

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Middle/High School Media Center-Library

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 7:05 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2020 regular 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: Alex Silver, Christina Scalse, Belicia Halkias.

3. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

4. Highlight on Schools: Technology Updates

Mr. Bokankowitz presented technology updates within the West Boylston Public School District.

5. Community Input: None

6. Warrants

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

- September 21, 2020
- October 5, 2020

VOTE: 5-0-0

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

- September 18, 2020
- October 2, 2020

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. Subcommittee Reports

- Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee

Mr. Ponticelli reported that the committee reviewed the 2020 budget and research of grants. Mr. Pedone reported that the School Committee attended the FISP meeting where they reviewed both the Statement of Interest along with NESDEC documents to pursue interest of building of a new school in the future.

8. Communications and Reports

- a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
- Updates on Staff and Student first phase of learning at home
 - Updates of Phase-in learning through hybrid format
 - Special Education Students, Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade
 - Updates on ELL and Special Education at Major Edwards Elementary School
 - Updates of Phase-in learning through hybrid format
 - Grades 2-5 white cohort Thursday and Friday
 - Grades 2-5 blue cohort Monday and Tuesday
 - Thank you to staff for assisting those finding remote learning difficult
- b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
- Thank you to staff and students during the remote learning phase
 - Updates of Phase-in learning through hybrid format
 - White cohort Thursday and Friday
 - Blue cohort Monday and Tuesday
 - Fall Sports updates
 - PSAT's updates
 - Updates on Clubs and Activities
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
- Updates on Special Education work district wide
 - Thank you to all staff for the endless work during this time.
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Expense Account Report

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the transfer of \$50,000.00 from School Choice Account to the School Lunch Revolving Account.

VOTE: 5-0-0

e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:

- Teacher Attendance
- Students Attendance
- DESE Communications
- Grant Updates
- Mentor Updates
- Hybrid Calendar
 - November and December
- Air Quality Report

f) School Committee Reported on: NONE

9. Adjournment

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary