

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, May 9, 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
Jason Ponticelli

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent of Schools
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli, to accept the minutes of the April 11, 2018 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 – Peyton Hotaling, Parker Diaz and Ashley Smith.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A member of the Student Advisory Council, Kaitlin Elliott reported on:

- Spring sports
- NHS senior dinner
- Student Council fund raiser - Mothers' Day flower sale
- NAHS Induction
- Interact Club food packing event
- Tri-M open mic night
- In It To End It
- FISH mental health awareness month

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Eagle Scout presentation by Michael Jameson

Michael Jameson gave a presentation on his Eagle Scout project - a display case at Major Edward Elementary School that houses a barred owl. The owl was donated to the school by his aunt, Paula Menendez, who was a former elementary school teacher at Major Edwards.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

6. WARRANTS

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

- May 2, 2018

VOTE: 4-0-0

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

- April 20, 2018
- May 4, 2018

VOTE: 4-0-0

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Communications - Mr. Morrissey indicated the subcommittee had met this evening to discuss a parent communication survey. Mr. Morrissey stated the survey would be sent out electronically before the end of the school year.
- b. Policy - Ms. Breen stated the two policies were discussed tonight, Policy JICH - Prevention Education Regarding the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco/Nicotine, and Drugs by Students and Policy GBEBD - Online Fundraising and Solicitation - Crowdfunding.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve on a First Reading - Policy JICH - Prevention Education Regarding the Use of Alcohol, Tobacco/Nicotine, and Drugs by Students.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve on a First Reading - Policy GBEBD - Online Fundraising and Solicitation - Crowdfunding.

VOTE: 4-0-0

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Richard Meagher reported on:
 - Gr. 5 Furry Friends fundraiser
 - Foundations training - grades K-2
 - Field trips, curriculum evenings and field day
 - Staff interviews
 - Fans installed in the fifth grade hallway

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

- Gr. 9 Washington, D.C. trip
- Jr. and Sr. prom updates
- Musical production of “Curtains”
- MCAS testing
- Spring sports
- Senior sports banquet
- Staff interviews

Dr. Lizotte presented information relative to the proposed Haiti trip in April of 2019.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the trip to Haiti for 2019.

VOTE: 4-0-0

c. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- April expenditure report
- M/HS weight room updates
- Summer maintenance project plans
- Purchase of furniture for school facilities
- Met with Town Administrator regarding Green Communities - energy projects

d. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper also reported -

- Nominations for 2018 Volunteer of the Year are now being accepted. Dr. Schaper indicated nominations may be sent to her via email.
- Media Technology Curriculum Planning updates
- New projector for auditorium - thanked Mr. Bokankowitz for his installation
- Professional development update

e. School Committee – Ms. Breen stated West BEST is now taking grant applications, which are due by May 21, 2018.

The Board of Selectman requested to schedule a joint meeting on either June 6 or June 20, 2018 to discuss issues related to capital. The committee will be surveyed and a date established for this meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary