

WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
WEBSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION MINUTES (M.G.L. C.39) OF Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Date: February 9, 2016

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Park Avenue Elementary School Library

The meeting was called to order by

The following Committee Members were present:

- Member Chenevert
- Member Hurton
- Member Makara
- Chairman Collins

The following Committee Members were absent:

- Member Gorski-Strong

The following Committee Members participated via Remote Participation

**I. Call to Order: Approval of January 26, 2016 Minutes:**

Motion: To approve the January 26, 2016 Minutes

The motion was made by Member Hurton

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

**II. Superintendent's Report**

**A. Assistant to the Superintendent for Business' Report**

The Governor's Budget has been released, Foundation Budget has been published. Details to follow in Budget Update.

**B. Principal Report – Jennifer Lundwall, Webster Middle School**

- Attendance – For January and February – Grade 5 = 93%, Grade 6 = 95%, Grade 7 = 94%, Grade 8 = 93% for a 2 month average of 94%.
- Spirit Week – Today was Twin Day, tomorrow is Favorite Movie/Book Character Day, Thursday is Neon Day and Friday is class colors day. Ending the week with Around the World Basketball Tournament
- WMS students auditioned for Central Massachusetts Jr. Concert Festival - Christian Asquith, Corey Paradis, Mia Lippman-Tessicini, Daysia Forbis, and Hannah Picchioni. These students will be participating in

rigorous rehearsals from 3:30 -7:30 over the next couple of weeks with a final performance on August 30<sup>th</sup>

- WMS has again been asked to host the Great East Music Competition, this will be held in June
- The January Professional Development day focused on Keys to Literacy, currently have 25 teachers trained.
- Trimester 2 Progress Reports will be sent home on February 26th

### **C. District Wide Reports / Correspondence**

#### **1. Educator Evaluation Data**

The Educator Evaluation Data was just released prior to our last meeting. There has been controversy over the data, an attempt to provide confidentiality of employee feedback has been reviewed and changes have been made to the data. Included in the packet is further explanation from DESE (Educator Evaluation Data) along with the rating profiles for our district. Due to our grade reconfiguration, the reported data for Webster is not accurate; an example is Helen Rowling is being reported as the assistant principal in both Bartlett (her assignment last year) and PAE (this year). The DESE has collapsed our data and they are all reported as “proficient. To summarize, Dr. Malkas stated the analysis of the data has been compromised. She does have the availability to pull up individual results for each educator in our district. Discussion continued with members asking questions for clarification about the evaluation tool.

### **III. Student Update – Robert Price**

Not present this evening

### **IV Old Business**

#### **A. FY 17 Budget Update**

Mr. Avlas stated that the Governor’s Budget was released January 27<sup>th</sup>. We anticipated changes in Chapter 70 funding with the new formula calculations (Power Point presentation given). Page 8 of the presentation outlines how Chapter 70 is determined, additionally on pages 12-14 shows how the district funding is derived.. A review of the changes was given with the new economically disadvantaged enrollment. Now that we have the initial foundation budget figures it is apparent that we are going to need revenue enhancement from the municipal side (page 20-21)

Discussion continued on funding, enrollment and town contribution. Dr. Malkas stated the #1 priority is class size reduction. March 3, 2016 at the Finance Committee Meeting Dr. Malkas and Mr. Avlas will speak on the recommendation of the district. The Committee agreed that the Public Hearing last year generated much discussion

### **V New Business**

#### **A. Appointment of a School Committee member to Town of Webster Charter Review**

Town Moderator, Tom Ralph, has requested that the School committee appoint a member to the Charter Review Commission. Dr. Malkas is not sure what the time commitment would be. Mr. Avlas will volunteer as a School Committee Designee.

#### **Motion: To appoint Mr. Avlas as the School Committee Designee to the Town of Webster Charter Review**

The motion was made by Member Hurton

The motion was seconded by Member Makara

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 Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review – Commission Recommendations

Dr. Malkas stated that there has been a subcommittee to review the Foundation Budget Review Commission report. Two areas have been ignored in calculating the funding; Health insurance or employee benefits & fixed charges (page 7) and Special Education (page 8). Recommendation have been made and the resolution is to ask the legislature and Governor Baker to consider the recommendation in planning for FY17 and future fiscal years. This information will be presented at the March Finance Committee meeting and we will also ask to be placed on the Board of Selectman Meeting agenda.

Motion: To approve the Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review – Commission Recommendations

The motion was made by        Member Hurton  
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

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

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM

The motion was made by        Member Hurton  
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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Glennon

Documents used during this meeting include:

- January 26, 2016 Minutes
- Educator Evaluation Data
- FY17 Chapter 70
- Resolution Calling for Full Funding of the Foundation Budget Review Commission’s Recommendations