

**WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, August 20, 2024**

Date: August 20, 2024  
Room

Time: 6:05 PM

Location: School Committee Conference

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**

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 July 9, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: To approve July 9, 2024 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. Approval of May 28, 2024 Executive Minutes**

Motion: To approve May 28, 2024 Executive 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

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Pirengeli hopes all the school committee members enjoyed the annual walkthroughs at each of the schools. We started with Park Avenue Elementary, Webster Middle School and ended with Bartlett High

School. The Superintendent explained how evident it is that a lot of work has been done over the summer on the Bartlett High School Project.

Superintendent Pierangeli announced Ms. Kathy Baris retirement this coming October and thanked Ms. Barris for all hard work throughout the years.

Superintendent Pierangeli announced new hires, transfers and resignations.

Superintendent Update/ District Wide Reports / Correspondence

## 1. Personnel Update

New Hires -

### **Park Ave Elementary:**

Sierra Yuras - Speech & Language Assistant

Samantha Palazini - ABA

Joanna Maldonado - ABA

Tabatha Chauvin - ABA

Samantha Palazini - ABA

Natalie Greenan - PARA

Torri Hendra - Speech and Language Pathologist

Gina-Marie Kajano - Grade 3 Teacher

Robert LoPiccolo - Science Teacher

### **Webster Middle School:**

Meghan Costa - School Counselor

Anna Pingitore - ABA

Anna Pingitore - ABA

Tiana Garcia - ABA

### **Bartlett High School:**

Mark Leonard - ELL Teacher

Erin Wilson - BCBA (WMS & BHS)

Kelli-Ann Marderosian - Math Teacher

Jolene Zuk de Romero - English Teacher

Jessica Jones - Math Teacher

Resignations -

Scott DaCosta - BCBA at WMS & BHS

Stephen Loikith - Paraprofessional at WMS

Melissa Dube - Paraprofessional at PAE

Carolyn Faulkner - ABA at PAE

Katelyn Bergeron - ABA at PAE

Transfers -

Faith Veronis - From Grade 5 Special Ed to Grade 1 Special Ed

Marie Daley - From Grade 1 Special Ed to Grade 5 Special Ed

Jennifer Bergin - transferring from Kinder to LC 2 Classroom at PAE

Vacant -

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>Status</b>
PAE	ABA - 7.4 positions	
PAE	PARA - 1.4 positions	
PAE	Preschool Teacher - 1 positions	1.0 Interviewing
WMS	PARA - 3.0 positions	
WMS	Math Teacher - grade 7	Few Applicants - Tentative plan in place
WMS	ABA - 1.0 Positions	
BHS	PARA - 4.0 positions	
BHS	2.0 Science Teacher	1.0 tentatively not needed
District	School Psychologist	No applicants

The Superintendent announced the resignation of Mr. Collin, who has accepted a position at the Middle School in Fall River. Additionally, the Superintendent has appointed Ms. Gina Nieves as the interim Principal. Once we are settled into the new year, we will begin interviewing candidates for the permanent Principal position.

Member Millet asked if there is still a need for a Grade 7 Math teacher. Superintendent Pierangeli explained that she has spoken with Mr. Jacob Murphy, who will be taking on that position. He is licensed and is looking forward to it.

## **2. Instructional Leadership Update**

Superintendent Pierangeli explained about the reorganization of support from SSoS. The district has been informed that the State is restructuring their Statewide Systems of Support and will be meeting with them to learn a little more about their restructuring in an upcoming Webinar

Superintendent Pierangeli informed us about the DLT / ILT Summit. On Wednesday, August 14th, the Instructional Summit for our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) was held. During this summit the team reviewed their instructional priorities for the district. The Districts Instructional Priority (IP) for the upcoming year will be: All educators will intentionally plan and implement lessons utilizing district-approved curricular materials to provide data-informed, research-based inclusive practices so that students, particularly English Language Learners and students with disabilities demonstrate proficiency in grade level reading and writing

standards. The IP was created with the Districts Instructional Leadership Team along with the Support of our State Partners. This priority is created using multiple sources of data with the intent to build and narrow down from last year's instructional priority. The Superintendent explained how hard everyone worked throughout the process. Dr. Mackay has worked really hard, and the feedback from the state was excellent. Dr. Mackay feels confident moving into the new year.

SEB Academy - I am happy to report that Webster has been accepted into DESE's Social Emotional Behavior Academies. As you know the district has been working with the May Institute for PBIS over the past few years. This will provide Webster with the ability to continue our work with a goal to build our MTSS systems (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) supports across the district. Dr. Mackay provided a recap of the summer school programs. At Park Avenue Elementary, 73 students participated in the 21st Century Pass Program for grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. Additionally, 19 students attended the traditional summer school program at Webster Middle School, for grades 5 through 7. There were also a total of 87 students that participated in the special topics camps and additionally 20 students that participated from grades 8 and 9. Dr. Mackay will assess the effectiveness of these programs in helping students transition into 9th grade. A total of 55 students participated in the credit recovery program at Bartlett High School. Dr. Mackay noted that there was strong representation from both the students and the various programs.

On July 18th the 21st Century Pass Program at Park Avenue received a site visit from the department of education (DESE). The visitors were Karyl Resnick, Coordinator of 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Donna Traynham, Early Learning Literacy Team Leader and Rachelle Engler Bennett, Associate Commissioner. Dr. Mackay shared some of the comments from the associate commissioner. The Associate Commissioner thanked everyone for their warm welcome during their recent visit and expressed appreciation for the amazing team, staff, and students on their ongoing work with the 21st Century Pass Program. Dr. Mackay also shared that the 21st Century Pass Program was featured in the Commissioner's newsletter.

Chair Seddiki praised the program for its excellence and highlighted the significant impact it has had on our students.

Dr. Mackay reported about the SEB Academy. Webster has been accepted into DESE's Social Emotional Behavior Academies. As you know the district has been working with the May Institute for PBIS over the past few years. This will provide Webster with the ability to continue our work with a goal geared towards building our MTSS systems (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and our SEL (Social Emotional Learning) supports across the district.

Dr. Mackay noted that this is a three-year academy for the District designed to support and sustain the work we've been doing with PBIS, especially now that ESER funding is no longer available. She expressed enthusiasm for participating in the academy, which, while not a grant and without additional funding, will provide valuable technical support. The District will receive two coaches—one for PBIS and one for social-emotional programming and development. Dr. Mackay explained that there are several commitments involved. They will need to set up a team, attend monthly meetings, participate in monthly webinars, and collaborate with other districts.

Member Sgariglia asked if these webinars could be considered part of their professional development or count towards license credit. Dr. Mackay responded that she will inquire about this.

Superintendent Pierangeli thanked Dr. Mackay for all her dedication and hard work.

Special Education Updates - Presented by Asst Director of Student Support Services & Equity Mrs. Shari Haire. Mrs. Haire presented the new IEP format, two new interventions, and student support statistics. Mrs. Haire explained that the new IEP format has been simplified and now functions like a graphic organizer. This will help team chairs facilitate a deeper understanding of the IEP when presenting it to parents and guardians. Mrs. Haire also reported that some of the content has been removed, reworded, or added. The new IEP will be specifically designed for the student. This information will be communicated to our families through school newsletters or mailed letters. Mrs. Haire also reported that this new version of the IEP has been updated on PowerSchool.

Mrs. Haire reported on the Program Choices, which the District began implementing in February. Located in Worcester, the program offers three components: the Alternative Peer Group, the Positive Alternative to School-Based Suspension, and the Recovery Education Academy. Mrs. Haire noted that they have primarily been working with the Positive Alternative to School-Based Suspension program, which serves as an alternative to suspension for students suspended due to substance abuse. She explained that participation in this program allows the suspension not to be counted as a formal suspension since students are engaged in educational programming. Since starting this program in February 2023, Mrs. Haire reported that 10 students have attended. These students will not have the suspension recorded on their records because they participated in this program.

Mrs. Haire reported on how the District is in a new partnership with the Bryt Program. They have seen an increase in students who are experiencing mental health challenges which are affecting their ability to return to school. This program will assist our district with providing a softer landing for students returning to school after a hospitalization. Mrs. Haire provided the numbers of students hospitalized at each school: Park Avenue Elementary had 5, Webster Middle School had 16, Bartlett High School had 9, and there were 3 students from Out of District who received home hospital tutoring. Mrs. Haire explained that the Bryt Intervention offers over 150 programs implemented across the state of Massachusetts. The District is considering implementing these programs at both Webster Middle School and Bartlett High School. The cost for this program is \$7,500 per school per year. They also have benefactors who are offering an initial contract worth \$12,000 for both schools. Mrs. Haire noted that if additional funding is needed, it would be allocated from the Special Education grants. Mrs. Haire concluded by explaining what we expect from a program like this: increased family engagement, fewer hospitalizations, and higher graduation rates.

Mrs. Haire also reported on student support statistics, explaining that Autism remains the highest category, with the ratio of children diagnosed with autism in 2020 being 1 in 36. Mrs. Haire noted that early childhood referrals are the highest. Additionally, Mrs. Haire mentioned that the District has partnered with TNTP, a vendor for literacy, for a Special Education review, which will be shared with the administration.

Mrs. Haire explained the different changes in Title 9 and provided a summary of the implications of these changes to the District.

Chair Seddiki thanked Mrs. Haire for this comprehensive report.

Superintendent reported for Opening Day-

Superintendent Pierangeli reported that Opening day this year will be held at the Webster Middle School. This is due to the ongoing renovation project at the high school. Superintendent Pierangeli reported they are finalizing our PD Grids and making sure we have everything in order for the first few days. Superintendent Pierangeli is excited to announce that we have a guest speaker for our convocation (flier is in your packet). Dr. Doug Luff is from the area and the author of the book from Homeless to Harvard. Dr. Luff has connections to our schools in Webster and is excited to kick off the year.

### **3. Family and Community Engagement**

Superintendent Pierangeli reported about the Webster Summer Send Off on Tuesday **Aug 13, 2024**. A team from Webster Public Schools participated in the Summer Send Off that was organized by the Webster Police Department. The Superintendent would like to thank our Food Service Department, Adult Education Department along with our School Representatives (Building Administration from all 3 schools), and our Instructional Coach along with our Literacy. The team handed out books and engaged with our families in a relaxed and fun environment. A special thank you to Amy, Heidi and Kelsey for taking turns in the dunk tank.

The Superintendent added how much fun the event was and is looking forward to next year's event.

### **4. Other updates**

The Superintendent reported how Park Avenue is working on a Big Brother Big Sister Program. Ms. Ochocki has been taking the lead on this and we are excited to have the program. A more in-depth report will be given when Principal Puliafico is here to present.

The District has received notification of our NEASC two-day Collaborative Conference Visit. The Collaborative Conference visit is a new step in the Accreditation process. The purpose of the Collaborative Conference Visit is to gather information about the current conditions of the schools, collaboratively review and refine the school's identified Priority Areas for Growth, and check the school's alignment with the Foundational Elements. The Collaborative Conference team will work with the school to ensure that the identified Priority Areas for Growth will have a significant impact on student learning and that there are no obvious omissions or other needed improvement areas. The team will be visiting Bartlett High School on December 4 and 5th. Our Decennial Accreditation Visit will be run from Sunday, November 14, 2026 through Wednesday, November 18, 2026.

The Superintendent reported on New Teacher orientation. The New Teacher Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 20 & Wednesday, August 21, 2024. The New Teacher Orientation was organized by Debbie Rivera and Michelle Budney from the Curriculum Office. Various items were included in the school committee packets. There were a total of 16 new hires. For the first time, we are including our new Paraprofessionals and ABA's staff, they will attend on the second day.

Member Millet explained that she receives emails from the Town Library, which noted that the increased library usage is partly due to the summer food program. This program has helped many adults and children make

better use of the library. Member Millet thanked Kelsey Sanders , Food Director, for all her hard work.

Superintendent Pierengeli also thanked Ms. Sanders for her hard work.

Superintendent Pierangeli reported that Triple E has been detected in our town at a critical level and noted that spraying will occur tonight after 8 p.m. The town has also announced that spraying will take place at the schools on Wednesday and Thursday. As a result, sports programs will be affected: starting now through September, there will be no sports activities after 6 p.m., and in October, activities will end no later than 5pm until the first frost.

**B. Business Manager Report** - Superintendent Monique Pierangeli presented in the absence of Mrs. Lisa Kontoes

Superintendent Pierangeli gave a big shoutout to Mrs. Kontoes for planning and ensuring everything is clean, organized, and safe for the return of the students. The Superintendent also thanked all the custodians and IT staff for their hard work and dedication to our schools.

### **1- Building Committee Update**

The following activities are in progress:

#### **Basement**

- Excavation and installation for the underslab drainage
- Underground plumbing
- Rough plumbing layout and backfill
- Prep for locker room slab.

#### **First Floor:**

- Installation of ductwork and rough plumbing in the gymnasium
- Framing the outdoor classroom and installing roof drains
- Excavation for underslab plumbing & electrical and underground plumbing

#### **Second Floor:**

- Installing ductwork, conduits, metal framing and drywall/tape hallway tops

#### **Roof:**

- Installing roof blocking, insulation on the gym lower roof and protection boards in the auditorium.

**Site work** is currently in progress to run the conduit for the new internet fiber & coax cable that supports cable tv

**Egress:** The egress that is needed in Section A for Phase II is being created prior to the start of school.

**Color selections:** Selected colors for cafeteria tables/chairs, classroom lecterns, bleachers and gymnasium.

**Technology:** The team is preparing the Technology Procurement Specifications to go out for bids.

## 2- Maintenance Update -

### District:

Superintendent Pierangeli expressed appreciation for the Custodian teams in all three schools, who have been working tirelessly on deep cleaning, classroom moves, and routine summer maintenance in preparation for the upcoming school year. We are grateful for their commitment and dedication in ensuring that the District has a clean learning environment and keeping the appearance and function of our facilities & grounds in top shape.

**BHS:** Reported in the Building Committee update.

**WMS:** The following projects are underway and/or completed for the month of August:

**Paving:** The back driveway behind the school that is used for afternoon student pick up has been paved. This project was funded by the Town Meeting appropriation for capital improvement projects. Superintendent Pierangeli thanked the DPW for always supporting us and doing the work.

**Window Glass Replacement:** Glass is being replaced in 200 windows. The work started the week of 8/5 and is scheduled to be completed by early September. The majority will be completed by the start of school and any remaining work will be scheduled to not disrupt the school day. This project was previously reported in the 6/11/24 School Committee Meeting. As a reminder, this project is being funded through a grant and Town Meeting appropriation.

**HVAC Controller Upgrade:** HVAC controllers are being upgraded on rooftop units, classroom univents and the boiler room. Work started the week of 8/5 and is scheduled to be completed in September. This project was previously reported in the 6/11/24 School Committee Meeting. As a reminder, this project is Grant funded.

**Gymnasium:** New volleyball sleeves have been installed. The basketball hoops were inspected; new O rings are needed and installation is being scheduled. The basketball hoop motor is leaking oil and the seal will be replaced. A replacement scoreboard was ordered several months ago and is currently out for delivery. Installation is tentatively scheduled for August 21. The power supply for the motor that controls the bleachers has malfunctioned and a switch will be replaced.

### PAE:

**HVAC Mixing Station:** The valve on the mixing station has become corroded which can lead to reduced performance, leaks and potential failure which could be extremely costly. We are proactively replacing the valve. A mixing station ensures that the air distributed within the building is at the right temperature and quality. It mixes air, controls temperature and humidity and aids with energy efficiency.

**Kitchen Freezer:** The motor began to fail but was caught quickly and replaced on the same day so there was no impact to the freezer inventory.

**Gymnasium:** Deep cleaning and repainting of the lines on the basketball court is planned for later this week. The basketball hoops and dividers were also inspected. The panel box that controls bringing hoops up and down is malfunctioning. The motor on the divider net on the left



side is not folding correctly and making inappropriate noises. We are purchasing replacement parts and scheduling for the repair.

Partitions: The library and atrium area on the second floor has been prepped for the installation of partitions to provide additional breakout space and to support the Compass Program. Partitions have been purchased using Grant fundings and the installation is currently planned for early to mid September. Work is underway in the library to relocate the bookshelves.

### **3. FY24 Year-end Update:**

The Superintendent reported how the FY24 Invoices have been paid and/or money encumbered for pending payments. Budget line transfers are complete. As a result of the budget freeze we implemented in Q3 combined with the Extraordinary Circuit Breaker Relief, we will be returning \$220,327.59 to the town. This helps to offset the \$550,000 that was appropriated at the May 2024 Town Meeting for the Special Education Transportation deficit.

Superintendent Pierangeli also reported that an audit of the Student Activity Accounts for Webster Middle School and Bartlett High School was conducted and they are awaiting the final report.

The final expenditure reports to close grants are in progress and due to the state by the end of September.

Superintendent Pierangeli thanked everybody that helped with this budget.

Mrs. Kontoes will be working on the End of Year Report and will report back after it gets submitted to the state.

### **4. School Year 24-25 Preparation Activities:**

#### **Transportation -**

Bus Lists - Student information has been submitted to the AA Transportation so that routes, bus assignments and bus stops can be established. Bus Routes have been posted on the website. A follow-up list will be sent later this week identifying any enrollment changes.

Crossing Guards - A kick-off meeting was held on August 16 to provide refresher training and to outline expectations of the role. We have been fortunate to have a stable and reliable team who performs this important function for the District.

Multi-Function Activity Bus - Procedures for the usage of the bus are being finalized and a training session is being planned for volunteer drivers on September 6. We are grateful to AA Transportation for partnering with the District to provide the training. The Superintendent thanked Linda Perno and Ron Ernenwein for their continued support of the District and willingness to provide their expertise to train our staff.

## **Technology-**

### **Student ChromeBooks:**

Student chromebooks follow students as they advance to the next grade with the exception of Grades 1, 5 & 9 who receive brand new chromebooks.

The new laptops for these grades have been set up, assigned, asset tagged and divided into classroom groups for grades 1 and 5.

Chromebooks for Grade 9 were deployed at the 9th grade orientation on 8/13. Chromebooks for the grades that do not follow students are being repurposed as spares, parts and/or disposal (declared as surplus) depending upon the Condition.

PK & K devices are refreshed every 4 to 5 years and are being replaced this year. These devices have also been prepared for deployment into classroom carts.

Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 turn in their chrome at the end of school year to be repaired if there are any damages. Note, students in grades 10, 11, and 12 keep their laptops over the summer.

### **Faculty/Admin Laptops:**

Following the District's standard 4 year refresh cycle for laptops, approximately 1/4 of Faculty and Administration laptops will be replaced. The laptop deployment is planned for when teachers return to school the week of 8/26.

### **PAE Smart Boards:**

SmartBoards are scheduled to be installed on August 22, 23 & 24.

The Administration and Technology staff received basic training on Friday, August 16.

Principal Puliafico extended an invitation to teachers who were interested in voluntarily attending the training and approximately 12 were available to attend) Training video clips are being created to instruct staff how to use the new technology like they previously used the projectors and white boards. A more robust training plan is being planned that will include alternatives for providing intermediate and advanced training.

The Superintendent thanked Jessica Ochocki and Keith Goodier for taking the time to create the 'bite-size' training clips.

### **Infrastructure Updates:**

Kaseya – This software enables the district to manage, secure, backup and automate technology endpoints (chromebooks, laptops, servers, etc). This software was upgraded which advances the District's cybersecurity position and provides more visibility of the health of the technology ecosystem.

UPS Batteries - The batteries in the UPS units that support the server and network infrastructure have been replaced to ensure business continuity in the event of a power interruption.

PowerSchool - Single-sign on with Google G Suite has been implemented so that both staff and students do not need to maintain separate credentials for PowerSchool and the Google Suite. This improves the security posture and creates a better user experience.

Window File Share Migration: Windows file share servers have been upgraded from 2003 to 2019R2. This was done to increase network security and stability.

Superintendent Pierangeli thanked Mrs. Kontoes and her team for all their hard work.

### **C. Principal Report**

Mr. Collins announced some of the highlights, including the orientation and welcoming barbecue for the Class of 2028. He was excited to report that attendance was significantly higher this year, with over 30 families participating, compared to last year. Mr. Collins also reported that they engaged with students and held a question-and-answer session with parents.

Mr. Collins reported on the excellent master schedule created by Ms. Nieves. He also thanked Ms. Bigelow for her hard work with the PLTW program. Ms. Bigelow and Mr. Carney are part of the scheduling team, which reviews each student individually to address their specific needs.

Mr. Collins reported that Ms. Stawicki has been working with the student council on Homecoming for about a month now. Ms. Stawicki works in Special Education. Additionally, Ms. Stawicki is the head softball coach and co-head volleyball coach. The Homecoming dance will be held on **Oct 12, 2024**.

Mr. Collins thanked everyone for working with him and for all their support.

Chair Seddiki and Superintendent Pierangeli thanked Mr. Collins for all his efforts and dedication to Bartlett High School.

### **IV. Old Business**

Monthly Report on Fundraising

- Bartlett Gridiron Club - selling swag and concession at BHS football games
- Varsity Softball & Baseball - selling snacks at WMS Football games
- Student Activities at Webster Middle School - selling calendar raffle tickets

Mr. Paranto reported on the changes to the handbook. Items related to Covid protocols have been removed. The handbook now includes information about block scheduling and academic eligibility. According to the Massachusetts state requirements, students must pass 50 percent of their subjects to meet eligibility criteria.

### **VI. Approval of Athletics Handbook Updates**

Motion: To approve Handbook Updates

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

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Approval of Surplus Items - 228 Math books from Webster Middle School 557 ELL Readers books from Webster Middle School**

#### **Motion: To approve Surplus**

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

Mr. Paranto attended the event at Burger King in Webster and expressed his appreciation for the \$1000.00 donation. He shared that 20 student-athletes attended the event, which was a great success.

Superintendent Pierangeli expressed her gratitude for the donation and for supporting Webster Public Schools. The Superintendent also hopes to connect with other events in the future.

### **B. Approval of Donation of \$1000.00**

#### **Motion: To approve**

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

Ms. Sanders presented the Wellness Policy, explaining that it has not been updated since 2019. The district is required by the state to update the Wellness Policy every three years to ensure it reflects community actions and meets state regulations. Although the Wellness Policy was due for an update in 2022, the process was delayed due to Covid-19 and other factors. DESE, in partnership with John Stalker and the Switch Wellness Initiative, is offering a coaching program this school year, and the district has been accepted into this outstanding program.

Ms. Sanders is happy to announce that the Department of Education has stated that the District Wellness Policy meets the requirements.

Wellness Policy items are included in the packet.

### **C. Approval of Wellness Committee Policy**

Motion: To approve Wellness Committee Policy

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. Approval of 3.0 ABA position at Webster Public Schools**

Mrs. Haire explained that after analyzing the needs for Instructional Assistants and ABA staff across the district, it has been concluded that three additional ABAs are needed at Webster Middle School. This request is based on the need to support seven students transferring into 5th grade who require ABA services.

The Superintendent added that these positions will be funded through the Special Education Grant.

Motion: To approve 3.0 ABA Position at Webster Public Schools

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. Review / Transfer / signing of Warrants, Bills, Payroll and Vouchers**

A. Approval of Warrant for the amount of \$ 178,246.71

Motion: To approve Warrant

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. 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:

5 members having voted in the affirmative

\_ members having voted in the negative

\_ members having abstained

The motion:   X Passed

  \_ Failed

Respectfully submitted,  
Desiree A. Moniz

### **Documents included in the packet:**

- July 9,2024 minutes
- May 28, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
- School Committee Agenda - 8/20/2024
- Superintendent Notes
- District Leadership Team Agenda
- Special Education Update Presentation
- Dr. Luff Flyer
- New Teacher Orientation Agenda
- Budget Report
- Crossing Guard Presentation
- Monthly Fundraising Applications - PBIS  
Student Activities at Webster Middle School
- Athletic Updates
- Surplus Items from Webster Middle School
- Wellness Policy
- Approval of Staffing Request - Three ABA's at Webster Middle School
- Warrant Report

### **Upcoming Events / Dates:**

August 20-21, 2024 District New Teacher Orientation  
August 26, 2024 District Opening Day  
August 29, 2024 District First Day of School  
September 2, 2024 District No School - Labor Day