

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Ms. Breen called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Breen, Chairman
James Morrissey, Vice Chairman
James Pedone, Jr.
Jason Ponticelli
Richard Shaw

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2018 regular meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. Student Recognition Awards: Major Edwards, Middle School, High School

Students from Major Edwards Elementary School and West Boylston Middle/High School were recognized as Student of the Month: Christina Cosgrove, Peyton Maloney and Shane Smith.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Student Advisory Council Kaitlin Elliot and Belicia Halkias reported on:

- Winter Sports updates
- Student Council/ Play Comps
- NHS/ Boston Trip
- National Art Honor Society/ Induction
- Tri-M Music Honor Society/ Coffee House Jan. 24
- Wellness Club/ Middle School speech “Being Better People”
- Interact/ Meetings start back up in January
- Freshman fundraising event January 31st Trivia Night

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERA CREW

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5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS: Major Edwards Grade 5 Annual Wax Museum Presentations

Mrs. Avery, from Major Edwards Elementary, presented on the Living Wax Museum. The Living Wax Museum will be held this year on May 29th at 5:30.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT

7. WARRANTS

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli, to accept the payables warrants dated:

- December 24, 2018

VOTE: 5-0-0

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

- December 28, 2018
- January 11, 2019

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. Subcommittee Reports

- Ad Hoc Subcommittee
 - Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli reported that the committee reviewed the Best Use of Educational Facilities Study that was prepared by the New England School Development Council. John Kennedy will provide a report to the entire committee in the spring.

9. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

- a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Richard Meagher reported on:
 - Bimonthly awards breakfast on December 21, 2018
 - Major Edwards Elementary School MCAS schedule for Grades 3, 4, and 5.
 - POS Communication sent to families to log into lunch system on January 8, 2019
 - A.L.I.C.E. Training review for staff on January 18, 2019
 - National Assessment of Education and Progress testing February 4, 2019
- b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Christopher Fournier reported on:
 - Final Exams for the High School students, January 16th and 17th
 - Midterm Exams for Middle School Students 7 and 8, January 16th and 17th
 - No School on January 18th
 - High School students will receive new class schedules to start term 2 that begins on January 22nd
 - High School French students go on their trip to Quebec during the holiday weekend
 - Spanish National Honor Society Induction, January 10
 - Middle School production of “Aladdin, Jr.”, performances April 5th and 6th
 - Middle School student council pep rally prior to winter break for winter sports participants

- A.L.I.C.E. training for Middle School Staff, January 18th
 - Haiti Trip fundraising event at the Mill Restaurant contributed over \$4,000
 - Mattress Sale Fundraiser for Haiti Trip January 26th
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
- Preschool lottery drawn and letters will be sent to families along with deposit requirements and registrations packets.
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Expense Account Summary for December 2018
 - Facilities project list starting
 - FY20 Budgets
- e) Superintendent of Schools Dr. Schaper reported on:
- School Choice Enrollment
 - Vocational enrollment and costs
 - Demographic snapshot by grade level
 - Mid-year Professional Development report
 - FLAAC will credit the district with \$3,768.12
 - Priscilla Anand was honored as the West Boylston Public Schools Superintendent's Scholar at the Worcester Country Superintendent's Association Scholar's Luncheon which was held at Holy Cross College on January 8th.
- f) School Committee
- Mr. Shaw thanked the community, Mill Restaurant and also DJ Khan for all their support and generous contributions towards the fundraising event for the Haiti Trip. Mr. Shaw also announced that the Wachusett Rotary Club has made a \$2,500 donation towards the Haiti trip.
 - Mr. Morrissey noted that Interest Based Bargaining will start January 10th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary