

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 - 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 Ms. Quirk by to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2023 regular meeting.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Ms. Breen moved, seconded Ms. Hubbard by to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2023 executive meeting.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

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

Students from the Major Edwards Elementary School and the Middle/High School were recognized as Student of the Month: Laura Campbell, Isabella Corra, and Shayla Nicholson.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Shannen Luksha reported on:

- Student Council
  - State Conference – March 8-10th
  - Student Council of Excellence Award update
- NHS – NHS Induction planning
- NAHS
  - Calendar sales updates
  - New member updates
- Wellness Club – Refresh Day updates
- Tri-M
  - New York Trip
  - Open Mic Night
- DECA – Regional Competition updates
- GSA – Carnation Fundraiser

- A-Capella Club – Fundraising event updates
- Winter Sports updates
- Class updates

#### 4. Acknowledgement of Recording Secretary

#### 5. Highlight on Schools: Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees – Mr. Riley

Mr. Riley shared with the School Committee the history behind the Athletic Hall of Fame along with the list of The West Boylston Middle/High School Induction Class of 2022.

#### 6. Presentation of the Lacrosse program in the Town of West Boylston- Annelle Benson

Ms. Benson presented the School Committee the outline of information the group had gathered on putting together a lacrosse program at West Boylston Middle/High School.

#### 7. Vote to approve FY24 School Calendar

Mr. Ponticelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Quirk to accept the FY24 School Calendar.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

#### 8. Community Input - None

#### 9. Announcement of Public Hearing on FY 24 Budget

Mr. Pedone made the announcement that the Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget will take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the West Boylston Middle/High School Media Center prior to the School Committee Meeting.

#### 10. Warrants

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to accept the payables warrant dated January 23, 2023.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to accept the payroll warrants dated January 20, 2023 and February 3, 2023.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

#### 8. Subcommittee Report

- Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee – Mr. Ponticelli shared with the committee that the Budget and Capital Planning Subcommittee met to review FY24 budget priorities/options and will meet again in March.

#### 10. Communication and Reports

- Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
  - Winter Assessments
  - Literacy Night – January 26th
  - Community Assembly – February 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Gratitude and Black History Month

- PTA Paint Night – February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (Pats Hall of Fame) – February 16<sup>th</sup>
- February Break – February 20<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup>
- Community Readers/Read Across America – March 3rd

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

- Semester updates
- High School Scheduling updates
- 2023-2024 school year scheduling updates
- MCAS make up testing updates
- Puerto Rico Trip updates
- Student Council Spring Dance
- Student Handbook updates

Vote to approve the 2023-2024 Middle/High School Schedule

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Mr. Ponticelli to approve the 2023-2024 Middle/High School Schedule.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

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

- Tiered Focus Monitoring updates
- Updates to the Special Education/Pupil Personnel Services Website

d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on: Not present.

- January 2023 Expense Report Shared

e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:

- School Choice Applications
  - Available online January 17<sup>th</sup> – March 31st
- Vocational School Chapter 74 Applications Forms
  - Submitted to Superintendent by April 3rd
- Internet Access updates
- Curriculum Updates
- 2023-2024 School Calendar
- School Cancellations
- Massachusetts State 911 Department

f. School Committee reported on: None

13. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m.

**VOTE 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary