

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Date: June 11, 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 Sgariglia

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Blythe

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

Chair Seddiki stated as a reminder this meeting is being taped both audio and video and will be put on the district website

**II. Approval of May 28, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: To approve the May 28, 2024 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Millet

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

**III. Superintendent's Report**

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

**1. Personnel Update**

New Hires     Mark Leonard – ELL Teacher at BHS  
                  Torri Hendra – Speech & Language Pathologist at PAE

Resignation    Jennifer Keary – Guidance Counselor at WMS  
                  Karla Maldonado – Bilingual Para at PAE

Madison Sullivan – Kindergarten teacher at PAE

Megan Sterczala – Grade 3 Teacher at PAE

Retire Carol Daly – Grade 3 Teacher (effective 9/5/24)

Transfer: Keith Goodier from SPED Team Chair at PAE to Assistant Principal at PAE

There was discussion about current vacant positions and position movement for the 24-25 school year. More info will be given at the next meeting.

## **2. Recognize Retirees**

Sean Harrington, Anne Jacquart, Anne Thompson and Lori Marrazzo are all retiring at the end of this school year. A brief bio was provided for all retirees. Mrs. Thompson was present for the meeting. Ms. Puliafico spoke of Ms. Thompson's attributes and wished her all the best in her retirement. She is also an RN so hoping she will come back as a substitute nurse. It is Ms. Marrazzo's last meeting. Many years of dedication combined with all retirees. Their names were added to the plaque outside the conference room. Congratulation baskets were given out.

Superintendent Pierangeli said there is a new plaque acknowledging School Committee Members. Ms. Napierata was added. Member Millet suggested adding the Student Rep to the plaque as well.

## **3. Instructional Leadership Update**

The District Instructional Leadership team met on Jun 5, 2024 with our SSOS partners to continue our work on the instructional priority. We are currently working on a vertical alignment strategy which assigns what roles and how they will support our instructional priority. We need to submit a completed instructional priority to the state by the end of the month.

Biology MCAS testing has been ongoing, we have 3 more make up days and then it will be complete.

## **4. Other Updates**

- WEA approved the MOA for the school ILT positions and Department Head Positions that were approved at the last SC Meeting
- May 31<sup>st</sup> Superintendent Pierangeli attended the CMC graduation in Worcester – Webster had one student graduate
- May 31<sup>st</sup> the Senior Class had their "lock in" at the HS cafeteria. About 35 students participated. Thank you to the senior advisors, Ms. Beaudet and Ms. Doherty, Ms. Nieves and Mr. Renaud and our volunteer Kate Ludwig
- Thank you to our Athletic Director and the coaches that came for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Day – had a nice turnout
- Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Boys Varsity Baseball team won – that moved them to the Sweet 16 Tournament. They traveled to Jamaica Plain on 6/4 – although they did not win they had a great season
- June 6<sup>th</sup> was the Grads on Parade
- June 6<sup>th</sup> was the Senior Awards Ceremony – thank you to the Senior Advisors and Allie Doherty
- June 7<sup>th</sup> was BHS graduation – a great evening

## **B. Business Manager Report - Lisa Kontoes**

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

- The granite curbing has been installed in the new parking lot by the Central Office – future location for pre-school
- Excavation for the outside classroom/courtyard by the cafeteria has started
- Color selection activities continue as submittal samples are received

## 2. Maintenance Update

**BHS** ~ No updates at this time

**WMS** ~ No updates at this time

**PAE** ~ A rooftop unit leaked into a classroom damaging a few ceiling panels. A PCP pipe was cracked and has been repaired. The ceiling tiles will be replaced during summer break

## 3. Financial Operations

The district has gone out to bid on the following three projects with bid responses expected at the end of June

### 1. WMS – HVAC Controller Update (Grant Funded) – There are three areas of focus at WMS

1. Rooftops Units – they do not allow for remote management. Therefore the head custodian has to access the units by going on the roof to adjust. Upgrading the 10 units by installing network cards will enable remote management of units. This will ensure efficiently and effectively heating/cooling

2. Room Vent Controllers – These are 20 years old and failing regularly. This has led to inconsistent temperatures with in the building. This upgrade will ensure consistent climate control.

3. Boiler Room – By upgrading to a more advanced controller we will be able to ensure that the boiler is running safely, and at peak efficiency. This will reduce energy costs.

2. **WMS – Window Glass Replacement (Town Meeting Appropriation & Grant Funded)** – This project involves the purchase, replacement and installation of approx. 200 double-pane tempered window glass on the ground and second floor of the building. Currently argon gas has leaked out which has caused the windows to lose their insulating properties and is impacting temperature control.

3. **PAE – Smart Board purchase and install (Grant Funded)** – Procurement of 60 Classroom Smart Technologies Interactive Touch Displays (AKA Smart Boards) cater to different learning styles. This modernizes PAE instruction and brings classrooms in alignment with WMS.

Member Sgariglia asked about time of these projects – Ms. Kontoes said summer is best – we do have in the contract that it would happen during off school hours. Further discussion on amount of classrooms at PAE for the smartboards.

## C. Principal Report – Amy Pulifiaco

### 1. End of Year Events Update

Ms. Puliaficio provided an update on recent and upcoming events.

- Held a “Jump into Kindergarten” with over 40 families attending. Will be hosting a two-week kindergarten readiness program this summer
- All concerts were held outdoors
- Honored our third grade student that passed away - very nice tribute – planted a tree in his honor
- Grade 4 went to WMS to see their dress rehearsal of the play
- Our School Adjustment Counselor held a bikes and board event – in partnership with Webster police and EMS – ended with a bike parade
- Someone Special Dance – sponsored by PTO – over 240 students attended
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Girls on the Run at Polar Park

- Real Madrid soccer wrapped up – had over 45 students participate. Had a visit from the Real Madrid Leadership to see the kids in action
- Field Days – thank you to the Webster Fire Dept who came and sprayed the students
- Pre school graduation June 7<sup>th</sup>
- Today was step up day for grade 4 to WMS
- Grade 1 field trip tomorrow to Davis Farmland
- Grade 4 Concert and graduation tomorrow
- June 13<sup>th</sup> K-3 step up day – students will meet with next year’s teacher.

Member Sgariglia questioned the process for new kindergarten students and the screening, Ms. Pulifiaco explained the procedure

#### **IV Old Business**

##### **A. Monthly Report on Fundraising**

Chair Seddiki stated that it is the role of the School Committee to review not approve fundraisers.

- Class of 2024 – take photos at Prom
- Varsity Baseball and Softball – concessions during football games

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. Adult Education – End of Year Update – Ava Landry**

Ms. Landry said on June 4th they held a Multicultural Event – over 10 countries were represented. June 6<sup>th</sup> was Graduation and Recognition Night, had 7 students graduate, very proud of the students. We are currently in process of end of year testing. Had 10 students obtain their high school equivalency. Have one student attending QCC . One student has entered into a training program. An overview of the programs being offered was provided. Mid year the Adult Ed program was awarded funds to hire a full time ESOL instructor. With that we hold day classes at the Webster Library. We also received additional funds to attend a PD event on Equity and Inclusion. Our program focused on AI this year. Received our FY25 award, substantial increase from last year. We are investing in a program for math tutoring. Ms. Landry highlighted a couple students in the program that have succeed in their goals. She said she would bring some of her students to a future meeting.

##### **B. Acceptance of donations - \$15,000.00 from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust to BHS Art Dept.**

Mr. Harrington and Ms. Gyllenhammer applied for funds form the Janet Malser Humanities Trust to update and enhance the digital art program at BHS

Motion: To accept the donation of \$15,000 from the Janet Malser Humanities Trust to BHS Art Dept

The motion was made by Member Millet

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

### C. Approval of Surplus Items – Ready textbooks and teacher guides

Superintendent Pierangeli said with the recent approval of the new math curriculum we are looking to surplus the items no longer to be used.

Member Millet asked where the items are donated and suggested giving to the North Village Community Center

Motion: To declare surplus items of miscellaneous ReadyMath textbooks from Webster Middle School and Park Avenue Elementary School 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 Ad

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

## VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM

The motion was made by Member mil

The motion was seconded by Member sg

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:

- May 28, 2024 Minutes
- FY25 Award Notification for the Adult Education Program
- Fundraising application – Class of 2024
  - Varsity Softball & Baseball – concession stand
- Donation letter from Janet Malser Humanities Trust to BHS Art Dept
- PAE & WMS Surplus items
- Warrant