

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 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.  
Jennifer Breen  
Richard Shaw  
Jason Ponticelli

### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent  
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal

### 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 March 8, 2017 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### 2. MINUTES – FY18 Budget Hearing

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen, to accept the minutes of the March 8, 2017, FY18 Budget Hearing meeting.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

### 3. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized as Student of the Month – Sarah Roemmele, Michael Fournier and Sevrina Dow.

### 4. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council member Elizabeth Shaw reported on:

- Spring sports
- Play competitions
- In It To End It
- NAHS fundraiser
- NHS induction
- Tri M Honor Society
- GSA Day of Silence
- FISH – mental health awareness
- Haiti trip follow up

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Debora Goodwill – Day for Change

Ms. Debora Goodwill gave a presentation on the Day for Change and In It To End It programs.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT – Nothing to report

7. WARRANTS

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated April 5, 2017 and April 18, 2017.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payroll warrants dated March 24, 2017 and April 7, 2017.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget and Capital Planning – Mr. Shaw reported on the revolving accounts and the potential to purchase two more vehicles for the district, a 14-15 passenger bus and a small van.
- b. Legislative – Mr. Shaw indicated the MASC Annual Day on the Hill is scheduled for April 25, 2017 and that any member who would like to attend should let the superintendent know before that date.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Grades 3-5 program promoting positive behavior and strategies to stop bullying
  - Kristen Ryder was applauded for her work with the food drive that donated food to the West Boylston Food Pantry
  - K-2 Literacy Night on April 13, 2017
  - Scheduling Committee has recommended an extension of recess time
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
  - Haiti trip update
  - Interact Club Hypnotist Show and Food Packing Event
  - In It To End It scheduled for April 28, 2017
  - Report cards available April 13, 2017
  - Mt. Wachusett Community College fair visit
  - Wizard of Oz (Jr.) play
  - MCAS testing after April vacation
  - Girls cooperative hockey team

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve West Boylston joining a girls' cooperative hockey team with Leominster for the 2017-2018 school year.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

- c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Monthly expenditures
  - New fire system/smoke detectors have been installed at the Middle/High School
  - Generator project bid

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to award the generator bid for the West Boylston Middle/High School, per the specifications, to the qualified low bidder D.M.H. Electrical of Sterling, Mass. in the amount of \$73,213.00.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported on:
- Strategic Planning – A Charette for Our Schools is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the Middle/High School cafeteria. Community member, Rockie Blunt, will facilitate. Data from this event, the survey and staff input will be used to develop the 2017-2021 strategic plan.
  - Coordinated Program Review – West Boylston has completed all required elements of the Corrective Action Plan. The district will be reviewed again in six or seven years.
  - FLLAC Collaborative – The FLLAC collaborative has requested a vote to allow North Middlesex Regional School district to enter the collaborative. A vote of member school districts is required.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to authorize North Middlesex Regional School District's entry into the FLLAC Collaborative.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

- Civil Rights Federal Report Data
  - Stabilization account for special education for unanticipated costs
  - FY18 Budget and Capital Plan meeting
- f. School Committee reported:
- Mr. Ponticelli was impressed by Middle School's play – The Wizard of Oz (Jr.). He also indicated the Middle School PTA is in need of volunteers.
  - Mr. Shaw thanked Dr. Lizotte and Ms. Jen Crosier for their work and dedication to the Haiti trip
  - Ms. Breen thanked all involved in the Middle School Play and the West Boylston staff and community.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary