

# WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 8, 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  
Richard Shaw  
Jason Ponticelli

## ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent  
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal  
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 Mr. Ponticelli, to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2017 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### 2. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized as Student of the Month – Evan Atchue, Emma Ordway and Abbey Brunzell.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

- NAHS paint night – 3/30/17 from 4-6 p.m.
- Tri M Music Society – Music in our Schools Month and Open Mic Night
- Student Council Hyannis trip
- Play Competitions – Friday – 3/17/17
- NHS Induction – 3/22/17 at 6 p.m.
- FISH – In It To End It preparation
- Spring sports updates

### 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Special Education – Occupational Therapy: Handwriting Without Tears

Ms. Traina introduced Charlene Brenner and Jennifer Diaz, from the Occupational Therapy Department, who presented information on the Handwriting Without Tears program at Major Edwards Elementary School.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT – Nothing to report

6. SCHOOL CHOICE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Schaper presented the school choice recommendations which limited school choice availability to grades 5, 6, and 9-12. Dr. Schaper indicated that district seeks to maintain or decrease school choice enrollment in the coming school year.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the School Choice recommendations as presented by Dr. Schaper for the 2017-2018 school year.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

7. WARRANTS

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the payables warrants dated February 6, 2017 and March 13, 2017.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payroll warrants dated February 24, 2017 and March 10, 2017.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget and Capital Planning – Mr. Shaw stated the Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee had met this evening to discuss the FY18 Budget and they had also reviewed the revolving accounts. Mr. Shaw indicated they had also discussed the purchase of an additional van for the district.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Gr. 4 hosted an educational evening for parents featuring the SRSD Writing Program and a Student Energy Fair
  - Scheduling Committee has been meeting to consider scheduling options
  - Community Reading Day was successful
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
  - Parent Teacher Conferences were held
  - Parents/Students meeting for STEAM Program were held
  - Faculty vs. Students basketball game to benefit for St. Jude's will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017
  - Wizard of Oz (junior) Middle School play
  - Play competitions are scheduled for March
  - Student Council representatives are on a trip to Hyannis
  - NHS Induction will be held on March 22, 2017
  - Haiti trip – successful fund raising
  - WPI Regional Science Fair
- c. Director of Special Education – nothing to report

- d. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Monthly expenditures
  - New smoke detectors have been installed at the Middle/High School
  - Generator project is in progress
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported on:
- The district Strategic Planning Committee will meet next week to review survey items that will be distributed to members of the community for feedback.
  - Rockie Blunt, a local consultant, will work with the strategic planning to host community engagement events.
  - The district guidance staff and administration are developing a handbook to guide 504 coordinators
  - Master Teachers who will present at the New Teacher Induction Program in the summer have been identified.
  - The Preferred Vocational partnership agreement between Leominster and West Boylston has been signed by both districts.
- f. School Committee reported:
- Mr. Shaw congratulated the students that are going to Haiti and their successful fundraising. Mr. Shaw stated there is a new Interact group created in West Boylston that revolves around the Wachusett Rotary based on community service. The Interact group will be conducting a food packing event at Nashoba. Mr. Shaw indicated a special induction for the members would be held. A fundraiser for the group would be upcoming and Mr. Shaw challenged the teachers to become involved.
  - Mr. Morrissey indicated he had been to the Town Wide Planning Committee meeting last month. The meeting was held to update the Town's Master Plan.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary