

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, December 14, 2016
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Mr. Pedone called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Pedone, Jr.
James Morrissey
Jennifer Breen
Richard Shaw
Jason Ponticelli

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator

ALSO PRESENT

Student advisory council member(s), faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the November 9, 2016 regular meeting.

VOTE: 4-0-1

2. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized as Student of the Month – Megan Bourque, Madison DeJong and Annabelle Fournier.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council members – Abbey Brunzell and Alyssa Paige, reported on:

- Winter Art Show and Concert
- Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Haiti trip
- NAHS plate auction
- Painting of gym hallways
- Trip to Boston to see “Wicked”
- FISH field trip – opioid awareness
- Breast cancer fundraiser will be a dance-a-thon
- Christmas gift baskets
- Giving tree
- Student Council Hyannis trip

4. COMMUNITY INPUT

Ms. Breen indicated WestBEST had received a donation from the class of 1976 in the amount of \$2,500.00. Members of the class of 1976, John Lajoie and Paul Menard, presented an additional check in the amount of \$2,000.00 bringing the total donation to WestBEST to \$4,500.00.

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – West Boylston Middle/High School Assessment Report and School Improvement Plan

Mr. Fournier presented information regarding the West Boylston Middle/High School PARCC and MCAS testing results and the West Boylston Middle/High School Improvement Plan for 2016-2017.

6. WARRANTS

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payables warrant dated December 16, 2016.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the payroll warrants dated December 2, 2016 and December 16, 2016.

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Communications – Mr. Morrissey stated that planning was underway for the development of a new five year strategic plan and outreach for the development of the plan will begin in January.
- b. Negotiations – Mr. Shaw reported that the subcommittee recommends approving a 2% salary increase each year for the next three years for Dr. Schaper.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the Superintendent's contract addendum as presented.

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
 - Conference call with the state regarding changes to the test designs – no video component, sessions will return to untimed, words may be read to students who are struggling with some of the questions (math/science/technology)
 - NAEP testing to take place on February 2, 2017 – all of 4th grade
 - Upcoming concerts – grades K-5
 - Students' award breakfast
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
 - M/HS play – *Crazy Town*
 - Middle School play – *Wizard of Oz, Jr.* - upcoming auditions
 - 7th grade trip to Hanover Theater
 - Thanksgiving baskets
 - Giving tree
 - Leominster CTEI visit – 12/29/16
 - Leominster CTEI open house – 2/4/17
 - Deadline to apply to Leominster CTEI – 3/1/17

- c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand presented information relative to:
- Monthly expenditure report for November 2016
 - Finalized fire system to be installed during February vacation
 - Met with architect regarding generator
 - FY18 Budget work in progress
- d. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported on:
- Vocational partnership clarification
 - Coordinated Program Review December progress report has been submitted
 - Social studies curriculum team will conduct analysis to determine if the new textbooks they are planning to adopt are free of bias.
 - The Science Curriculum team will conduct an analysis of teachers’ yearly curriculum maps at their January meeting
 - Physical Education/Health curriculum team will conduct a SWOT analysis of the current curriculum in January
 - Budget timeline was presented and it was reported that it is on schedule
 - New curtains will be purchased for the auditorium stage
- e. School Committee – No report

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary