

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 13, 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. Quirk to accept the minutes of the September 8, 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: Mikayla Greige, Joniel Bonefont, and Madeline Lindberg.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Abby Rickert reported on:

- Student Council
  - Homecoming Week Updates
  - Trick or Treating for Cans Event updates
    - Door to door collections - October 30<sup>th</sup>
- NHS – Community service hours updates
- NAHS Updates
- Wellness- Meeting time updates
- Interact – Committee member updates
  - Meeting time updates
  - Community service hours updates
- GSA- Awareness Week and Days Work
  - GSA field trip update
  - Community service hours updates
- Tri-M- election updates

- International Thespian Society
  - Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre – October 29<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm
  - M/HS Production “Harvey” – November 19<sup>th</sup> + 20<sup>th</sup>
- Yearbook updates
- E-Sports Club updates
- A Capella Club updates
- DECA – First Meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 am
- Fall Sports updates

#### 4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

#### 5. Highlight on Schools: District MCAS Results – Mr. Meagher

Mr. Meagher presented the Spring 2021 MCAS Report along with the Spring 2021 MCAS results for the West Boylston Public School District.

#### 6. Community Input - None

#### 7. Warrants

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated September 13, 2021 and September 27, 2021.

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

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payroll warrant dated September 17, 2021 and October 1, 2021.

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

#### 8. Subcommittee Report

- Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli shared with the school committee that the subcommittee discussed prioritizing capital needs. A report will be presented to the School Committee in November.

#### 9. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
  - Updates on student assessments
  - Students reviewing school expectations
  - World Wide Smile Day Celebration
  - Field trip updates
  - Open House updates
  - Professional Development – October 8, 2021
    - Big Ideas, DIBELS and Fountas and Pinnell
  - Picture Retakes – October 22, 2021
  - Bus Evacuation – October 28, 2021
  - Halloween Parade – October 29, 2021 @ 1:30 – 2:30
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - Homecoming week – September 27<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conference updates

- Report Cards Grades 6-12 – November 12, 2021
  - Washington DC – Information Night October 28, 2021 @ 6pm
  - MCAS mailing updates
  - School Scheduling updates
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: None
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- September Expense Summary
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- FY22 grants updates
  - Test and Stay updates
  - Air quality updates
  - Colliers building assessment updates
- f. School Committee reported on:
- Annual Notice of Conflict of Law Education Requirements

Mr. Pedone presented the Superintendents Evaluation.

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the Superintendents Evaluation.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

10. Adjournment

Ms. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt  
Recording Secretary