

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Date: April 9, 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

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Blythe
- Vice Chair Napierata

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of March 26, 2024 Minutes

Motion: To approve March 26, 2024 Minutes as presented

The motion was made by Member Mil

The motion was seconded by Member ad

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 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

Resignation: Rachel Fongellaz – LPN Float Nurse at PAE

New Hires: Lisa Scola – ABA at PAE
Maddison Ouellette – ABA at PAE
Eric Sheehan – SPED Teacher at WMS

2. Family Engagement

- The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meeting was cancelled due to the 2 hour delay. It has been rescheduled to April 25th

- Presentation of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at PAE on April 4th. Show was well attended. Shout out to Deb Castellani, Kerri Williams, Jenna MacDonald and Michael Micciche
- PAE Art Show will be April 11th from 5-7
- Our Internal Family Engagement Committee continues to meet and will meet again on April 26th. This committee is comprised of the building principals, Central Office Admin, Family Engagement Staff and our Re-Engagement Specialist

3. Instructional Leadership Update

- March 28th had a full day of PD and April 5th a ½ day – grids are in packet
- District Leadership team attended the CACE Conference on April 10th and 11th.

4. Other Updates

- OneCall and Class Dojo messages sent out to families to announce that the week of May 13th the DESE Public School Monitoring will be conducting a Tiered Focused Monitoring Review of our district.
- MCAS Testing is ongoing in our schools
- We are hosting ALICE Training at WMS next week.
- Next School Building Committee Meeting is April 23rd

B. Business Manager Report

1. School Building Committee Update

- Installation of the chair lift is 95% complete, the ramp installation and inspection is remaining
- DSL (Division of Local Services) approved abatement in isolated areas of Section C. Approval for full C Section is dependent upon completion of the chair lift. Abatement in the music/band room and classrooms by the gym and auditorium duct work has been completed. The new loading dock area started last week.
- Ground Breaking Ceremony took place yesterday. Approx 40 people attended.

2. Maintenance Update

BHS ~ No updates at this time

WMS ~ No updates at this time

PAE ~ The water filter had a leak which has been addressed

V. Old Business

A. Monthly Report on Fundraising Applications

As a reminder it is the role of the School Committee to review and not approve fundraisers

- Bartlett Gridiron Club – selling shout outs for 2024 game program books
- Bartlett Gridiron Club – selling ads for 20204 game program books

- Class of 2025 – sale of cookies and cookie dough
- BHS BPIS – sale of Spirit Wear

B. Approval of updated 2024-2025 Bartlett High School Program of Studies

Peter Carney and Gina Nieves provided the updated changes to the Program of Studies

Member Millet was concerned with the lowering of grade requirements for athletes. In response Ms. Nieves said the Grading Committee lowered a failing grade from 65 to 60 for all students. Ms. Nieves said she would bring that concern back to the Committee. The conversation expanded to include all after school activities.

Motion: To approve the updated 24-25 BHS Program of Studies with the additional course descriptions to be added

The motion was made by Member Adamopoulos

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

C. Policy AC – Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliations – Third and Final Reading

D. Policy AC - R – Non-Discrimination Policy Including Harassment and Retaliations – Third and Final Reading

E. Policy ACA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex - Third and Final Reading

F. Policy ACAB – Sexual Harassment – Third and Final Reading

G. Policy ACE – Non-discrimination on the Basis of Disability – Third and Final Reading

There were no questions about the policies

Motion: To approve Policy AC, Policy AC-R, Policy ACA, Policy ACAB, Policy ACE as presented

The motion was made by Member Millet

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

VI. New Business

A. Acceptance of donations – misc. items for the BHS Easter Egg Hunt and Community Dinner

A list of donations was provided to the Committee.

Motion: To accept the misc donations for the BHS East Egg Hunt and Community Dinner

The motion was made by Member Millet
The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos
The following roll call vote was taken:
 3 members having voted in the affirmative
 __ members having voted in the negative
 __ members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

B. Discussion and Vote on 2024-2025 School Choice

Annually we need to vote on School Choice. Expected enrollment for each grade level was provided.

Motion: To accept the recommendation for 24-25 School Choice

The motion was made by Member Millet
The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos
The following roll call vote was taken:
 3 members having voted in the affirmative
 _ members having voted in the negative
 __ members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

C. Approval of Surplus Items – Outdated and Misc. Technology equipment

Motion: To declare surplus items of misc. and outdated technology equipment from Webster Public Schools and to direct the Superintendent or Business Manager to auction off, donate, or otherwise recycle/dispose of these materials in conjunction with the provisions for MGL 30B

The motion was made by Member Millet
The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos
The following roll call vote was taken:
 3 members having voted in the affirmative
 _ members having voted in the negative
 __ members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

D. Approval of Town Meeting Warrant

Superintendent Pierangeli gave explanation of the warrant that was sent to the Town Hall for the upcoming Town Meeting. The Town Meeting will be held May 13, 2024, this warrant is requesting approval for a transfer in the amount not to exceed \$600,000 for SPED Tuition deficit. We have applied for an extraordinary relief grant, but have not received word about the amount we would receive.

There will also be another Town Meeting article put in by the Town for SPED transportation as this falls on the town side of the budget. We are currently in the deficit in this line as well.

Motion: To approve the Town Meeting warrant as presented

The motion was made by Member Millet

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 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:

VIII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM

The motion was made by Member Adamopoulos

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 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:

- March 26, 2024 Minutes
- PD grids for April 5, 2024
- PD grid for March 28, 2024
- Fundraising applications
- BHS Program of Studies – list of updated changes and final product
- Policy AC – Non-Discrimination Policy including Harassment and Retaliation
- Policy AC-R - Non-Discrimination Policy including Harassment and Retaliation
- Policy ACA – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex
- Policy ACAB – Sexual Harassment
- Policy ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability
- List of donations for the BHS Easter Egg Hunt and Community Dinner
- 24-25 Anticipated Enrollment for School Choice Discussion
- List of Surplus Items from Technology Dept
- Town Meeting Warrant