

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, February 9, 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

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 January 12, 2022 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: Lucas Jodray, Natalie Ahern, and Chloe Bragg.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Cameron Breen reported on:

- Student Council -MASC Conference; March 12th
- NHS -Required hours updates for NHS
- NAHS
 - Calendar Fundraiser update
 - Paint Night updates
- Wellness
 - Fundraising Events
 - Garden Plans
- Interact
 - Valentines Goodies Bags / Snow Shoveling Event; February 10th
 - Valentines Meal Distribution Event; February 13th
 - Rise for Hunger; April 9th
- Tri-M
 - Open Mic Night; February Event will be rescheduled
 - New York trip – April 20th
 - Music Tutoring for WBHS

- GSA
 - Fundraising events updates
- International Thespian Society – Improv Night; March 4th
- Yearbook – Sales updates/ Business Ads/ Senior Pages
- DECA – Competition updates
- Winter Sports updates
- Class updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

5. Highlight on Schools: Social Emotional Supports for Students WBMHS – Deb Loss

Ms. Deb Loss and Ms. Debora Goodwill presented the Social Emotional Supports for Students.

6. Vote to approve FY23 School Calendar

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve FY23 School Calendar.

VOTE 5-0-0

7. Community Input – None

8. Announcement of the Public Hearing on FY23 Budget

Mr. Pedone made the announcement that the Public Hearing for the FY23 Budget will take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the West Boylston Middle/High School Media Center prior to the School Committee Meeting.

9. Warrants

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payables warrants dated January 24, 2022 and January 31, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payroll warrant dated January 21, 2022 and February 4, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

10. Subcommittee Reports

Negotiations Subcommittee – Mr. Pedone shared with the committee that the Negotiations Subcommittee met along with members of the West Boylston Teacher’s Union and at this time negotiations are going well. The committee and the union will meet again on February 15th.

Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli shared with the committee that the Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee met to review the current FY23 budget along with the list of capital needs. The committee will meet again in March.

10. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
 - At Home Testing updates

- Professional Development; January 21st
 - Choose Love Project
 - 100th Day of School; February 10th
 - Spirt Week Events
 - Read Across America
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
- At Home Testing updates
 - Winter Sports updates
 - Middle School Play - *Mary Poppins*; April 1- 2
 - College Planning Seminar; February 15th
 - Open Mic Night; Will be rescheduled
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina: Not present: Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Tiered Focused Monitoring Review Update
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand : Not present: report provided:
- Expense Summary January 2022
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Memorandum of Understanding with Leominster Public Schools
 - Curriculum updates
 - Indoor Air Quality
 - At-Home Testing Option
 - Mask Mandate update
 - Board of Health Vaccine Clinic; February 12th
- f. School Committee reported on:

Mr. Pedone was contacted by Tammy Bourque, the Assistant Coordinator of the West Boylston Coordinated Family & Community Engagement (CFCE) grant program. Ms. Bourque is requesting the West Boylston Public School Committee consider one member attend their meetings to become familiar with the resources the group can provide to children prior to entering a Kindergarten classroom. Mr. Pedone would like the committee to consider this prior to next meeting and move forward with a vote for a committee member to attend future meetings.

12. Adjournment

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

VOTE 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt
Recording Secretary