WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Date: February 25, 2025 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 February 11, 2025 Minutes

Motion: To approve February 11, 2025 as presented
The motion was made by: Member Millet
The motion was seconded by: Member Sgariglia
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

1. Personnel Update -

Retirement-	No retirements at this time
New Hires -	Arielle Gabor - ABA at Park Ave Elementary
Resignations -	No resignations at this time.
Transfers -	No transfers at this time.

Vacancies:

SCHOOL	POSITION
PAE	ABA (.4)
WMS	1.0 ABA
BHS	Instructional Assistants (2 positions available)
BHS	1.0 ABA
BHS	1.0 Special Education Teacher (Quest)
District	School Psychologist

2. Management and Operations -

Superintendent Pierangeli reported that negotiations have officially started, with the first meeting held on Wednesday, February 12th. The Superintendent stated that three or four more sessions are scheduled.

The Superintendent also reported that the Legislative Brunch took place on Thursday, February 13th. The Superintendent added that it was an opportunity to share concerns with local legislators.

3. Other updates -

The Superintendent reported that the February camp was held over the break. Superintendent Pierangeli stated that Dr. Mackay will provide an update at the next meeting.

B. **Business Manager Report -** Mrs. Lisa Kontoes reported-

1- School Building Committee Update -

- National Grid is scheduled to enable the power for Section C on Saturday, February 22.
- An external door has been installed in the former Nurses' Office as this office will serve as the Main Office for Phase II of the project.
- The concrete wall on the right side of the entrance to the Main Office has been removed and a temporary wall is being installed:

2- Maintenance Update -

PAE:

- ***Bleachers*** are being installed the week of February 17. As a reminder, this project was on the FY25 Capital Plan and approved at Town Meeting in May 2024.
- ***Elevator:*** Continues to be problematic and was serviced again during February break

3- Other Updates -

Mrs. Kontoes reported that there are no new updates at this time.

C. Principal Report - Ms. Heidi Peterson, Principal at Webster Middle School -

A. IReady Results-

Ms. Peterson shared percentage scores comparing the beginning of the year to the middle of the year. Ms. Peterson added that all grade levels have increased the percentage of students who are on or above grade level in both reading and math on this assessment.

B. Unified Basketball -

Ms. Peterson reported that the Unified Basketball team is participating through the Special Olympics. Ms. Peterson stated that they have a total of 22 students and have five games scheduled, two of which will be home games at Webster Middle School.

C. Student of the Month-

Ms. Peterson reported that the Student of the Month breakfast for December and January was held before February vacation. Ms. Peterson noted that 185 families attended the event. Ms. Peterson added that she will be announcing this month's Students of the Month this Friday.

Ms. Peterson added that the Boys Basketball team at Webster Middle School won the All Saints Academy Tournament, bringing their end-of-season record to 18-0, making them an undefeated team. Ms. Peterson also noted that one of the students, Kayson Safford, was recognized on February 14 for scoring his 500th point. Ms. Peterson congratulated Coach Bengston on this amazing accomplishment.

Chair Seddiki added that the girls' team also placed fourth in the tournament, which is definitely something to be proud of for both teams.

Superintendent Pierangeli congratulated the basketball teams on their great accomplishments.

IV. Student Representative Update - Ms. Hope Cooper reported-

Recent Events and Updates:

- BHS had ELA iReady in their home rooms
- Saturday school was held this past Saturday 02/08
- Efforts to create a School Council are underway
- Seniors have been doing a valentines fundraiser, selling stuffed animals, boxes of chocolate, and rubber ducks
- National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Scholar/Essay Application is still open for eligible students
- Local scholarships for Seniors can be found on the Weekly Newsletter by Mrs. Nieves
- Boys Varsity Basketball became CMADA Champions when they defeated Whitinsville Christian 52-42

Upcoming Events and Updates:

- There will be a Poetry Contest for spanish speaking students "Club del Libro en Español Worcester
- Seal of Biliteracy testing is 03/03-03/04
- Spring sports sign up are out
- Boys Basketball is competing in a state game right now against Brooks Charter
- Saturday school will be held on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29th for next month
- March Madness kicks off next month, National Honor Society is finalising their events as well as the themes for every friday of March

V. Old Business

A. Policy JKAA - Physical Restraint of Students - Final Reading and Approval

Motion: To approve the Policy JKAA Physical Restraint of Students

The motion was made by: Member Millet
The motion was seconded by: Member Sgariglia
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. FY 26 - Budget Update - Update the committee on a 6% Budget

Superintendent Pierangeli and Mrs. Kontoes shared a presentation and gave an overview of the 6% Budget.

Member Sgariglia asked if the School Resource Officer position is still in place, and whether it will be fully funded through the Police Department's budget. Mrs. Kontoes replied yes.

Motion: To approve submitting a draft budget to the Town Hall in the amount of $28,257,273

The motion was made by: Member Millet
The motion was seconded by: Member Sgariglia
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 is planning a budget workshop for the tentative date of Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Park Ave Elementary.

V. New Business

A. Approval for the 7th and 8th grade Band and Chorus to perform at an out-of-state music festival

Motion: To approve the 7th and 8th grade Band and Chorus to potentially perform at an out-of state music festival

The motion was made by: Member Sgariglia
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 explained that this is a backup plan in case the Music Festival is moved out of state. The Superintendent noted that this happened one year, and they are trying to stay one step ahead.

B. Appointment of Director of Student Support Services - Please see enclosed letter in packet

The Superintendent explained that there are two positions appointed by the School Committee: the Superintendent and the Director of Student Support Services. Superintendent Pierangeli said she is confident

in appointing Ms. Haire to the permanent position of Director of Student Support Services. Superintendent Pierangeli added that Ms. Haire has the skill set, is hardworking, and is perfect for the role.

Motion: To appoint Ms. Shari Haire as the Director of Student Support Services

The motion was made by: Member Millet
The motion was seconded by: Member Sgariglia
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

Chair Seddiki congratulated Ms.Haire on her new position.

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

A. Approval of signing of warrants

Warrant number 1 - $486,392.08
Warrant number 2 - $1,550.00

VII. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:36 pm

The motion was made by: Member Millet
The motion was seconded by: Member Sgariglia
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,
Desiree A. Moniz

Documents included in the packet:

- School Committee Agenda - 2/25/2025
- Superintendent Notes
- Minutes for 2/11/25
- JKAA - Physical Restraint of Students - Third reading
- Warrant Report

Upcoming Events / Dates:

February 14, 2025	**Valentine's Day Dance**	**BHS**	**BHS Cafeteria 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm**
February 17, 2025	**No School ; President's Day**	**All Schools**	
February 18, 2025 to February 21, 2025	**Winter Vacation ; No School**	**All Schools**	
February 26, 2025	**PBIS Community Bingo**	**BHS**	**BHS Cafeteria 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
March 4, 2025	**Building Committee**	**District**	**Conference Room**
March 5, 2025	**Leadership Academy Field Trip**	**BHS**	**Nichols College 9:30 am to 1:30 pm**
March 7, 2025	**Career Day**	**WMS**	**Webster Middle School**
March 14, 2025	**Full Day PD**	**No School**	**All students**
March 21, 2025	**PBIS Family Feud**	**BHS**	**Cafeteria 9am to 10am**