

**WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WESTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, March 12, 2019**

Date: March 12, 2019 **Time:** 6:30 PM **Location:** School Committee Conference Room
77 Poland Street, Webster, MA 01570

The meeting was called to order by: Chairman Hurton

The following Committee Members were present

- Member Napierata
- Member Seddiki
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Member were absent:

- Member Blythe

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of February 26, 2019 Minutes with amendments / corrections

Chairman Hurton pointed out corrections to the minutes. Correction will be made and published on the website

Motion: To approve February 26, 2019 Minutes with amendments / corrections

Motion made by: Ms. Seddiki

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 Yes

 No

 Abstained

The motion: passed

III. Superintendent's Report

1. Comprehensive District Review Update - The District Review was completed. It was a busy and productive week of meetings. The district will be getting the Review Teams feedback in the coming months and the information will be used to continue to foster improvement focused on student achievement in our district..
2. Adult Education Site Visit Update - The Adult Education program also underwent a program review on March 7th. This was rescheduled due to inclement weather on the previously scheduled visit. Leslie Baker will be coming to share reports when they are received.
3. 2018 Dropout Rate / Graduations Rates - The dropout rates improved from 6.2% in 2017 to 2.8% in 2018. The graduation rates slipped a little. This is an area of concern and it is being worked on.
4. District Attorney Grant - Superintendent Goguen received a grant for \$5,000 for an after prom or graduation event. She has reached out to the High School and is hoping to plan something for after graduation.
5. Mapfre - John Hopkins Opportunity - Conduct research on educational safety programming
Fundacion Mapfre has selected us to be a site for this project to assist them with better understanding today's safety needs in schools. Surveys will be vetted and then sent out to teachers and staff for voluntary participation.

6. Personnel Update - Brittany Stewart has resigned,
Jared Slota has moved from ABA to Para.
James Demers is substitute Dean of Students.
7. Other Updates -
 - On March 14th the DA's Office will be at the high school at 6:30 to show a documentary called "If they Had Known". This is open to the public and showcases the dangers that students face with prescription drugs and alcohol. There will be information tables set up at 6:00 pm, the documentary will be shown at 6:30 followed by a panel discussion at 7:00. This is a mandatory even for students who will be playing spring sports. Spring sports parent meetings will follow.
 - Empty Bowls was a great event and was very well attended. Congratulations to all the students who help support the event and everyone who donated food. The event raised about \$4,000 and the proceeds will go to The Webster Dudley Food Share
 - State legislators had allocated up to \$322.596 tp subsidize AP Fees for qualifying students.
 - Paraprofessional Negotiations are continuing and have reached several TA Agreements.
 - Shout to Daniel Jalbert and Sarah Phillips for going to the State house and lobbying for Breakfast after the Bell.
 - Superintendent Goguen attended the Project Hear Summit which was held at Worcester State. Atty General Maura Healy spoke along with Dr. Sharon Levy, Director of Adolescent Substance Use and Addiction from Boston Children's Hospital. There is a free online education tool kit for middle schools. The information has been passed along to Principals and Health teachers.
 - The district received notification from DESE that Bartlett High School is still a part of rethinking discipline. This will require the High School to put together a new action plan and how we are implementing some of our discipline initiatives and internal discrepancies have been reduced. More information will be coming forward.
 - Superintendent attended the Women conference at Holy Cross.

B. Business Managers Report:

1. School Choice Information: Ms. Pierangeli informed committee of a new advisory for schools choice. This information hasn't been updated since 1995 and the new advisory is more clear on districts responsibilities in regards to school choice.
2. Breakfast Before the Bell: Updated committee with FAQ Sheet. Informed committee that we have some deadlines that need to be met. We have to notify by Monday April 1 of model we have chosen, and then we must implement by May 31, 2019.
3. Project Bread Grant: Ms. Pierangeli stated that Ms. Nysten has received 2 more grants from Project Bread. The first is for the Webster Middle School in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for sample taste test for breakfast foods which will give students more options. Park Avenue received \$2,500.00 to use for replacement bags as the old ones are showing wear and tear.

C. Principal Report: Robin Parmley, Park Ave Elementary

1. Learning Target/ Success Criteria Volunteer Training - Offered a training to staff at 7:20 in the morning and had 45 people attend. Ms Parmley is excited about what she is seeing in the classrooms.
2. MCAS Staff Training - 2 ½ Training for staff and give a Q & A so they have clarity on the process.
3. March Kids of Character - Perseverance and never giving up.
4. Grade 1 concert is coming up on March 29th.

IV. Student Update: Mariah Belletti

- More than halfway through the 3rd qtr. Grades can be checked on PowerSchool.
- Shout out to DECA and Tyler Adolfo for qualifying for the International DECA Event to be held in Orlando, Florida
- Athletics, Winter sports are officially over and spring sports have begun

- Events - Art Department hosted the Empty Bowls and raised \$4,000 for the Webster Dudley Food Share and the Drama Murder Mystery performed this past weekend at Point Breeze. Both events were well attended.
- Mr. Bartlett will be coming up along with the Jr. Show Choir Event
- Seniors will be receiving a flyer with all upcoming events to get through the rest of the school year.

V. Old Business

- A. Monthly Report on Fundraising
- Foreign Language Club - Krispy Kreme Donuts
 - Bartlett Cheer Booster - Meat Raffle
 - Drama Club - Murder Mystery Dinner
 - Drama Club - Selling Play Tickets

VI. New Business

A. Approval of out of state field trip request - Grade 4 to Woodstock Academy, Woodstock, CT

Motion: To approve of overnight field trip - Grade 4 - Woodstock Academy, Woodstock Ct

Motion made by: Ms. Seddiki

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

 4 Yes

 No

 Abstained

The motion: passed

- B. Central Massachusetts Collaborative Update -** Superintendent Goguen updated committee members about the progress that has been made at the Central MA Collaborative. Oxford has been voted in as member. A new agreement needs to be approved by the Department of Education. The Department has stated that there needs to be equity between tuition rates of member districts. Superintendent Goguen discussed some options that have been presented. These discussions have brought some much needed focus on programming and how the collaborative can improve on programming and being fiscally responsible for those programs.

C. Approval of Coaching Job Descriptions

Motion: To approve the Coaching Job Descriptions as presented.

Motion made by: Ms Seddiki

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

 4 Yes

 No

 Abstained

The motion: passed

Ms. Fifield requested to read a letter to the School Committee from the Administrative Assistants.

VII. Enter into Executive Session: According to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) to discuss strategy for negotiations with union personnel (Administrative Assistants)

Motion: 7:21 PM To Enter into Executive Session According to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a) to discuss strategy for negotiations with union personnel (Administrative Assistants)

Motion made by: Ms Seddiki

Motion seconded by: Mr. Chenevert

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 Yes
 No
 Abstained

The motion: passed

Return from Executive Session: 7:54 PM

VIII. Vote on Administrative Assistants Association Contract 2018-2021

Motion: To approve the Administrative Assistants Contract 2018 - 2021

Motion made by: Mr. Chenevert

Motion seconded by: Mr. Hurton

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 Yes
 No
 Abstained

The motion: passed

IX. Review / Transfer / Signing of Bills, Payroll and Vouchers: Committee Reviewed and signed bills and vouchers.

A. Approval of transfer from the Bartlett High School student activity savings account to the checking account.

Motion: To transfer \$13,897.31 from the Bartlett High School student activity savings account to the checking account. Mr. Hurton recused himself.

Motion made by: Ms. Seddiki

Motion seconded by: Ms Napierata

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 Yes
 No
1 Abstained (Chairman Hurton)

The motion: passed

X. Adjournment 8:02 PM

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at

Motion made by: Mr. Chenevert

Motion seconded by: Ms. Seddiki

The following roll call vote was taken:

4 Yes
 No
 Abstained

The motion: passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Monique Pierangeli

Documents included in the Packet

- **February 26, 2019 Minutes**
- **2018 Drop-out and Graduations Document**
- **School Choice Advisory Document**
- **Breakfast Before the Bell FAQ**
- **Monthly Fundraising Request**
- **Out of State Field trip request form for Woodstock Academy**
- **Middle School Coaching Job Descriptions**
- **JV Coaching Job Descriptions**
- **Varsity Coaching Job Descriptions**
- **Student Activity Transfer**