

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 14, 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

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the minutes of the February 14, 2018 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 – Reagan Dalkas, Mary Wattu, and Alex Belisle.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

- Sports updates
- NHS care kits, annual induction and prom dress program
- Student Council Hyannis trip
- Spirit week
- Play comps
- NAHS induction in May, NY trip and paint night
- Tri-M open mic night
- Interact Club food packaging event
- In It To End It updates
- FISH mental health awareness

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Tiered Literacy Instruction using Wilson Language Program

Dr. Schaper and Ms. Lindsay Morse gave a presentation on Tiered Literacy Instruction using the Wilson Language Program.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT

Students from the West Boylston Middle/High School spoke about their walk-out which took place on March 14, 2018.

6. VOTE TO APPROVE SCHOOL CHOICE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Schaper presented the school choice recommendations with availability in grades 5-12.

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to allow school choice in the West Boylston Public Schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. WARRANTS

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

- March 5, 2018
- March 19, 2018

VOTE: 5-0-0

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

- February 23, 2018
- March 9, 2018

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget & Capital Planning - Mr. Shaw indicated the subcommittee had met this evening to review the FY19 Budget in order to prepare for the Public Hearing.
- b. Policy - Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to approve the Policies A, B & C for 2nd reading and adoption.

VOTE: 5-0-0

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
 - Science Fair at WPI
 - Parent spring sports meeting
 - Student Council trip returning from Hyannis
 - NHS induction
 - MCAS prep - Middle School - April 2nd

b. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- February monthly expenditure report
- Facilities - Meeting with Performance Plus - Middle/High School weight room
- Green Communities - grant administration updates

Mr. Mike Mitchell asked Mr. Pontbriand if there would be an opportunity to replace the hanging light fixtures in the gym at the Middle/High School. Mr. Pontbriand indicated it could be a possibility.

c. Superintendent of Schools –

- Teacher/student attendance data
- Suspension data
- Teacher Summer Institute - Professional Culture
- Professional development - Speaker, Jessica Minihan, spoke on Reducing Anxiety in the Classroom
- FLLAC Educational Collaborative financial statements

d. School Committee – Mr. Ponticelli stated he was impressed by the student leaders in the community.

Mr. Pedone indicated the Parks Facilities designee appointment was up, and a member of the School Committee needs to be nominated.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw that Mr. Pedone remain on the Parks Facilities Committee.

VOTE: 5-0-0

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary