

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, June 8, 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 Middle/High School
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. Breen to accept the minutes of the May 11, 2022 regular meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the minutes of the June 3, 2022 special meeting.

VOTE 5-0-0

2. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

3. Highlight on Schools: Volunteer of the Year and Retiree Recognitions

Mr. Meagher recognized the 2021-2022 “Volunteer of the Year”, Stacy Thompson-Numbers.

Mr. Meagher recognized the following 2021-2022 West Boylston Public Schools, Tracey Frohock, Suzanne Gillman, Linda Guida, Laurene Nichols, and Debra Valcourt.

4. Presentation: 2022-2027 Strategic Plan Overview – Mr. Meagher

Mr. Meagher presented the West Boylston Public Schools 2022- 2027 Strategic Plan.

5. Community Input – None

6. Warrants

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

- May 23, 2022

VOTE 5-0-0

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

- May 13, 2022
- May 27, 2022
- June 10, 2022

VOTE 5-0-0

7. Appointment of representative to Keystone Collaborative Board of Directors for FY23.

Mr. Pedone requested the motion for a representative to the Keystone Collaborative Board of Directors for FY23.

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to appoint Mr. Meagher as the FY23 representative to the Keystone Collaborative Board of Directors.

VOTE 5-0-0

8. Vote to approve The West Boylston Teachers' Association Contract for 2022-2025.

Mr. Ponticelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to approve The West Boylston Teachers' Association Contract for 2022-2025.

VOTE 5-0-0

9. Vote to approve The West Boylston Paraprofessional Contract for 2022-2025.

Ms. Quirk made a motion, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve The West Boylston Paraprofessional Contract for 2022-2025.

VOTE 5-0-0

10. Vote to approve The West Boylston Cafeteria Employees contract for 2022-2025.

No motion made.

11. Vote to approve The West Boylston Custodial and Maintenance Contract for 2022-2025.

Ms. Breen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve The West Boylston Custodial and Maintenance Contract for 2022-2025.

VOTE 5-0-0

12. Vote to approve The West Boylston Secretarial Personnel Contract for 2022-2025.

No motion made.

13. Subcommittee Report

Negotiations Subcommittee – Ms. Breen shared with the committee that the Negotiations Subcommittee met along with the members of the West Boylston Teacher’s Union along with the West Boylston Paraprofessional Union. All meetings went well. Mr. Pedone shared during the meetings the contracts have been reviewed during the meetings and the language has been cleaned up.

14. Communication and Reports

a) Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:

- Update on Major Edwards Field Day
- Update on District wide Arts’ Festival, June 8th
- Kindergarten celebration – June 10th
- 5th Grade Celebration/Cook-out – June 14th (Make-up day June 16th)
- PTA, End of the Year event – June 16th

b) Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:

- Sincerely Seniors, May 27th
- Senior class trip to Six Flags, June 1
- Senior Night, June 2
- Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2022, June 3
- Grade 8 Move-up Ceremony, June 16th
- Varsity Girls’ Softball Team Playoff updates

c) Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:

- Tier Focus Review update

d) Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:

- May Expense Report
- Building Updates / Summer Project Updates
- Update on Middle/High School Driveway Project

e) Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:

- FY22 Federal Grants
- Contract Negotiations
- New Teacher Induction Program
- College and Program Acceptances for the Class of 2022

f) School Committee Reported on:

Mr. Ponticelli motioned, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to set the date for the August 2022 School Committee Retreat for August 25, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

Mr. Pedone requested School Committee members to review the 2022-2023 Targets prior to the August R

15. Executive Session: Non Union Contract Discussion

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to enter into executive session, not to return to open session.
A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Hubbard – Yes

Mr. Quirk – Yes

Ms. Breen – Yes

Ms. Ponticelli – Yes

Mr. Pedone – Yes

16. Adjournment

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to exit Executive Session and adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.
A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Hubbard – Yes

Ms. Quirk – Yes

Ms. Breen – Yes

Mr. Ponticelli – Yes

Mr. Pedone – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary