

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Meeting of Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Mr. Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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. HALL OF FAME RECOGNITION

Mr. Riley made the presentation for the 10 individuals and the 2016 West Boylston Girls Soccer Team that have been inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

2. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2020 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

3. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS: Major Edwards, Middle School, High School

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High School were recognized as Student of the Month: Austin Sikora, Christina Scalse, Megan Lemay, and Elisia Spiridigliozzi.

4. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Senior class president, Meghan Holland, reported on student activities and sport teams.

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERA CREW

6. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS: West Boylston High School Science Fair Presentations

Elisia Spiridiliozzi and Megan Lemay made their science fair presentations from the High School Science Fair.

## 7. VOTE TO APPROVE FY21 CALENDAR

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Ms. Breen, to approve the FY21 calendar.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 8. COMMUNITY INPUT: None

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 21 BUDGET

Ms. Schaper announced the date of the public hearing on the FY21 budget, March 11, 2020.

## 10. WARRANTS

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

- January 15, 2020
- February 2, 2020

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

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

- January 24, 2020
- February 7, 2020

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 11. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Mr. Pedone described the process for the superintendent search model that was designed by the subcommittee. Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Ponticelli voiced objection to the initial step, an internal search process. Mrs. Breen, Mr. Pedone, and Mr. Shaw spoke in support of the proposed model, each noting that the process does include an external search process should the internal search fail to produce a viable candidate. Mrs. Breen also noted that the school committee adopted a strategic plan that includes a succession planning goal which has been working to prepare internal candidates to take on new roles in the district when they occur. Mr. Shaw noted that he wants to support the recommendation of the subcommittee because they have done the work to explore all of the issues related to search processes.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve proposed superintendent search model.

**VOTE: 3-2-0**

- Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Pedone discussed that the subcommittee would like to move forward with modified option 3 from the Best Use of Education Facilities Study.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to refer plan for school replacement / renovation to Board of Selectman / FISP.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 12. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Professional Development Day, January 17<sup>th</sup>
  - West Boylston Police and West Boylston Fire Department, hosted recent ALICE survey with Staff
  - School Store, Cubs' Corner update
  - Staff updates
  - Heritage Project, February 12th
  - Love to Read Week, February 24th
  
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - International Thespian Society Improv Night, February 28<sup>th</sup>
  - West Boylston High School Science Fair, January 28<sup>th</sup>
  - State health screenings, March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Habitat for Humanity trip update
  - National Art Honor Society Trip

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to approve one day Art trip to New York City on June 4, 2020.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

- a. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
  - Kindergarten registration
  
- b. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
  - Expense Account Report
  
- c. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Schaper reported on:
  - School Choice Application
  - Student Opportunity Act
  
- d. School Committee reported on: None

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary

