

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

Date: April 23, 2024

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: School Committee Conference Room

77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

The meeting was called to order by: Vice Chair Napierata

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Millet
- Member Adamopoulos
- Member Blythe

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Chair Seddiki

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of April 9, 2024 Minutes

Motion: To approve April 9, 2024 Minutes 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

1 members having abstained (Member Blythe)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

III. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

1. Personnel Update

Retirement: Lori Marrazzo effective 6/30/2024

Patricia Konieczny – PAE Speech & Language Pathologist effective 9/7/2024

Michael Majewski – BHS Custodian effective 12/2024

Transfer: Desiree Moniz to Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Shari McCarthy to Grade 8 Math at WMS

Stefanie Poletta to School Nurse at PAE

2. Instructional Leadership Update

- April 10 & 11 the DLT attended the CACE Spring Conference. This conference is dedicated to teams who are working on high priority improvement plans. As a team we focused on our instructional priorities and have started working on creating a new strategic plan
- We are currently in our CSDP (Center for School and District Partnership) overview. This process is being facilitated by AIR (American Institutes for Research) who has been contract by DESE. There were 10 districts in MA chosen to participate
- TNTP - The district is in its final year of the Gleam Grant. Our Coaches, Principals, and Director of Curriculum are still working with consultants on effective strategies in classrooms to assist in closing learning gaps

3. Other Updates

- On Tuesday and Wednesday of April vacation the District hosted an Alice Training for schools, business around the state. Because we were a hosting site, this made 2 seats available for free. Superintendent Pierangeli attended along with Webster Officer Jim Young Jr. to become Alice Certified Instructors.
- PAE Art Show was April 11th – it was well attended. Shout out to Callan D’Ascanio and the PAE staff that assisted

B. Business Manager Report - Lisa Kontoes

1. School Building Committee Update

- **Main Building Chair Lift:** Happy to report that the chair lift installation has been completed and passed inspection. The elevator in Section C has been decommissioned. As a result, the poly tunnels that were installed to provide access to the elevators upstairs and downstairs have been removed. Trainings have been held.
- **Utility Coordination:** The project trailers now have permanent power and are no longer running on a generator. Other activities are in progress for new power supply to the school as well as reviews of the gas design.
- **Abatement:** DLS approved abatement for a number of classrooms on the second floor beyond what was reported at the previous meeting.
- **Basement:** The rough layout, demo of ductwork and saw cutting for elevator and pier footings has been completed. Next step is excavation followed by rough plumbing.
- **Site Work:** Drains were installed in the parking lot near the Central Office and the parking lot area received an asphalt binding layer. Vegetation and tree work removal and pruning around the campus was completed during school break. Additional work for drainage is planned for the other side of the building in the near future. The team is mobilizing in preparation for planned curb work.
- **Kitchen Operations:** The kitchen will be moving to section C so a permit application has been submitted to the Board of Health.
- **Design Activities:** There are some additional design activities underway relative to bollards (building barriers), 14 EV charging stations and access to the auditorium balcony.
- **Fire Alarm/Evacuation:** The fire alarms were triggered on Wednesday, April 10 resulting in an evacuation of the building. It was discovered that there was an issue with a ground fault interrupter (GFI issue) in Section C on a sensor that was causing a volt ‘wave’ and causing other

areas to surge. American Alarm came on site to troubleshoot and a resistor was put on the panel to prevent false alarms from being triggered.

2. Maintenance Update

BHS ~ No updates at this time

WMS ~ No updates at this time

PAE ~ No updates at this time

C. Principal Report – Amy Puliafico – Park Avenue Elementary

1. School Events

*April 4th Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs was performed by students in Gr 3 & 4

*Art Show – theme was Out of this World

*Tomorrow having a multi lingual breakfast

*May 2nd – Jump into Kindergarten Night from 6-8

*Girls on the Run – practice run on May 4th and on June 4th is the official run at Polar Park

2. MCAS Update

Completed grade 3 & 4 ELA, still have a few make ups. Math MCAS coming up in May

3. Professional Development

Full PD on March 28 – most participated in STEM Scopes (science curriculum) and IReady resources available.

Concluded Math pilot – ReadyMath contract is up and we are examining other programs. Have reviewed 3 programs, narrowed to 2 and soon will come to School Committee with a recommendation for new math program

4. Upcoming Events

Many upcoming fields trip ~ a review of all grade level trips was provided

Concert dates were given along with rain dates

IV. Student Rep Update – Muhammad Aslam

*April 5th BHS art students traveled to NYC

*April 8-12 was Spirit Week

*Senior Scoop is a project for students that do not attend college – these students went to Polar Park for a job fair

V. Public Hearing FY25 Budget 6:30PM

Motion: To enter into the Public Hearing for the FY25 Budget

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Adamopoulos

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

Ms. Pierangeli presented a PowerPoint presentation on the FY25 Budget. There were no questions. There was no public attendance.

Motion: To close the Public Hearing and return to Open Meeting

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

VI Old Business

VII. New Business

A. Approval of Job Description – Central Registrar and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

We will be posting this position to replace Ms Moniz. This is an updated job description

Motion: To approve the Job Description – Central Registrar and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

 members having abstained

The motion: X passed

 Failed

B. Approval of out of state field trip =- WMS Band/Chorus to Suffield CT for annual festival

The location for our students to attend this annual trip has been moved to Suffield CT

Motion: To approve the out of state field trip – WMS Band/Chorus to Suffield CT for annual festival

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:
 4 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 Park Avenue Elementary School Student Handbook

Ms. Puliafico said updates came from the recent Tiered Monitoring Review from the Office of Civil Rights review. We had some missing information that was recommended to be added. Updated our nondiscrimination statement, suspensions and process for suspensions along with discipline have been updated. A cover sheet with the changes was provided.

Motion: To approve the updates to the Park Avenue Elementary 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:
 4 members having voted in the affirmative
 __ members having voted in the negative
 __ members having abstained
The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

Superintendent Pierangeli said we are continuing the process of updating our Policy Manual

D. Policy AD – Mission Statement – First Reading

We do not have this policy in our manual. MASC has a recommendation from 2022

E. Policy ADC – Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited -First Reading

Our last update was 2003 – it has since been updated by MASC in 2022

F. Policy AE – Commitment to Accomplishment – First Reading

We do have in our policy manual. This is a recommendation by MASC from 2022

Superintendent Pierangeli said this is Vice Chair Napierata’s last meeting. Member Blythe spoke about the 7 years Ms. Napierata has served on the School Committee – Ms. Napirara said she has enjoyed her time on the committee, it is a collaborative team. She was presented with a card and flowers.

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

- A. Approval of transfer request from Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings Account to Checking Account in the amount of \$6,334.89

Motion: To approve the transfer request for Webster Middle School in the amount of \$6,334.89

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 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 6:50 PM

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Millet

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 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 9, 2024 Minutes
- Public Hearing Notice and PowerPoint
- Job Description – Central Registrar and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Our of state field trip request
- PAE Student Handbook updates
- Policy AD – Mission Statement
- Policy ADC – Tobacco Products on School Premises Prohibited
- Policy AE - Commitment to Accomplishment
- WMS Transfer Request
- Warrant