

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, September 14, 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

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 August 25, 2022 regular meeting.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

2. Approval of Warrants

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Quirk to accept the payables warrant dated September 6, 2022.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payroll warrant dated September 2, 2022.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

3. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

4. Highlight on Schools: Introduction of New Staff

Mr. Meagher introduced the new West Boylston Public Schools staff that was present at the School Committee meeting.

5. Community Input – None

6. Vote to approve contract for Richard Meagher for 2023-2026

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the contract for Richard Meagher for 2023-2026.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

7. Subcommittee Report

Policy Subcommittee – Ms. Breen shared with the committee that the Policy Subcommittee met to review the following West Boylston Public School District Policies: Acceptable Use of Technology, Student Absences and Excuses, and Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities.

8. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
  - Updates to start of the school year
  - Kindergarten Screening/Open House Updates
  - Professional Training Updates
  - Picture Day for Students-September 15, 2022
  - Picture Day Retakes – October 22, 2022
  - Open House (Grades 1-3) –September 21, 2022
  - Open House (Grades 4-5) – September 22, 2022
  
- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - Updates to start of the school year
  - Fall Sports Updates
  - Decennial Accreditation Visit – October 2, 2022-October 5, 2022
  - Middle School Magazine drive Updates
  - Foreign Language Department Trip Planning Ideas
  - Homecoming Week – September 19th-September 24th
  - Homecoming Decorating – September 23, 2022
  
- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: NONE
  
- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
  - July 2022, August 2022 Expense Summary Reports and Trial Balance Report
  - Facilities Updates
    - Major Edwards Fire System Updates
    - Boiler Updates
    - Major Edwards Bathroom Updates
  - Van Updates
  
- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Transportation Report
  - Enrollment Updates
  - Grant Updates

f. School Committee reported on:

- Vote to approve 2022-2023 School Committee Targets.

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to approve the 2022-2023 School Committee Targets.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

- First Reading Policy IJNDB – Acceptable Use of Technology.

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the first reading of Policy IJNDB – Acceptable Use of Technology.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

- First Reading Policy JEDB – Student Dismissal Procedure

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the first reading of Policy JEDB- Student Dismissal Procedure.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

- First Reading Policy JJ – Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the first reading of Policy JJ – Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Ms. Hubbard inquired on the update with Pride Park Playground and when the school would be able to use it again. Mr. Pedone, whom also sits on the Parks and Recreation Committee, shared there are currently grading issues at the site. There is also an issue with the current poured in place structure that was thought to have been able to be kept when rebuilding the playground to make it ADA compliant. In order to replace that item not only will there be an additional cost, it will take an additional 8-10 weeks for the main structure to arrive in town. Additional funding will be necessary to properly reconstruct the playground. Future work including properly regrading the land, securing financing, purchasing of equipment and manpower to properly restore the playground at ADA compliance will be the end goal that will prolong the completion of the project.

9. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt  
Recording Secretary