lightening project at WMS – They will be starting tomorrow and will come in after hours.
- End of Year report – will be done and submitted by the end of the week
- Global Partners who own the car wash on Rt. 16. are holding a car wash on Oct 30 & 31 – every car washed \$5 will be donated to PAE

### **C. Principal Report, Fran Thomas, Bartlett High School**

No additional report

### **IV. Student Rep – Colin Minarik**

- Sports update given.
- This is Homecoming Week at BHS. Each day has different theme
- Monday there was a Jack-o-lantern contest – the winner was Camden Heenan
- Pep Rally this year was a parade in the halls
- Picture day is Friday

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. COVID Protocols Update**

The commissioner of education extended the mask mandate through January 15, 2022

Covid Dashboard Aug. 30 to Sept. 7 = 20 students/ 2 staff with Covid.

Covid Dashboard Sept. 8 to Sept. 14 = 8 students/ 1 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 15 -21 = 11 students/ 0 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 21-28= 12 students/ 0 staff

Covid Dashboard Sept. 29-Oct.5 = 8 students/ 2 staff

Covid Dashboard Oct.6 – 12 = 2 students/ 1 staff

Covid Dashboard 7 -Oct.19 = 5 students/ 1 staff

A friendly reminder ~ asking parents to provide masks for their children. BSH has been through 2700 masks to date. Students are to come to school with a mask

### **VI. New Business**

#### **A. Approval of Fundraising Organization – Webster Music Boosters**

Dr. Goguen said that in accordance with our Fundraising policy, School Committee must approve on an annual basis

Motion: To approve Fundraising Organization – Webster Music Boosters

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

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. Approval of 2021-2022 Bartlett High School Improvement Plan**

Dr. Goguen said this is a revised school improvement plan. Mr. Thomas read the Core Values of BHS, explaining that the focus is on data, literacy reset as a priority. This year we combined with school improvement plan and the school sustainability plan into one.

Member Millet is concerned that parents and students were not included to gain their perspective. Dr. Goguen agreed that usually the School Council usually has a voice. Chair Seddiki asked about the homeroom daily check-ins – Mr. Thomas explained there is a very brief homeroom where the homeroom teachers has a daily check in with students.

#### Motion: To approve the 2021-2022 BHS School Improvement Plan

The motion was made by Member Millet

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

## **VI. Review / Transfer / Signing of Bills, Payrolls and Vouchers:**

### **X. Adjournment**

#### Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:19 PM

The motion was made by Member Adamopoulos

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 Marrazzo

Documents included in the packet:

- October 12, 2021 Minutes
- MCAS Presentation

- TAG Grant award letter
- Newspaper articles regarding food and supply shortages
- End of Year Grant Report
- COVID Dashboard
- BHS School Improvement Plan
- Warrant