

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, May 11, 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
Christine Quirk

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Richard A. Meagher, Superintendent of Schools
David Lizotte, Assistant Principal, Middle/High School
Alex Audette, Principal, Major Edwards Elementary School
Roger E. Pontbriand Jr., Business Administrator

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. Breen to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 regular meeting.

VOTE 4-0-0

2. Student Recognition Awards: Major Edwards, Middle School, High School

Students from the Elementary and Middle School were recognized as Student of the Month: Alyssa Irula, Melina Lam, and Lucy Allen.

3. Student Advisory Council Representative Lucy Allen reported on:

- Student Council – Mother’s Day Plant Sale updates; CDMASC Spring Conference updates; Student Council election updates
- NHS – NHS election updates; NHS Induction Night-May 5th
- NAHS – Boston Trip to Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum-May 10th; Prom Committee decor updates
- Wellness Club – Refresh Day-May 20th
- Tri-M – Open Mic Night-May 6th
- International Thespian Society – International Thespian Society Induction-May 17th
- French and Spanish Honor Society – French and Spanish Honor Society Induction-April 27th
- Yearbook – Sales updates
- Sports – Spring Sports updates
- Class – Updates

4. Acknowledgement of Recording Secretary

5. Highlight on Schools: “Arts Festival” – Amanda Brainard

Ms. Brainard presented the West Boylston Public Schools “Arts Festival”.

6. Community Input

Neil Tupper-74 Congress Street, Fitchburg, MA- Spoke about the importance of the audio/visual of town productions and coordination. Mr. Tupper feels the current audio/visual equipment is being under-utilized and further expressed it is something that should be explored in the future.

7. Warrants

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to accept the payables warrants dated:

- April 25, 2022
- May 9, 2022

VOTE 4-0-0

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payroll warrants dated:

- April 15, 2022
- April 29, 2022

VOTE 4-0-0

8. Subcommittee Reports

Negotiations Subcommittee – Ms. Breen shared with the committee that the Negotiations Subcommittee met along with the members of the West Boylston Teacher’s Union and the West Boylston Paraprofessionals and the results were much “cleaner” documents as outdated language has been removed, and additional focus on providing clarity for various articles provided successful.

Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Pedone shared with the committee that the Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee discussion was to finalize the FY23 Budget of \$13,270,218.

Mr. Meagher requested a motion to approve the FY23 budget as presented with a town appropriation of \$13,270,218.

Mr. Ponticelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the FY23 budget as presented with a town appropriation of \$13,270,218.

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9. Communication and Reports

- a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
 - MCAS; grades 3-5 updates
 - Professional Development Days; May 6th and May 20th
 - Teacher Appreciation Week; May 2nd-May 6th
- b) Middle/High School Mr. Lizotte reported on: Mr. Fournier not present.
 - High School Play; *Seussical*: April 29th, 30th, and 31st
 - Spring Sports updates
 - National Honor Society Induction; May 5th
 - National Teacher Appreciation Week; May 2nd-May 6th
 - Open Mic Night; May 6th

- National College Acceptance – May 2nd
 - Class of 2022 Events
- c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: NONE
- d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- April 2022 Expense Report
- e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Strategic Planning
 - Worcester County Superintendent Association Scholar Recognition; April 13
 - Nomination for Volunteer of the Year
- f) School Committee reported on:

Mr. Pedone requested a motion to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement between The Leominster School Committee and The West Boylston School Committee” for the 2022-2023 school year.

Ms. Breen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement between The Leominster School Committee and The West Boylston School Committee” for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Mr. Pedone requested a motion to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement between The West Boylston School Committee and The West Boylston Teachers Association”.

Ms. Quirk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement between The West Boylston School Committee and The West Boylston Teachers Association”.

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10. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard A. Meagher
Superintendent