

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, December 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 Ms. Quirk by to accept the minutes of the November 9, 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: Rafalya Greige, Mikayla Greige, and Michael Fournier.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Ainsleigh Flanagan reported on:

- Student Council
 - Giving Tree Updates
 - Teacher Holiday Cards Updates
- NHS – Personal Care Drive Updates
- NAHS- Calendar Fundraiser Updates
- Wellness Club- Holiday Card Drive
 - Students sent cards to Veterans for the holidays
- Tri-M- Open Mic Event for Spring 2023
- Yearbook Updates
- DECA- State Competition/Conference – January 14th
- Fall Sports updates
 - West Boylston Football State Champions
 - Cheerleading Comp Updates
 - Boys and Girls Basketball Updates
- Class updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew

5. Highlight on Schools: Middle/High School: 2022 MCAS Overview – Mr. Chris Fournier

Mr. Fournier presented the Middle/High School 2022 MCAS overview.

6. Community Input - None

7. Warrants

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payables warrants dated November 14, 2022, and December 5, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payroll warrants dated November 25, 2022 and December 9, 2022.

VOTE 5-0-0

8. Subcommittee Report

Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli shared with the School Committee that the Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee reviewed preliminary capital improvements plans for 2023-2024 that were discussed at the December 14th meeting. Focus continued to be concentrated upon the steam boiler replacement at Major Edwards. Royal Steam provided an updated quote of \$255,000, a \$60,000 increase from their previous January 2022 quote. Various grants were also discussed as funding options.

9. Communication and Reports

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

- Turkey Feast Collection update
- Soles 4 Souls – November 28th to December 16th
- Professional Development Day – December 7th
 - Family Night Planning
 - Curriculum and Resource discussions
- Holiday Concerts
 - 4th and 5th Grade – December 21st @ 6pm at the Middle/High School
 - Grades K-3- December 20th (A-L @ 9:30) at Major Edwards Elementary
 - Grades K-3 – December 20th (M-Z @ 1:30) at Major Edwards Elementary

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

- Lions State Championship
 - Parade – Saturday, December 10th @ 10am
- High School schedule updates
- Middle/High School handbook updates
- “A Christmas Carol” updates
- Middle/High School 2022-2023 School Improvement Plan

c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: Not present.

- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
 - Expense Summary November 2022
 - FY24 Budget updates

- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
 - School Facilities updates
 - Enterprise Cleaning and Restoration Corporation
 - Boiler updates
 - Worcester County Superintendent's Association Meeting
 - Updates provided from Commissioner Riley
 - Tip Off Report
 - School Enrollment update
 - Middle/High School Attendance

- f. School Committee reported on: No report given

10. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

VOTE 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary