

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Ms. Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 February 13, 2019 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: Cate O’Hearn, Andressa Sarli, and Rawan Hiba.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Members of the Student Advisory Council Kaitlin Elliot reported on:

- Tennis and Track information meeting
- Student Council / Hyannis trip/ Play Comps / Blood Drive / Future meetings scheduled
- NHS / Induction of 27 new members, March 20, 2019
- National Art Honor Society / Paint night
- Tri-M Music Honor Society / Open Mic Night / Broadway Trip
- Wellness Club / Stress management / Wellness Summit, April 12, 2019
- Interact / Food packaging

### 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERA CREW

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS: Special Education Updates – Transitional Services and Vocational Training

Ms. Traina presented the Special Education Department's presentation on Transitional and Vocational Services offered at West Boylston Public Schools.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT – None

7. SCHOOL CHOICE RECOMMENDATION

The Superintendent of Schools presented the School Choice Recommendation for FY20.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the School Choice Recommendation for FY20.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

8. WARRANTS

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

- February 19, 2019
- March 11, 2019

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

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

- February 22, 2019
- March 8, 2019

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

9. Subcommittee Reports

- Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee
  - Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Pedone discussed how the committee reviewed the FY20 budget and also discussed the increase in substitute teacher pay starting FY20.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the increase of substitute teacher pay beginning FY20.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

10. COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

- a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Richard Meagher reported on:
  - Community Reading Day, March 1, 2019
  - PBIS Assembly, March 1, 2019
  - Major Edwards building update from March 13, 2019 water damage
  
- b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Christopher Fournier reported on:
  - Staff vs Student Basketball game, March, 8, 2019
  - Term 3 progress reports posted for High School students
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences, March 7, 2019
  - Worcester Regional Science Fair display at WPI, March 8, 2019
  - Student Council Students traveled to Hyannis for MASC Conference, awarded Gold Council Award
  - PAW students preformed show tunes and lip-sync for school
  - Ms. Somma announced to students her retirement at the end of the school year
  - Middle School Play “Aladdin, Jr” April 5 and 6, 2019
  - WBMHS will perform “Bye Bye Birdie” in the spring
  - Haiti Trip update
  
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Sherri Traina reported on:
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- d) Business Administrator Mr. Roger Pontbriand reported on:
  - February 2019 Expense Account Summary
  - Facilities update
    - Major Edwards – provided update on water damage repair from March 13, 2019
    - Middle/High School – training room update
  
- e) Superintendent of Schools reported on:
  - School Resource Officer
  - Mathematics Curriculum Team March 11, 2019 meeting
  - New Teacher Summer Institute
  
- f) School Committee

Mr. Pedone asked the committee to reappoint him as the School Committee representative to the West Boylston Parks Commission.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli, to appoint Mr. James Pedone, Jr. as a representative to the West Boylston Parks Commission.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Discussion of Haiti Trip and the Level 4 Do Not Travel warning that was issued by the Department of State on February 14, 2019.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to postpone the West Boylston High School Haiti Trip.

**VOTE: 4-0-1**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recoding Secretary