

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, May 14, 2019

Date: May 14, 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 Blythe
- Member Chenevert

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Seddiki

I. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Committee Chairman Hurton explained that every year after town elections a reorganization of the committee must take place

Motion: To nominate Mr. Hurton as Chairman of the Committee

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

Motion: To nominate Mr. Chenevert as Vice Chair of the Committee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

Motion: To nominate Mrs. Seddiki as Secretary of the Committee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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. Approval of April 23, 2019 Minutes Chairman Hurton clarified the second bullet in the Superintendent – Other Updates. The amount should be \$1,146,015.00

Motion: To Approve April 23, 2019 Minutes as amended

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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 Superintendent Goguen pointed out the art work on display from students at Webster Middle School. She thanked art teacher, Denise Portrais for her work bringing the art work over. We will be rotating with the other schools.

1. Lyons Club Speech Contest Tyler Adolfo competed in the final state speech competition. Thanks to Mrs. Pierangeli, Mrs. Hoenig, Mr and Mrs. Hensel for attending to support and cheer Tyler on May 4th in Sturbridge. He did a fabulous job – Tyler will attend a future meeting to read his speech
2. Park Avenue Elementary Healthy Start Award Congratulations to Park Avenue Elementary for receiving the Healthy Start award from the ES Foundation on May 9th at the State House for the 5th year in a row. They received \$500.00 because they have maintained over 80% participation. The funds will be used to replenish supplies and purchase rolling carts.
3. Recognize Retirees Superintendent Goguen paid tribute to the staff retiring this year. Kim Dobro, and Rita Kelly were present. Not able to attend tonight's meeting was Linda Millett, Roberta Craig and Susan Plasse. Mrs. Goguen gave Mrs. Dobro and Mrs. Kelly's career highlights and read kind words / quips shared from their colleagues.
4. Update on Central Massachusetts Collaborative The updated / new Collaborative agreement is still being reviewed by DESE. Executive Director Search Process Update – First and second round interviews have been held. Both Kathy Baris and Superintendent Goguen have been heavily involved in this process

Chairman Hurton questioned about our district remaining in the Collaborative as a vote was taken to withdraw. Superintendent Goguen said she is waiting for DESE's recommendation on the new agreement, new administrator and tuition scale. Her recommendation will be brought to a future meeting. If it is recommended to stay a vote will need to be taken. Oxford has joined the Collaborative.

5. Personnel Update

Rita Kelly submitted her retirement letter
Jane Walsh – new hire – ABA at PAE
Frank Stearns – new hire – Technology support

6. Other Updates

- Super Team Event – Superintendent Goguen complimented the students honored at this event. Incredible stories and powerful presentations by our students were given. Theme was Persistence and Growth. How powerful for our students to be so reflective and wise at such a young age
- Community Fair – May 18th – the big day is this Saturday. This is a community event that will run from 11am – 2pm
- Meeting with Chris Robert, owner of Indian Ranch and Samuel Slater museum – he is offering to support schools – possibly tickets for a raffle for the Lock In after graduation. We are also in the discussing phases of starting a program to help students pay for college. Mirrored off of the Immokalee Foundation in Immokalee Florida – high poverty. The county matched his donation of 12,000 and 24,000 pays for a student two years at a two year college and then two years at a 4 year college. He is offering to commit a minimum of \$100,000 and we are meeting next week to discuss this more in detail. We also were able to see the Samuel Slater Museum in the makings and it is certainly going to benefit our students and community.
- Drop out Prevention PD May 8th – How Students Thrive: Fostering Positive Youth Development, Mindsets, and Practices with BHS Team – Becky Czernicki, Nancy Guiney, Kim Granger, Dane Laboissonniere and Maryann Hoenig. Focus on cultivating trusting relationships grounded in high expectations and 1:1 check in's with students.

Chairman Hurton took a moment to acknowledge a new title he has used at tonight's meeting for Superintendent Goguen – Dr. Goguen graduated this past week-end with her doctorate. He recognized the very challenging program along with her duties of a superintendent, wife, and mother. The Committee presented Dr. Goguen with congratulatory flowers.

B. Business Manager Report

1. End of Year Transfer Request Mrs. Pierangeli is requesting approval to allow transfer of funds between multiple accounts. This will help expedite the end of year process. She will bring close out budgets at the end of the fiscal year.

Motion: To approve the business managers request to transfer funds in the FY19 school budget

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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

2. Update on Town Meeting Last night at the Annual Town Meeting the Town Budget, which includes the school budget, was approved in the amount of \$21,630,749.00. Later in tonight's agenda we will look for approval for additional money after the last budget was approved by school committee. Hoping for additional state money as well. Town Meeting went smoothly with only one items – rezoning for a for a potential retail marijuana shop of Lake Parkway. We feel strongly that our school zone remain drug free – that item was passed over.

3. Update on Health Insurance The Town came to a three year agreement for employee health insurance. Open enrollment has started until May 20th. All unions have signed the agreement. There will be a savings to the town.

C. Principal Report – Peter Cushing, Bartlett High School

1. Bartlett Program Reviews Principal Cushing said a considerable amount of work has been done by many people for the Program Review. He gave a review of the Strong Program, Quest Program and Nichols Honors Academy Program. Social/Emotional health is a theme being focused on.

Chairman Hurton voiced his concern over the lack of improvement in the area of servicing social / emotional needs in the district. Budget and resources continue to be increased without seeing an improvement.

Principal Cushing responded that there is a crisis across the state, the level of trauma our students are facing is insurmountable. Superintendent Goguen acknowledged the intense amount of professional development and the increase in staff to address this issue, she feels addressing adult mindsets, thinking more critically is the approach that will be taken.

2. Super Team Recap Principal Cushing reiterated what Superintendent Goguen said earlier. It was a great night, so many faculty members were in attendance, and student's speeches were amazing. He acknowledged Mr. Hoenig and her hard work. This is a impressive tradition at Bartlett High School

3. Senior Activities flyer New this year, a threefold informational flyer for seniors (copies given to School Committee members)

Another new tradition this year, thanks to a grant that Dr. Goguen received along with other funding – the first annual Project Graduation. Graduating seniors will have a lock in at Mohegan bowl in Webster

4. Math and Science MCAS Science MCAS testing is scheduled for June 4-6. Math will be given next week. The late date of the science testing does challenge our final exam schedule, especially due to the fact of not having any snow days this year. Other districts are facing the same challenge and have brought concerns to DESE for future testing dates.

5. Freshman Strong Field Trip Trip was scheduled for yesterday but was cancelled due to weather. It will not be rescheduled this year.

Principal Cushing introduced Logan Paranto as the next SC Student Rep - he is a three sport athlete, Nichols Honors Academy student, National Honor Society student. Very happy to have him on board. He thanked Mariah for her diligent work this year and her service to the school and community.

IV. Student Update : Mariah Belletti

- AP exams are almost completed
- National Honor Society – seniors 12 hours are due May 17th
- Update on athletics was given
- Black Empowerment Student Union hosted a lip sync battle for students on April 11th
- Student Council members and other students participated in Earth Day Cleanup
- ESports ended their regular season 13-1
- Drama Club presented their musical Hairspray this past weekend.
- Prom was held May 4th at Pleasant Valley CC. Students had a lot of fun
- Show Choir, Impressions, had their last competition of the season at Waltham HS and won Grand Champs with a Gold Medal. The Spring Concert will be this Thursday.
- Super Team Ceremony was on May 7th, all students gave heartfelt speeches

- May 23rd is the last day of classes for seniors
- Graduation is June 7th

Mariah was asked about her experience on the foreign language trip she went on during April vacation. Mariah gave a recap of the trip.

Mariah will be attending UMass Amherst in the fall.

Introduction of 2019-2020 Student Rep – Logan Paranto

Logan thanked Principal Cushing for recommending him for this role -he is ready to get started.

V. Old Business

A. Monthly Fundraising Report

- WMS Art Club – Empty Bowls – Ice Cream
- NJHS – Spring Fling
- Bartlett Baseball – selling hot/cold mugs

B. Approval of Bartlett High School Improvement Plan Superintendent Goguen said there has been many changes since the plan was present in February. Ms. Czernicki reviewed the plan with changes and interventions added. The master schedule will have some changes next year. A scheduling committee was created to have staff input in the plan.

Member Napierata commented on Objective #2 – the goal to have more classroom observations, aggressive but effective.

Member Chenevert asked about why the decline of attendance. Ms. Czernicki said removing the 10 point deduction from the handbook means there is no consequences. It will be added next year, but also giving students many opportunities to make up the 10 points and providing additional support. Chairman Hurton followed up with a question regarding this current school year and procedures not in place to identify students/family with high absenteeism. Ms. Czernicki acknowledged that the Attendance Committee did not meet on a regular basis to review and they did not do the Recognition Breakfast.

Superintendent Goguen acknowledged the many hours that went into this plan. Mrs. Daniels and Mrs. Chapdelaine assisted greatly fine tuning the goals.

Motion: To approve the Bartlett High School Improvement Plan as presented

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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 Town Meeting FY20 School Budget

Mrs. Pierangeli said the FY20 budget approved at Town meeting increased to \$21,630,749.00. Additional revenue was added in line 619 – restoring curriculum and line 55 – SPED subs

Motion: To approve the FY20 Budget in the amount of \$21,630,749.00

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

A. Designation of Email Record Keeper

Motion: To designate Lori Glennon as Email Record Keeper.

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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. Designation of Legislative Representative

Motion: To designate Chairman Hurton Legislative Representative.

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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. Appoint School Committee Member as Payroll Designee

Motion: To appoint Member Seddiki as Payroll Designee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

D. Appoint School Committee Member as Back-Up Payroll Designee

Motion: To appoint Member Blythe as Back-Up Payroll Designee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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

E. Appoint School Committee Member as Warrant Designee

Motion: To appoint Chairman Hurton as Warrant Designee

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

F. Appoint School Committee Member as Back-up Warrant Designee

Motion: To appoint Member Chenevert as Back-up Warrant Designee

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

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

G. Approval of Bartlett High School Program of Studies

Ms. Czernicki outlined the changes in the Program of Studies

Motion: To approve Bartlett High School Program of Studies as presented

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Napierata

The following roll call vote was taken:

3 members having voted in the affirmative

 members having voted in the negative

1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)

The motion: X passed

 Failed

H. Acceptance of \$8,297.00 Janet Malser Humanities Grant

Sean Harrington applied for this grant that will fund supplies needed for Empty bowls and digital art classes and field trips. Very grateful for the Malser Trust

Motion: To accept of \$8,297.00 Janet Malser Humanities Grant

The motion was made by Member Napierata

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

I. Approval of Out of State Field trip – Grade 8 to Storrs, CT.

Dan Kelly organized this trip for grade 8 students to travel to The Adventure Park at Storrs, CT on June 10th

Motion: To approve the Out of State Field trip – Grade 8 to Storrs, CT on June 10th

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

J. Approval of Out of State Field trip – BHS to Hartford, CT

Ms. Coulson organized a trip for her science students to travel to the CT Science Center in Hartford CT on May 22nd view the Real Bodies Exhibition.

Motion: To approve Out of State Field trip – BHS to Hartford, CT

The motion was made by Member Chenevert

The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

K. Approval of Foreign Language Trip – April 2020

Ms. Raphelle Masterson was present to provide details about the proposed trip to Rome, Florence, Madrid and Barcelona in April 2020. Using EF Tours, they include most meals so the only additional expense for students would be spending money. There are approx. 10 interested students

Motion: To approve Foreign Language Trip – April 2020

The motion was made by Member Blythe

The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert

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

Chairman Hurton recused himself from this discussion / vote

L. Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Post Graduation Event

Superintendent Goguen said this is the first annual post-graduation event. It will be held at Mohegan Bowl from 11PM – 6AM on June 7th

Motion: To approve Overnight Field Trip – Post Graduation Event

The motion was made by Member Napierata
The motion was seconded by Member Blythe
The following roll call vote was taken:
 3 members having voted in the affirmative
 _ members having voted in the negative
 1 members having abstained (Chairman Hurton)
The motion: X passed
 _____ Failed

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

A. Approve transfer request from Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

Motion: To approve \$1,115.79 transfer from Park Avenue Elementary School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

The motion was made by Member Blythe
The motion was seconded by Member Chenevert
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. Approve transfer request from Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

Motion: To approve \$6,269.69 transfer from Webster Middle School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

The motion was made by Member Chenevert
The motion was seconded by Member Blythe

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

A. Approve transfer request from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

Motion: To approve \$23,405.98 transfer from Bartlett High School Student Activity Savings to Checking Account

The motion was made by Member Chenevert
The motion was seconded by Member Blythe
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

Chairman Hurton stated that an additional meeting has been added to the calendar. There will be a regular School Committee meeting on June 11, 2019

X. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:31PM

The motion was made by Member Chenevert
The motion was seconded by Member Napierata
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,

Lori Glennon

Documents included in the packet

- April 23, 2019 Minutes
- Policy BDA – School Committee Organizational Meeting
- Business Office Transfer Request
- Bartlett High School Program Review
- Monthly Fundraising applications
- Bartlett High School Improvement Plan
- Bartlett High School Program of Studies
- Janet Malser Trust donation
- Out of State field trip request- Grade 8 to Storrs Ct
- Out of State field trip request – BHS science to Hartford CT
- April 2020 Foreign Language Trip
- Post Grad Event Permission Slip
- BHS, WMS and PAE Transfer request