

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Date: May 14, 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
- Member Blythe
- Member Sgariglia

The following Committee Members were absent:

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of School Committee Meeting

Chair Seddiki stated that it is customary after a Town Election we must reorganize the Committee

Motion: To nominate Kelly Seddiki as Chair of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

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

Motion: To nominate Sheila Blythe as Vice Chair of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Adamopoulos

The motion was seconded by Member Sgariglia

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

Motion: To nominate Nicholas Adamopoulos as Secretary of the School Committee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Sgariglia

The following roll call vote was taken:

 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

II. Enter into Executive Session to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with union personnel (Memorandum of Agreement with the Webster Educators Association) and to reconvene in Open Session

Motion: To Enter into Executive Session to conduct strategy in preparation for negotiations with union personnel (Memorandum of Agreement with the Webster Educators Association) and to reconvene in Open Session

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. Approval of April 23, 2024 Minutes

Motion: To approve April 23, 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:

 3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 2 members having abstained (Member Sgariglia and Chair Seddiki)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

IV. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Personnel Update

Nothing to report

2. Instructional Leadership Update

- On May 3rd the district had a 1/2 day professional development day. The professional development grids are in in the packet. Thank you to Deb Rivera and Michelle Budney for their efforts in putting this together.
- The Tier Focus Monitoring Review (TFM) is happening this week. Our Coordinator, Michael McDonald will be onsite to gather information and hold interviews.

- The Leadership team is planning the Instructional Prioritization Institute (IPI) which will be held on site on May 22 & 23. Members of the SSOS partners will attend also. This is to review and refine our instructional priority.
- MCAS testing continues. Grade 8 taking Civics test today and tomorrow

3. Family Engagement Update

- April 25th we hosted Grandparents Raising Grandchildren meeting, did not have any participation
- May 2nd through May 17th, in conjunction with the Webster Public Library, BHS art students will display their work

4. Other Updates

- May 13th – Town Meeting held at Park Avenue Elementary School. Our FY25 Budget was approved. There were two other school items – SPED Tuition – have seen a large increase this year. We applied and received Circuit Breaker Relief we are also eligible for Circuit Breaker Reserve Relief. We are not taking money from the Reserve Relief fund. Superintendent Pierangeli gave a description of the difference in the two. We passed over the Transportation Article since we are able to make up the deficit in fund and have access to the Town’s portion of the transportation.
- May 9th – SuperTeam was held – always a nice event
- Superintendent Pierangeli continues to meet with her mentor

B. Business Manager Report - Lisa Kontoes

Ms. Kontoes is attending the Annual School Business Manager conference and not able to attend this meeting. Superintendent Pierangeli will present

1. School Building Committee Update – the following construction activities have been completed since the last meeting

- **C Wing Miscellaneous:** The existing elevator has been demoed and the layout of the outdoor classroom and gridlines have been completed.
- **Basement:** Completed sawcutting and concrete removal. Have excavated for underground plumbing and have begun the rough plumbing.
- **First Floor:** Abatement has been completed. Sawcutting and selective demo completed. Form footings, Rebar footings, concrete footings, form foundation and rebar have been installed. Concrete and rebar inspections were completed on Friday, May 10.
- **Second Floor:** Abatement has been completed. Selective demo and saw cutting/removal of concrete completed.
- **Roof:** Abatement has been completed. Selective demo is in progress.
- **Site Work:** Curb and sidewalk prep has been completed along with final grading and paving in the Central Office area. Draining on the northeast side is in progress.
- A color selection subcommittee has been formed and color selection meetings have begun. This review process will continue for 6 to 8 weeks inclusive of floor, walls, doors, finishes, furniture, etc...
- There was a fire alarm on Wednesday, May 8. This was the result of construction activities. The demo subcontractor cut through a conduit near the Section C & B temporary wall that unknowingly triggered the fire alarm. The electrician reconnected the loop and all fire alarm devices in B section are working properly and the fire alarm panel is back to normal.

2. Maintenance Update

BHS ~ No updates at this time

WMS ~ No updates at this time

PAE ~ No updates at this time

*Student Rep reported before the Principal Report

C. Principal Report – Ryan Collins, Bartlett High School

1. HOBY (Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Scholars) – Student Presentation

A packet of info was provided providing details of this program. BHS Student, Winter Cady was a 2023 Scholar recipient She is a junior this year. Winter attended a three-day seminar, she detailed the impact this had on her experience. Luigi Villegas was the 2024 recipient. He said he was honored and provided points that he hopes to gain from this experience. BHS will have three students attending – the other two students (Tais Tapia and Naomie Orelien) were at a track meet and unable to attend the meeting

2. Success of Internships -PLTW (Project Lead the Way)

This is the second year of having our internships. Ms. Bigelow has been working hard to establish this program~ she was unable to attend due to a family matter. Muhammad Aslam provided information about his experience working at Choice One Temp for his internship this year. He valued the feedback he received during the internship. Caleb Mercure had an internship as an on-line IT-developer through the Work Based Learning Alliance (WBLA). He said it was a good way to meet people all over the state. Looking forward to an in-person internship next year. Dylan Polen was involved with two internships, last year he did a 10 week internship with Bacteria (this was a virtual internship). There were 7 other students from across the state that worked on their AI. His second internship this year is with Gentex, he goes onsite and built relations to hopefully work there this summer.

3. Senior Scoop

Dylan Polen said this event was a success. He was able to go around to see what companies might be good fit for him.

4. PLTW Showcase 2024

The Showcase was held in Boston as Muhammad spoke of. Our students represented Bartlett proudly.

Mr. Collins thanked Muhammad for his role as BHS Student Rep. He is a kind and wonderful young man who represented our school in a positive manner. Muhammad said he was grateful for the opportunity.

5. Introduction of 2024-2025 School Committee Student Rep – Hope Cooper

Mr. Collins introduced Hope Cooper she is a Junior and she gave a bio of her years in Webster. She is thankful for the honor.

V. Student Rep Update – Muhammad Aslam

*Applied Learning Spring Showcase ~ Boston field trip = Spring showcase of projects that were worked on during PBIS. There were over 800 students.

*Prom is this Saturday at Indian Ranch – the theme is A Night Under the Clouds

*AP Exams ~ started this week. Senior Final Exams start May 24th

*Sports Update

* Will be taking the agenda out of order for one item from New Business

K. Approval of new PreK-6 Math Curriculum - Eureka Math Squared

Ms. Debbie Rivera presented a review of the curriculum process and the new math curriculum, Eureka Math Squared. She shared the month by month process for the curriculum review. There is a Curriculum Council of staff across the district to participate in this process.

There was discussion about including an on-line module and surveys for all stakeholders (including student). There was Grade 4 instruction given on both math programs that were being evaluated. Member Millet asked if there could be a presentation for parents with the change in curriculum, Ms. Rivera said that is a good recommendation.

Motion: To approve the new PreK – 6 Math Curriculum – Eureka Math Squared

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

VI Old Business

A. Monthly Report of Fundraising Applications

As a reminder it is the role of the School Committee to review not approve all fundraisers. There were no Fundraising Applications submitted in the past month

B. Policy AD – Mission Statement – Second Reading

C. Policy ADC – Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited – Second Reading

D. Policy AE – Commitment to Accomplishment – Second Reading

There was no feedback or questions on the three policies

VII. New Business

A. Approval of increase in Speech Pathologist position from 0.8FTE to 1.0FTE

We have had a retirement of our current speech pathologist, she has been a 0.8FTE. With the increase in numbers for students needing speech along with the difficulty of filling a 0.8 position. We are recommending moving that position to a 1.0. The position is funded at the highest scale position and we believe that we could fill this position with no increase in the budget.

Motion: To approve the increase in Speech Pathologist position from 0.8FTE to 1.0FTE

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 updates in the Bartlett High School Student Handbook

Superintendent Pierangeli said that based on the Tiered Focus review we are making updates to all our handbooks. There was a cover sheet outlining the updates to the BHS student handbook

Motion: To approve the updates in the Bartlett High School Handbook 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

C. Approval of updates in the Webster Middle School Student Handbook

A cover sheet with the changes was provided.

Motion: To approve the updates to the Webster Middle School Student Handbook 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

D. Designation of Email Record Keeper

This position is filled by the Secretary to the School Committee – that would be Desiree Moniz for the 24-25 school year. Ms Marrazzo will continue until June 30, 2024

Motion: To designate Lori Marrazzo until June 30, 2024 and Desiree Moniz beginning July 1, 2024 as the email record keeper

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

E. Designation of Legislative Representative

Chair Seddiki explained this role, Member Adamopoulos held this role for the 23-24 school year

Motion: To nominate Member Adamopoulos as the Legislative Representative

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

F. Appoint School Committee Member as Payroll Designee

Member Blythe held this role for the 23-24 school year

Motion: To nominate Member Millet as the Payroll Designee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

G. Appoint School Committee Member as Back-up Payroll Designee

Chair Seddiki held this role for the 23-24 school year

Motion: To nominate Kelly Seddiki as the Backup Payroll Designee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

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

H. Appoint School Committee Member as Warrant Designee

Member Millet held this role for the 23-24 school year

Motion: To nominate Member Millet as the Warrant Designee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

I. Appoint School Committee Member as Back-up Warrant Designee

Chair Seddiki held this role for the 23-24 school year

Motion: To nominate Kelly Seddiki as the Back Up Warrant Designee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

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

J. Approval of Webster Educators Association - Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Collins said this MOA is for a continuation for year 2 of block scheduling. This will be a 4 block day. Each block is 85 minutes.

Motion: To approve the Webster Educators Association – Memorandum of Agreement

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:
__members having voted in the affirmative
__members having voted in the negative
__members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 _____Failed

K. Approval of new PreK-6 Math Curriculum - Eureka Math Squared

This was presented earlier in the meeting

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

- A. Approval of transfer request from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings Account to Checking Account in the amount of \$14,322.89

Motion: To approve the transfer request for Bartlett High School in the amount of \$14,322.89

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 7:44 PM

The motion was made by Member Blythe
The motion was seconded by Member Millet
The following roll call vote was taken:
 __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:

- April 23, 2024 Minutes
- May 3, 2024 Professional Development Grids
- Grandparents raising grandkids flyer
- Policy AD – Mission Statement
- Policy AE – Commitment to Accomplishment
- Policy ADC – Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited
- Changes to BHS Student Handbook – Updated Handbook
- Changes to WMS Student Handbook – Updated Handbook
- PowerPoint - Curriculum Program Review Process
- Memorandum of Agreement – WEA – BHS Block Scheduling
- WMS Student Activity Transfer Request
- Warrant