

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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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
Roger E. Pontbriand Jr., Business Administrator
Christopher Fournier, Principal M/HS
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

Mr. Shaw read the statement from Governor Baker, dated March 12, 2020, in pursuant of the open meeting law.

Mr. Shaw explained to the School Committee members that all votes taken tonight must be in a roll call fashion.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes
Morrissey – Yes
Pedone – Yes
Ponticelli – Yes
Shaw - Yes

2. Warrants

Breen moved, seconded by Morrissey to accept the payables warrants dated:

- April 27, 2020
- May 11, 2020

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes
Morrissey – Yes
Pedone – Yes
Ponticelli - Yes
Shaw - Yes

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

- April 17, 2020
- May 1, 2020

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes
Morrissey – Yes
Pedone – Yes
Ponticelli –Yes
Shaw – Yes

3. Subcommittee Report

a) Budget and Capital Planning

Mr. Shaw presented the FY21 budget as presented by the town of West Boylston.

Mr. Pedone moved, Mr. Morrissey seconded to approve the FY21 budget as presented with a town appropriation of \$12,613,845.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes
Morrissey – Yes
Pedone – Yes
Ponticelli –Yes
Shaw – Yes

4. Communications and Reports:

a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reports:

- Remote Learning
- Chromebook distribution
- Personal material pick up
- Open positions for Major Edwards will be posted after July 1, 2020
- Major Edwards summer cleaning will begin after July 1, 2020

b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reports:

- Remote Learning
- AP Exams taking place
- Update on Algebra placement tests for 7th graders
- Expressed gratitude towards Dr. Lizotte for reaching out to staff and students since Remote Learning began
- Plans for signs in town for 2020 graduates
- 2020 graduation plans

- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Trainor reports: NONE
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reports:
 - April 2020 Expense Summary Report
 - Praise for cafeteria staff and lunch distribution along with van driver's assistance
 - Praise for custodial staff cleaning and sanitizing
- e) Superintendent of Schools Ms. Schaper reports:

Ms. Schaper presented the detailed plan for the district's Student Opportunity Act plan and requested a vote of the committee.

Mr. Pedone moved, Mr. Morrissey seconded to approve the Student Opportunity Act.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Morrissey – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Shaw – Yes

Ms. Schaper presented the Keystone (FLLAC) agreement and requested a vote of the committee.

Ms. Breen moved, Mr. Ponticelli seconded to approve changed to the Keystone (FLLAC) agreement.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Morrissey – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Shaw – Yes

Ms. Schaper requested the committee to appoint members to an Adhoc Transportation Committee.

Mr. Pedone moved, Mr. Morrissey seconded to appoint Ms. Breen and Mr. Ponticelli the Adhoc Transportation Committee.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Morrissey – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Shaw – Yes

Ms. Schaper announced Alex Audette as the principal of Major Edwards Elementary School effective July 1, 2020.

- f) School Committee reports:

Mr. Shaw expressed sentiments reflecting on his twelve years of service on the committee. Mr. Shaw expressed gratitude to have been a part of the hiring process of Ms. Schaper noting the growth in technology, curriculum, achievement, fiscal stability, vocational arrangements, and movement forward that occurred during her tenure at West Boylston Public Schools. He wishes the best of luck to school committee candidates.

Mr. Morrissey expressed gratitude for his time on the school committee noting his sadness to leave before the graduation ceremony which is an event that is special to him. Mr. Morrissey noted that he is proud to have worked with Ms. Schaper who accomplished so much during her time as a superintendent. Mr. Morrissey congratulated Mr. Audette as the new principal to Major Edwards Elementary.

Ms. Breen thanked Mr. Shaw for this twelve years of service as a school committee member noting his significant contributions and hard work on many issues. Ms. Breen also thanked Mr. Morrissey for successfully ensuring the last two contract negotiations went smoothly and people walked away from the table smiling.

Mr. Pedone thanked both Mr. Shaw and Mr. Morrissey for all their service on the school committee. Mr. Pedone also thanks Mr. Shaw for being a great mentor.

Mr. Ponticelli thanked both Mr. Morrissey and Mr. Shaw for all the work they have done while being on the school committee, noting the contributions of Mr. Morrissey as a mentor.

5. Adjournment

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Morrissey – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Shaw – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary