

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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Mr. Pedone called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

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 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. Quirk to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

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: Jackson Nagle, Aedan Ryder, Dan Williams.

3. Student Advisory Council Representative Abby Rickert reported on:

- Student Council Updates
 - Annual gift giving and online leadership skill events for members
- NHS Updates
 - Community service events
- NAHS Updates
 - Calendar fundraiser event
- International Thespian Society
 - *Thank you Six* production in December
- Yearbook Updates
- InterAct Updates
 - Community service events
- GSA Updates
- Class Updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

5. Highlight on Schools: Virtual Learning Overview – Amy Campbell

Amy Campbell along with a few virtual learning students from Major Edwards Elementary presented the Virtual Learning Overview.

6. Community Input: None

7. Warrants -

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

- November 30, 2020

A 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 payroll warrants dated:

- November 13, 2020
- November 27, 2020

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

8. Subcommittee Reports

- Policy Subcommittee – Ms. Breen explained the subcommittee discussed importance of the adoption of policy IHBHE- Remote Learning for the West Boylston Public Schools. The committee also reviewed policies, AC, ACAB, GBA, GBCC/JFCGA, JBA, JFH, and JH.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of Policy IHBHE – Remote Learning as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the 1st reading on Policy AC – Non-Discrimination.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the 1st reading on Policy ACAB – Sexual Harassment.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the 1st reading on Policy GBA – Civil Rights.

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 1st reading on Policy GBCC/JFCGA – Sexual Harassment.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the 1st reading on Policy JBA – Student-to Student Harassment.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the 1st reading on Policy JFH – Student-Parent Grievance Procedure.

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 1st reading on Policy JH – Student Absences and Excuses.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

9. Communications and Reports

a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:

- Thank you to students for constant positive learning
- Virtual Progress Meetings and Report Card Updates
- PTA fundraising Updates
- Chromebook distribution Updates
- Professional Development Updates

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

- Thank you to students, teachers, families during Hybrid to Remote learning transition
- Winter Sports
- Drama – Winter Play “Thank you, Six” December 11 & 12
- Student Council – Giving Tree Event

c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: None

d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- November 2020 Expense Report

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the transfer of \$25,000.00 from School Choice Account to the School Lunch Revolving Account.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:

- Continued Partnership with Assumption College
- MCAS Updates
- Accountability Data
- CTEI Update
- Fraudulent Unemployment Claims updates
- Abbott BinaxNow COVID-19 Testing Initiative
- West Boylston Public Schools COVID Update

Mr. Meagher presented the 2020-2021 West Boylston Public Schools Improvement Plan.

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the 2020-2021 District Improvement Plan.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

f) School Committee Reported on:

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve Interscholastic Athletics for the Winter 20-21 season.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

10. Adjournment

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt

Recording Secretary