

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 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

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the minutes of the April 14, 2021 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: Hannah Kursonsis, Justin Wiemers, and Rachel Voloshin.

3. Student Advisory Council Representative Lucy Allen reported on:

- Student Council – Spring Conference Updates; Executive Board Election Updates
- NHS – Induction May 20<sup>th</sup>; Executive Board Election Updates
- NAHS – Induction May 19<sup>th</sup>; Election Updates
- Wellness Club – Refresh Day Updates; Updates on other Support Groups
- Interact Club – Upcoming Woo Sox Concession Stand Events
- GSA – Updates on Support Groups
- Tri-M – Open Mic Night Updates; Welcoming new members
- International Thespian Society –Induction Ceremony May 25<sup>th</sup>; Play Updates from May; Senior Showcase
- National French and Spanish Honor Society –Induction Ceremony; Election Updates
- Yearbook – 20-21 Yearbooks arriving; Planning for next year already starting
- DECA – Updates provided from District and State Competitions
- Spring Sports Updates
- Class Updates Provided

#### 4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

#### 5. Highlight on Schools: Middle/High School “Refresh Day” – Deb Goodwill

Ms. Goodwill along with a few student presented the Middle/High School “Refresh Day” and Wellness Club Mission.

#### 6. Community - None

#### 7. Warrants –

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

- April 26, 2021
- May 10, 2021

#### **VOTE 5-0-0**

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

- April 16, 2021
- April 30, 2021
- May 14, 2021

#### **VOTE 5-0-0**

#### 8. Subcommittee Report

##### a) Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee

Mr. Meagher requested a vote for the FY22 budget.

Ms. Quirk moved, Ms. Breen seconded to approve the FY22 budget as presented with a town appropriation of \$12,897,774.

#### **VOTE 5-0-0**

##### b) Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Breen discussed the subcommittee reviewing the current school policies on credits students needed to graduate along with the current remote learning policy. The subcommittee felt no further action is needed at this time.

#### 9. Communications and Reports

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

- MCAS
- Math program updates
- Professional Development; May 21st
- Major Edwards Art Show, May 26<sup>th</sup> with Rain date of May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Outdoor Family Picnic; for Virtual Students/Classrooms– June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Barbeque/Celebration – June 8th

- b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - MCAS
  - Progress Reports, May 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Play Updates
  - Plant Sale Updates
  - Middle/ High School Sports Updates
  - Prom and Graduation Updates
  
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: Not Present; Mr. Meagher reported:
  - DESE Audit Updates
  - Summer Program Updates
  
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on: NONE
  
- e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Massachusetts School Building Authority/Statement of Interest
  - Universal Screening for K-8
  
- f) School Committee Reported on:

Mr. Pedone commented that West Boylston added an article to the town meeting, happening on May 17th, which would finically benefit in making Pride Park ADA and CMR compliant.

#### 10. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt  
Recording Secretary