

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: School Committee Conference Room

77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

The meeting was called to order by: Chair Seddiki

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Millet
- Member Adamopoulos
- Vice Chair Napierata
- Member Blythe

The following Committee Members were absent:

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

**II. Approval of January 9, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: To approve January 9, 2024 Minutes as presented

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

**III. Superintendent's Report**

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

**1. Personnel Update**

New hire: Brianna Clifford – WMS Math Interventionist

John Dowd, Jr. – WMS ABA

Loubna Elmawla – WMS Paraprofessional

Retirement Anne Thompson – PAE Assist Principal

Anne Jacquart – Speech/Language Pathologist Assistant

Retirement Recognition – Jill Chapdelaine, Director of Curriculum – effective 2/1/24

Superintendent Pierangeli gave a bio of Ms. Chapdelaine's service here in Webster. She has brought high quality professional development and curriculum to the district.

Jill said this an amazing district to work in. Her goal in this profession was to help teachers help kids. She gave thanks for a great 6 years in Webster.

Chair Seddiki thanked Jill for all her contributions and dedication.

Taking items out of order – Susan Farrell from the Central Massachusetts Collaborative. – see below

## **2. Instructional Leadership Update**

- The District Leadership Team is continuing with their walkthroughs. A review of the process was given, a copy of the monitoring tool was provided. Dr. Mackay explained our DESE partners are supporting the leadership team this year, we incorporating this model with our full DLT meetings.
- Full DLT met on Thursday, 1/18 to work on attendance data and review discipline data across the district.

## **3. Other Updates**

- Report given on the Tuesday, 1/16 Professional Development Day. Shout out to Jill Chapdelaine and Michelle Budney on their work to make this a remote PD due to the weather.
- Susan Farrell, Director of the Central Mass Collaborative was present to provide an overview of the CMC programs. CMC is a three member district; Webster, Worcester and recently Oxford joined.
- Kathy Baris, Director of Student Support Services was present to provide a Special Education update. Ms. Baris highlighted the benefit of the addition of Shari Haire as the Assistant to the Student Support Services office. Our focus for the remainder of the year is program assessment and evaluations, this will tie into our Learning Walks. Looking deeper at equity for our SPED students. At the last PD there was a training of the new DESE IEP form. The focus of the new IEP is to be sure we have meaningful parent and students (as early as PreK) in the IEP/goals setting process.
- On Friday 1/12, Ms. Pierangeli attended the SWCEC monthly meeting.
- Ms. Pierangeli continues to meet with her mentor on a regular basis
- Thursday 1/25 Ms. Pierangeli will be attending the MASS Mid-Winter Meeting titled Navigating the Education Landscape.

## **B. Business Manager Report**

### **1. School Building Committee Update**

The General Contractor bids were received on 1/17, we received 4 bids, the lowest bid coming in \$1,346,900 under budget. These bids were presented at the SBC meeting last night, they awarded the contract to Brait Builders in Mansfield. Will have a kick off meeting next week with Brait Builders.

### **2. Maintenance Update**

**BHS** ~ Boiler Update – the 2 new boilers have been installed and are fully functional.  
~ The air handler output shaft in the kitchen is not working – we are attempting to find a replacement shaft.

**WMS** ~ No updates at this time

**PAE** ~ No updates at this time

### **C. Principal Report – Amy Puliafico, Park Avenue Elementary School**

- 1. School Events**
  - ~ **Visit from WMS and BHS Chorus** – came during the holiday season in December
  - ~ **Girls on the Run** - Held on 12/2 a very successful event
  - ~ **Winter literacy night – December 8<sup>th</sup>** - good turn out this year.
  - ~ **School Assembly - Manguito** PreK-4 assembly on music and dancing from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic and Cuba.

### **2. Professional Development**

On December 1<sup>st</sup> we had a ½ day with focus on recalibrating PBIS. Working with May Institute to advance PBIS Tier I and II. Had a virtual PD on Tuesday 1/16 - most PAE staff did ½ day on StemScopes and ½ day on iReady

### **3. Curriculum & Instruction**

Currently students taking the Access testing – 107 students in grades 1-4 will be taking this test. Kindergarten takes this test 1:1. Have a math curriculum review now – exploring new program – met with 3 vendors.

### **IV. Student Rep Update – Muhammad Aslam**

#### **1. Snowball Dance**

Snowball Dance will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30. Students can pay for the ticket using Bartlett Bucks

#### **2. Testing Update**

Students are continuing with IReady English and Finals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter

#### **3. Sports update**

### **V. Old Business**

#### **A. FY25 Budget – Second Review**

Ms. Pieranglei said there is nothing new to present this evening. DLT took the School Committee comments after the last presentation. Looking forward to getting the numbers from the state very soon. Looking to schedule a Budget Workshop soon – once we have numbers from state and Chapter 70.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Acceptance of donations – Winter coats for WMS students from Pam Brayton**

Ms. Peterson said there were about 10-20 winter coats along with hats and mittens donated

Motion: To accept the donations as presented

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. Review and Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar**

Ms. Pierangeli reviewed the changes / dates to the 24-25 calendar. One of the biggest changes in dropping 2 of the ½ day professional development days – looking at the drop in attendance felt it would be beneficial to eliminate. Another change is Parent Conferences; for WMS and BHS eliminate the afternoon – students would have a full day of school with only evening conferences. PAE would remain the same with ½ day for students having afternoon and evening conferences. Due to block scheduling BHS will add a parent conference in April.

Motion: To approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar with proposed changes as presented

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

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

A. Approval of transfer request from Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings account to the Checking account in the amount of \$4,130.72

Motion: To approve the transfer \$4,130.72 from the Webster Middle School savings account to the checking account.

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

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Marrazzo

Documents included in the packet:

- January 9, 2024 Minutes
- Central Mass Collaborative Power Point Presentation
- January 16, 2024 Professional Development Grids
- Walkthrough Monitoring Tool
- 2024-2025 Calendar with changes
- WMS Transfer Request
- Warrant