

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Richard A. Meagher, Superintendent of Schools
Christopher Fournier, Principal, Middle/High School
Alex Audette, Principal, Major Edwards Elementary School
Roger E. Pontbriand Jr., Business Administrator
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

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

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

Mr. Pedone 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 Ms. Breen to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2020 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

2. Approval of Warrants

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the payables warrants dated August 24, 2020 and September 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 approve the payroll warrant dated September 4, 2020.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

3. Highlight on Schools: Introduction of New Staff

Mr. Meagher introduced the new West Boylston Public Schools staff that was present at the School Committee meeting.

4. Community Input - NONE

5. Communications and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
 - Building prep updates for the 2020-2021 School year
 - Hiring of new staff for the 2020-2021 School year
 - Professional Development updates

- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
 - Building prep updates for the 2020-2021 School year
 - Hiring of new staff for the 2020-2021 School year
 - High School Drop Ins
 - Middle School Meet and Greets
 - Drama Fall Performance Proposal
 - “Thank You, Six!” One act comedy – TBD Nov. or early Dec.
 - “A Mid Summer’s Night’s Dream” – TBD Late Oct.

- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
 - Employee prep for the 2020-2021 school year.
 - Kindergarten and Preschool Screening Updates for 2020-2021

- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
 - August 2020 Expense Summary Report
 - Facilities updates
 - ServPro building updates
 - PPE updates
 - Safety updates
 - Building improvement updates
 - Cafeteria Updates

- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
 - Enrollment Updates
 - Initial School Choice Enrollment
 - Repeat Homeschool Students
 - New Homeschool Students
 - West Boylston Total Enrollment
 - Transportation Report 2020-2021
 - Technology Updates

- f. School Committee reported on:

Mr. Pedone presented the 2020-2021 School Committee Targets.

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the School Committee Targets for the 2020-2021 School year.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Ms. Breen requested to have the MSD sheets provided in a location where families can view what cleaning solutions are being used to keep the schools clean as many families are starting to inquire.

Ms. Quirk, Ms. Hubbard, Ms. Breen, Mr. Ponticelli, and Mr. Pedone expressed their appreciation to all administration and teaching staff for all the hard work that has been put in and continues to be put in to make this upcoming school year as normal as possible in a not so normal year.

6. Adjournment

Breen moved, seconded by Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary