

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

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

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the minutes of the December 9, 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: Gabriella Guerard, Francesco Lopriore, and Sydney Olsen.

3. Student Advisory Council Representative Nadine Makarem reported on:

- Student Council- Polar Plunge Event
- NHS – Calendar Fundraiser and pending service opportunities
- NAHS – Calendar Event updates and upcoming painted clay bowl event updates
- Wellness Club – Club Updates
- International Thespian Society – New production dates are January 22nd and January 23rd.
- Winter Sports – Updates for basketball, hockey and cheerleading
- Class updates provided
 - Juniors – prom updates along with virtual trivia night fundraiser updates
 - Sophomores – class store updates along with plant sale updates
 - Freshman – fundraising updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

5. Highlight on Schools: Middle/High School Improvement Plan – Mr. Fournier

Mr. Fournier presented the West Boylston Middle/High School 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan.

6. Community Input: None

7. Warrants -

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

- December 14, 2020
- January 11, 2021

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

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

- December 11, 2020
- December 24, 2020
- January 8, 2021

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 the committee reviewed the current West Boylston Public Schools policy IJNDB – Acceptable Use of Technology.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk 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

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to approve the 1st reading on Policy ACAB – Civil Rights Procedures.

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 IJNDB – Acceptable Use of Technology.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone – Yes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to approve the 2nd reading and adoption 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:

- Hybrid to remote transition prior to holiday break
- Math and Science Curriculum Updates
- Professional Development for Staff – January 29th
- PTA meeting change from January 18th to January 25th

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

- Final Exam Schedule Updates
- West Boylston High School WCSA Scholar Leader – Sydney Olsen
- CTEI Virtual Open House and application

- Winter Sports Updates
 - Scholarship Applications for Students
 - Reports Cards Issued – January 29th
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
- Tiered Focus Monitoring Review – 2021-2022 School Year
 - Preschool Updates
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- December 2020 Expense Report
 - FY22 Budget Updates
- e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- School Choice Application
 - CTEI Applications
 - Student Learning Time Regulations Updates
 - MCAS Updates
- f) School Committee Reported on:

Ms. Breen inquired on the reasoning to waive only the winter athletic fees when the fall athletic fee was not waived. Mr. Fournier explained that the winter season was much shorter and the chances of canceling the winter season was much greater due to current COVID numbers. Mr. Fournier further explained that the current MIAA rules do not allow for spectators to be present due to safety protocols where fall athletics allowed limited numbers of fans.

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to waive the Interscholastic Athletics fees 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. Hubbard to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

A roll call vote was taken:

Breen – Yes

Quirk – Yes

Hubbard – Yes

Ponticelli – Yes

Pedone - Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt

Recording Secretary