

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, December 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 6:58 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to accept the minutes of the November 10, 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: Henry Brown, Alicia Stone, and Sierra Paquette.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Helida Corra reported on:

- Student Council – Giving Tree updates
- NHS -Care Packet Event updates
- NAHS – Calendar Fundraiser update
- Wellness
  - Day of Change – December 9, 2021
  - Other volunteer event updates
- Interact – Community service updates
- GSA- Upcoming Event updates
- Tri-M- Election updates
- International Thespian Society- Fundraising planning
- Yearbook – Sales updates
- DECA – School Store update
- Fall Sports updates
- Winter Sports updates
- Class updates

#### 4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

#### 5. Highlight on Schools: Middle/High School: 2021 MCAS Overview – Mr. Chris Fournier

Mr. Fournier presented the Middle/High School 2021 MCAS Report results.

#### 6. Community Input - None

#### 7. Warrants

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated November 15, 2021 and December 6, 2021.

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

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payroll warrant dated November 12, 2021 and November 26, 2021.

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

#### 8. Subcommittee Report

Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli shared with the school committee that the subcommittee met and reviewed priorities of capital spending requests based off of the Colliers' report.

#### 9. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
  - Turkey Feast Collection Update
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade initiative – Soles 4 Souls; November 29<sup>th</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Holiday Concert updates
  - Professional Development updates
  - Holiday Spirt Week Events
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - Nature's Classroom Trip updates
    - Student/Teacher Assembly; December 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Winter Sports updates
  - Giving Tree updates
  - School play "Harvey" updates
  - Middle/High 2021-2022 District Improvement Plan
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
  - Tiered Focused Monitoring Review
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
  - Expense Summary November 2021
  - FY23 Budget Updates
  - Capital Planning Updates
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - COVID- 19 updates
    - Vaccination Clinic: December 16,17 and 18

- COVID Testing Updates
- School facilities updates
- Five year Strategic Planning process
- Snow Days updates
- MCAS Requirement updates
- District Wide Reports
  - Civil Rights Data Collection
  - Title I and Title II
  - Tiered Focus Monitoring Review

f. School Committee reported on:

Ms. Breen moved, Ms. Quirk seconded to appoint Mr. Ponticelli and Ms. Hubbard to the Strategic Planning Committee.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

10. Adjournment

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

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt  
Recording Secretary