

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, December 13, 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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent of Schools
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Christopher Fournier, Principal M/HS
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the minutes of the November 15, 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 – Anush Panakian, Angelina Ahern and Leah Lewandowski.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Student Advisory Council, Alyssa Paige and Leah Lewandowski reported on:

- Sports updates
- NHS Easter Seals Shootout
- Student Council giving tree and trip to Hyannis
- In It To End It – April 27, 2018
- FISH – February event to spread heart health awareness
- Tri-M Music Honor Society – Coffee house – January 25, 2018
- NAHS paint night – donations to Worcester Animal Rescue League; calendar fundraiser and plate auction
- Trip to New York City – June 7, 2018

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the NAHS trip to New York City in June.

VOTE: 4-0-0

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – School MCAS Reports & School Improvement Plans

Dr. Schaper indicated 2017 was a baseline year for the new MCAS test, and introduced Mr. Meagher and Mr. Fournier who presented information relative to the 2017 Spring MCAS 2.0 results, as well as the School Improvement Plans for both Major Edwards Elementary and the Middle/High School.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT – None

6. WARRANTS

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payables warrants dated:

- November 27, 2017
- December 11, 2017

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payroll warrants dated:

- November 17, 2017
- December 1, 2017
- December 15, 2017

VOTE: 4-0-0

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications – Mr. Morrissey stated the committee had met this evening and indicated Dr. Schaper had reviewed the 2017-2018 communication plans for both the Major Edwards Elementary School and the Middle/High School.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:

- December 4, 2017 – Grades 4 and 5 report cards were available on the community portal
- Holiday concerts – Tuesday, 12/19/17 and Thursday, 12/21/17
- Thanked Brian Stefanelli and Natasha Blouin for their dedication and professionalism
- Wednesday, 12/20/17 – Student Award Breakfast grades 4 and 5

b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:

- Winter sports updates
- Giving tree program
- DECA business program fundraising
- High school play
- French and Spanish Honor Society induction
- NAHS field trip and plate auction
- Middle School art and music night and High School art and music night
- Thanked Principal School Council for work on School Improvement Plan

c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- November monthly expenditure report
- Facility updates to include:
 - Middle/High School gym flooring refinished, painted walls, awaiting new wall pads and resurfaced bleachers
 - Bid specs/updates to weight room and exercise rooms
 - Work over Christmas break to include – bathroom partitions at Major Edwards, painting and white board installations
 - Budget work in progress

d. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported on:

- Colleges where students matriculated – Class of 2017 and the five year list of colleges to which our students have matriculated
- John and Abigail Adams Scholarship recipients for the Class of 2018

e. School Committee – Ms. Breen asked Mr. Fournier if we could revisit the possibility for a boys' soccer team. Mr. Fournier indicated his plan was to work with the athletic director to survey students and families about interest in potentially having an in-house, either junior varsity or varsity, boys' soccer program, and to build on the Middle School pilot, which had another successful year. He stated that when he has that information, he will share that knowledge with the School Committee.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary