

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, January 10, 2018
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 of Schools
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2017 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 – Jillian Almstrom, Scott Krug and Kayla Mead.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

- Sports updates
- NHS events and induction
- Student Council updates
- NAHS underwater theme paint night and induction
- In It To End It updates
- FISH working with American Heart Association
- Tri-M Music Honor Society - coffee house, January 25, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Major Edwards 5th Grade Wax Museum Project

Mr. Meagher introduced Tina Avery, Cara Bjorklund and Lisa Pepi who gave a presentation on the Major Edwards 5th Grade Wax Museum Project.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT – None

6. BUDGET PLANNING - Public Hearing March 14, 2018

Dr. Schaper indicated that the FY19 Public Hearing will be held at the West Boylston Middle/High School, Library-Media Center on March 14, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. Copies of the budget book will be available for public viewing in the Central Office on Monday, March 12, 2018 and Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

7. WARRANTS

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the payables warrant dated:

- January 15, 2018

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the payroll warrants dated:

- December 29, 2017
- January 12, 2018

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy – The Policy Subcommittee met on 1/15/18 to discuss the revision of policies A, B and C. Ms. Breen stated the policies will be brought to the next School Committee meeting for a first reading.

There was discussion about a proposed state policy pertaining to substance use and prevention. A proposal for this policy will be forthcoming.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

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

- MCAS testing updates for the spring
- Installation of new partitions in boys' bathrooms
- Read Across America Week

b. Director of Special Education - No report

c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- December monthly expenditure report
- Facility updates to include:
 - Middle/High gym mats installed
 - Weight room bids due back in February or March
 - No freezing issues in either school during the cold weather

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

- Attendance and suspension data
- Professional development in the West Boylston Public School District
- School choice enrollment data
- 7 year vocational enrollment trend

- Demographic snapshot data
 - New England School Development Council (NESDEC) – recommendation to join and work with NESDEC on the building plans
 - FLLAC annual report
- e. School Committee – Mr. Shaw stated that students from the Interact Club have been helping seniors shoveling snow this winter. Mr. Shaw also stated the Rotary would be holding a food-packing event again, as they did last year.

Mr. Morrissey indicated that on January 22, 2018 the Town Wide Planning Committee will hold a public forum to draft chapters of the strategic plan. He stated that he would not be available that evening, therefore, they would be looking for volunteers to represent the School Committee on January 22nd. Anyone interested is asked to contact Dr. Schaper directly.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary