

**WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Mr. Ponticelli called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Ponticelli
James Pedone, Jr.
Jennifer Breen
Nancy Hubbard
Christine Quirk

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Fournier, Principal M/HS
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Sherri Trainor, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

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

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

1.School Committee Reorganization

Vice Chairman (19-20) Jason Ponticelli calls for nominations for chair.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to appoint nominee Mr. Pedone to be chair. Mr. Pedone accepted the nominee.

Roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Pedone - Yes
Ponticelli - Yes

Mr. Pedone calls for nominations for vice-chair.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to appoint nominee Mr. Ponticelli to be vice-chair. Mr. Ponticelli accepts the nominee.

Roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Ponticelli - Yes
Pedone- Yes

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard, to accept the minutes of the regular meeting of May 13, 2020.

Roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Ponticelli - Yes
Pedone - Yes

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk, to accept the minutes of the special meeting of May 20, 2020.

Roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Ponticelli - Yes
Pedone - Yes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard, to accept the minutes of the executive session meeting of December 11, 2019.

Roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Ponticelli- Yes
Pedone - Yes

3. Warrants

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated:

- May 26, 2020
- June 8, 2020

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes
Quirk - Yes
Hubbard - Yes
Ponticelli - Yes

Pedone - Yes

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

- May 15, 2020
- May 29, 2020
- June 12, 2020

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes

Quirk - Yes

Hubbard - Yes

Ponticelli - Yes

Pedone - Yes

4. Appointment of a representative to the Keystone Collaborative Board of Directors for FY21

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to appoint Mr. Meagher as the FY21 representative to the Keystone Collaborative Board of Directors.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

5. Communications and Reports:

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

- End of the year staff meetings
- Virtual end of the year celebrations
- Acknowledgement of building staff retirements

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

- End of the year clean out for staff and students
- Virtual Credit Recovery updates
- Special Education Enrollment updates
- Final Report cards, June 19, 2020
- 2020 Graduation updates
- Acknowledgement to Mr. Bokankowitz
- Acknowledgement to Mr. Pontbriand
- Acknowledgement of building staff retiring
- Acknowledgement of building staff service

c) Director of Special Education Ms. Trainor reports:

- Acknowledgement of retiring staff
- Preschool updates for the fall
- Updates on Remove Summer School

d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reports: NONE

- e) Superintendent of Schools Ms. Schaper reports:
- Updates on PPE purchases
 - Updates on Budget
 - New School Committee Member Orientation.

- f) School Committee reports:

The School Committee is going to conduct a Doodle survey to find a date that works best for all members to attend the August 2020 School Committee Retreat.

Mr. Ponticelli feels confident in this administrative team for the next school year. He welcomed Mr. Audette as the new principal to Major Edwards. Mr. Ponticelli also wished Mr. William Gibbs the best in his retirement, as he will be greatly missed. Mr. Ponticelli thanked the fifth grade team during remote learning for all wonderful cooking classes offered along with thanking all faculty for all their hard work and support during this difficult time. He also thanked Ms. Schaper for her mentorship and friendship over the years and wishes her nothing but the best moving forward.

Ms. Breen welcomed the new School Committee members to the committee. She also thanked all faculty during remote learning with a special thank you to Mr. Kevin Bjorklund and all wonderful “Celebrity Spotlights” he had organized for students. Ms. Breen expressed how fortunate West Boylston Public Schools is to have Mr. Meagher as the next Superintendent. Ms. Breen thanked Ms. Schaper for helping West Boylston Public Schools become a better place than when she first found it.

Mr. Pedone welcomed the new School Committee members to the committee. He also acknowledged the great job that students and parents did during the remote learning period during this difficult time. Mr. Pedone acknowledged all the hard work put into all celebrations for the senior class of 2020. He also acknowledges the retirement of all staff this year and wished them the best. Mr. Pedone also thanked Ms. Schaper for her service over the last nine years that helped to reshape West Boylston Public Schools.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen - Yes

Quirk - Yes

Hubbard - Yes

Ponticelli - Yes

Pedone - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary