

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 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. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the February 12, 2020 regular meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2020 special meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

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

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High School were recognized as Student of the Month: Gabriella Falk, Annya O'Rourke, and Kyle Thompson.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Ali Terkanian, reported on student activities.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CAMERA CREW

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS: Special Education Updates – Learning Ally

Ms. Traina presented her Special Education presentation titled Learning Ally.

6. COMMUNITY INPUT:

Ms. Jaqueline Leonardo, of 7 Nuha Circle, made an inquiry to the School Committee members on who the future curriculum director would be along with how the West Boylston Public Schools may look appealing to future candidates when applying for open positions.

7. School Choice Recommendation

Ms. Schaper presented the School Choice recommendations.

Mr. Ponticelli moved, Ms. Breen seconded by on the School Choice Recommendations.

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. WARRANTS

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

- February 19, 2020
- March 2, 2020

VOTE: 5-0-0

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

- February 21, 2020
- March 6, 2020

VOTE: 5-0-0

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:

- Read Across America Week, February 24th - February 28th
- New Stage Curtain installed and Café murals, February 17th -21st
- School wide “book swap”
- Community Reading Day, February 28th
- Student Award Breakfast, March 19th
- Building Cleaning Updates

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

- Spring Sports begin, March 16th
- Guidance Department College Presentation to Juniors
- Parent Conferences, March 5th
- Parent Information night for 5th grade parents, March 5th
- International Thespian Society hosted first Improv Night, March 6th
- Staff vs Student Basketball game, March 6th
- Play Updates
- MCAS testing in March-May
- Upcoming School Trip Updates

- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: NONE
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
 - Expense Account
 - New Shed install updates
 - Cleaning Updates
 - Custodial Staff up to date with CDC guidelines
 - Bus Cleaning
 - Green Community Update
- e. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Schaper reported on:
 - Sick Bank Request
 - COVID-19 Coronavirus Planning and Communication.

Ms. Schaper requested two School Committee members to be appointed to the Sick Bank Committee. Ms. Breen and Mr. Pedone stepped forward for the Sick Bank Committee.

- f. School Committee reported on:

Mr. Pedone reminded the community how to find contact information for community members on the West Boylston Public Schools website if anyone needed to reach out to a School Committee member.

Mr. Shaw extended his congratulations to Mr. Meagher for his upcoming role as the incoming Superintendent of Schools.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary