

**WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

Date: February 24, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by: Chair Seddiki

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Millet
- Member Adamopoulos
- Member Sgariglia
- Member Koleros

The following Committee Members were absent:

The meeting was held via Zoom.

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

I. Approval of February 10, 2026 Minutes

Motion: To approve February 10, 2026 Minutes 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

II. Superintendent's Report

1. Personnel Update -

Retirement: No retirements at this time.

New Hires: No new hires at this time.

Resignations: No resignations at this time.

Transfers: No transfers at this time.

Vacancies:

SCHOOL	POSITION
PAE	2.0 FTE - Instructional Assistants
PAE	4.4 FTE - ABA
WMS	4.0 FTE - ABA
WMS	5.0 FTE - Instructional Assistants
BHS	2.0 FTE - Instructional Assistants

2. Management and Operations-

Superintendent Pierangeli reported on the FY26 Fund Code 461 Early College Planning Grant in the amount of \$25,000.

Superintendent Pierangeli reported on the FY26 Fund Code 213 Support for Implementing Updated Regulations Regarding Time-Out Practices grant in the amount of \$50,000.

The Superintendent reported that the annual Town Report information was submitted to Town Hall by the required deadline.

Superintendent Pierangeli also reported that in the fall, the District was notified of significantly discrepant rates of suspension and expulsion of students with disabilities under the FY24 Special Education State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report, Indicator 4A and 4B. This information is captured through the October SIMS and annual SSDR submissions.

As a result, the District was required to submit its local Policies, Practices, and Procedures (PPPs) to DESE for review. The District has since received notification that it complied with all requirements related to Indicator 4A and 4B, and no further action is required.

3. Other Updates-

Superintendent Pierangeli reported that earlier in the year, Library Director Sandra Murphy contacted the District to inquire about interest in hosting an author visit at the high school and indicated she would apply for a grant if there was interest. The District expressed its support for the opportunity.

The Superintendent is pleased to inform that Ms. Murphy successfully secured a visit from author Rebecca F. Kuang to Webster. Ms. Kuang will speak on April 29, and plans are underway to schedule a session with eleventh and twelfth grade students.

Rebecca F. Kuang is a Chinese-American author known primarily for fantasy novels. Her 2022 novel *Babel, or the Necessity of Violence* reached the number one spot on *The New York Times* Best Seller list and won the 2022 Nebula Award for Best Novel.

Superintendent Pierangeli reported on the dedication plaque for the newly renovated high school. A draft version of the plaque was provided for review.

Master Plan Update Committee Charge - The charge calls for a committee chair or an appointee from each of the following boards/committees

- Board of Health
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- Library Trustees
- Planning Board
- Recreation Committee
- School Committee
- Zoning Board of Appeals

B. Business Manager Report, Mrs. Lisa Kontoes -

1- Other updates -

MASBO Careers:

The Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) has an initiative to create awareness about municipal careers working in school finance and operations and developing pipelines to attract talent. Mrs. Kontoes attended Nichol College's career and internship fair last week to represent MASBO along with Kirsteen Patterson from Wayland Public Schools. This was the first college event that MASBO has participated in and the organization plans to attend more college fairs across the state.

Chair Seddiki stated that utilizing the Handshake platform is a very good idea.

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

1- AIR 1st Report -

Ms. Peterson provided an update on the AIR First Report conducted in January. Ms. Peterson explained that two observers visited the district and observed 22 classrooms. Ms. Peterson noted that the timeline for receiving the results is not yet known and stated that she will share the findings once they are available.

Chair Seddiki asked when this type of data will next be collected to measure progress. Ms. Peterson responded that, to her recollection, it is collected approximately every five years.

Chair Seddiki noted that the data showed remarkable work and commended Ms. Peterson.

Member Koleros noted that the work was very good and stated that the data would help demonstrate progress during future visits.

2- Upcoming MCAS -

Ms. Peterson reported that all four grades will be completing the MCAS and provided a brief overview. Ms. Peterson stated that the total number of MCAS days would have been 22, but she was able to reduce it to 18 by combining seventh- and eighth-grade English and Math testing on the same day. Ms. Peterson noted that no further reduction is possible due to the large number of students requiring small-group or one-to-one accommodations. Ms. Peterson also noted that testing will begin on March 24 and conclude on May 21, 2026.

IV. Student Representative Update

No report was presented at this time.

V. Old Business

A. FY 27 Budget - Budget Review and Approval

Ms. Kontoes provided an update on the budget and shared a presentation.

Motion: To approve the FY 27 Budget 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

Chair Seddiki thanked everyone involved with the budget, including the subcommittee members, Member Adamoulos, and Member Millet.

The Superintendent thanked her administration for their efforts and dedication.

B. Policy CBD - Superintendent's Contract - Second and Final Reading

C. Policy ECAF - Security Cameras in Schools - Second and Final Reading

D. Policy GBGB - Staff Personal Security and Safety - Second and Final Reading

E. Policy JL - Student Welfare - Second and Final Reading

Motion: To approve the adoption of the following Policies CBD - Superintendent's Contract, ECAF - Security Cameras in Schools, GBGB - Staff Personal Security and Safety and JL - Student Welfare

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

VI. New Business

No items under New Business

VII. Review / Transfer / signing of Warrants, Bills, Payroll

A. Signing of Warrants in the amount of \$ 561,035.38

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

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 - 2/24/2026
- Superintendent Notes
- Minutes for 2/10/26
- FY 27 Budget Update
- Policies
- Warrant Reports

Upcoming Events / Dates:

February 24, 2026	Big Brother Big Sister	3:00pm - 4:00pm	PAE
February 25, 2026	SEPAC	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	
March 3, 2026	Big Brother Big Sister	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	PAE
March 4, 2026	MASC Student Council Conference	All Day	Hyannis, MA
March 5, 2026	MASC Student Council Conference	All Day	Hyannis, MA
March 6, 2026	MASC Student Council Conference	All Day	Hyannis, MA
March 10, 2026	School Committee Meeting	6:00 pm	Central Office
March 12, 2026	BHS Pi Day Event	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Cafeteria
March 12, 2026	BHS PBIS Dodgeball Tournament	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Gym
March 12, 2026 - March 14 - 2026	BHS DECA States Competition	All Day	Boston Convention Center
March 13, 2026	Full PD Day	All Day	
March 17, 2026	BHS Big Brother Big Sister	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	PAE

March 21, 2026	PAE PTO Cookies and Canvas	10:00 am - 11:30 am	PAE
March 24, 2026	SC Meeting	6:00 pm	Central Office
March 25, 2026	SEPAC - OT and Sensory	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	
March 27, 2026	BHS - PBIS Egg Hunt / Breakfast	8:00 am - 10:00 am	Cafeteria/Sports Fields
March 31, 2026	Big Brother & Big Sister	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	PAE