

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, January 11, 2017  
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Mr. Pedone called the meeting to order at 7:00 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  
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

### ALSO PRESENT

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

### 1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Breen, to accept the minutes of the December 14, 2016 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

### 2. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized as Student of the Month – Brandon Ramos, Kaitlin Flaherty and Nicole Nelson.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council members – Abbey Brunzell and Molly Krause, reported on:

- NAHS locker room hallway painting
- NAHS 2<sup>nd</sup> paint night
- Tri M (Music Honor Society) Coffee House (1/26/17)
- NHS and PTA babysitting fair at Major Edwards
- Flocking
- Student Council Christmas baskets and teacher gifts
- Student Council trip to Hyannis, MA
- Basketball

### 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Middle/High School Guidance Services

Mr. Todd Salmons presented information regarding the college application process and how the guidance office prepares students.

## 5. COMMUNITY INPUT

A citizen addressed the committee to offer his appreciation to the School Committee and the administration for their dedication and leadership in the West Boylston Public Schools.

## 6. BUDGET PLANNING

Mr. Pedone indicated the Public Hearing on the FY18 Budget would take place on March 8, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. prior to the School Committee meeting.

## 7. WARRANTS

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payables warrant dated January 13, 2017.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payroll warrants dated December 30, 2016 and January 13, 2017.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - PTA Spellathon – raised over \$12,000 this year
  - PTA - Dance Party
  - NAEP testing for gr. 4 – February 2nd
  - MCAS – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – End of May
  - Thanked Brian Stefanelli and Natasha Blouin – holiday concerts
  - Staff continuing work on new science standards
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
  - M/HS Family Arts Night/Spaghetti Supper Fund Raiser-Dessert Auction
  - MS Play – Cast listed posted and students have begun rehearsals
  - Leominster CTEI – student visit
  - CTEI open house – February 4, 2017
  - Home of the Lions – program for grades 7 and 8 – showcase for the high school
  - High School Science Fair – January 12, 2017
  - Project 351 WB 8<sup>th</sup> grade representative – Katie Steeves
  - DA's office member to meet with parents and students to speak about internet safety on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand presented information relative to:
  - Monthly expenditure report for December 2016
  - Payroll and payables warrants for signatures
  - Facilities – generator project
  - FY18 Budget in progress – Public Hearing on March 8, 2017
- d. Director of Special Education - Sherri Traina – nothing to report.
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported on:
  - Attendance data for students and teachers was presented in the data dashboard report

- Announcement of competitive grant award from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the EPIC Partnership Grant Program for West Boylston Public Schools and Assumption College – a letter from Governor Baker
- Superintendents’ Scholars’ luncheon held at Clark University – WB Student – Josh Herrera
- Strategic Planning Group is forming to develop the 2017-2022 plan
- School Committee member Mr. Ponticelli volunteered to represent the School Committee for the Strategic Planning Group

f. School Committee – No report

## 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy – Vote to amend policy JIC.

Ms. Breen stated the Policy Subcommittee met this evening to go over a change to be made to the policy required by DESE.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to amend Policy JIC.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary