

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 - 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 December 8, 2021 regular meeting.

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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: Elianna Serewicz, Edward Ricaurte, and Grace Quimby.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Maddie Lindberg reported on:

- Student Council
 - MASC Scrapbook Committee
 - Teacher holiday breakfast
- NHS -Care Packet Event updates
- NAHS
 - Calendar Fundraiser update
 - Paint Night updates
- Wellness
 - Collection for Interfaith Hospitality of Greater Worcester update
 - Finals Week Event
- Interact
 - Ugly Sweater Day - December 22nd
 - Hotel Grace Community Service update
- Tri-M-
 - Open Mic Night – February 4th
 - New York trip – April 20th

- Music Tutoring for WBHS
- International Thespian Society –Candy Gram Sales fundraising for Scholarship Fund
- GSA- Carnation Sales Event
- Yearbook – Sales updates
- DECA – Competition – January 26th
- Winter Sports updates
- Class updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

5. Highlight on Schools: Major Edwards Elementary School: 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan – Mr. Alex Audette

Mr. Audette presented the Major Edwards Elementary School 2021-2022 School Improvement Plan.

6. Community Input - None

7. Warrants

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated December 20, 2021 and January 10, 2022.

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Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payroll warrant dated December 10, 2021, December 23, 2021 and January 7, 2022.

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8. Subcommittee Report

Negotiations Subcommittee – Ms. Breen shared with the committee that the Negotiations Subcommittee met along with members of the West Boylston Teacher’s Union to review ground rules along with setting upcoming future dates to begin negotiations for the upcoming contract renewal.

Policy Subcommittee – Ms. Breen shared with the committee that the Policy Subcommittee met to review the current language in Policy IJNDB-Acceptable Use of Technology. The Policy Subcommittee feels future review and updating of wording may be needed.

9. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
 - Major Edwards holiday/ service project events updates
 - Reopening school update post the holidays
 - Professional Development; January 21st
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
 - Final exams Grades 8-12; January 18-20th
 - Report Cards; January 28th
 - Winter Sports updates
 - CTEI update
 - Tour for 8th Grade Students
 - Open House; March 26th
 - Open Mic Night; February 4th

- Science/Technology MCAS make-up exam; February 2nd and 3rd
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
- Tiered Focused Monitoring Review
 - April 4th – April 6th
 - ELL/Speech Cycle Review; April 6th
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Expense Summary December 2021
 - FY23 Budget Updates
 - Capital Planning Updates
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- COVID- 19 updates
 - COVID Testing Updates
 - Antigen Rapid Test Distribution; January 2nd
 - DESE/DPH Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios update
 - Building Staffing updates
 - Strategic Planning Committee
 - School Choice Applications; Open January 18th
 - Vocational School Chapter 74 Applications; Due by April 1st
 - School Messenger Login
 - School Calendar for 2022-2023 review at February 9th meeting
 - District Wide Reports
 - Civil Rights Data Collection
 - Title I; Title II; and Title IV
 - Tiered Focus Monitoring Review
 - Student Title Act
 - ELL Special Needs Act
- f. School Committee reported on:

Mr. Ponticelli shared with the committee the Vocational School acceptance has recently changed in Massachusetts starting in the fall of 2022. He expressed how West Boylston students have an additional opportunity to have another path open for them given West Boylston is a member with CTEI and not considered an outside town when applying which would put them on a waitlist.

Ms. Breen extended her appreciation to the administrative staff for coming in at the end of their holiday break and distributing out the COVID-19 test kits to staff due to the DESE update.

Mr. Pedone shared with the committee that the playground equipment has arrived at the West Boylston DPW. At this time the date of installation is still pending.

10. Adjournment

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary