

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, September 8, 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 M/HS
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.

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2021 regular meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the minutes of the August 24, 2021 special meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Approval of Warrants

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payables warrant dated August 23, 2021.

VOTE 5-0-0

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payroll warrant dated September 3, 2021.

VOTE 5-0-0

3. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

4. 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.

5. Community Input – None

6. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
- Updates to start of the school year
 - Professional Development updates
 - Major Edwards New Staff Updates for 2021-2022
 - Picture Day for Students-September 14, 2021
 - Open House (Grades 1-3) –September 22, 2021
 - Open House (Grades 4-5) – September 23, 2021
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
- Updates to start of the school year
 - Fall Sports Updates
 - Middle/High School New Staff Updates for 2021-2022
 - School Trip Updates
 - Class Meetings – September 3, 2021
 - Speeches for Student Council Positions – September 8, 2021
 - Homecoming Week – September 27th-October 2nd
 - Powderpuff Game – September 28, 2021
 - Homecoming Decorating – September 30, 2021
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
- Updates to start of the school year
 - New Staff Updates 2021-2022
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- August 2021 Expense Summary Report
 - Facilities Updates
 - Air Quality Updates
 - Student Purchase Updates
 - Building Inspection Updates
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Transportation Report
 - National Assessment of Educational Progress
 - Enrollment Updates
 - ESSR III Grant Updates
 - Test and Stay Updates
- f. School Committee reported on:

Discussion-Face Masks Policy – EBCFA.

Mr. Pedone opened the discussion on Face Masks Policy – EBCFA.

Ms. Breen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Quirk to remove Face Masks Policy – EBCFA.

VOTE 4-1-0

Mr. Pedone expressed the delivering of wearing a face mask should come from medical staff and governing bodies, not from a school committee.

Ms. Breen expressed that the mandates of face masks should also come from a governing body, not a school committee.

Ms. Hubbard expressed her concern for the younger students should there be no direction or mandates in place for school wide face mask wearing.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

VOTE 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary