

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES
Wednesday, March 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 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 Ms. Hubbard by to accept the minutes of the February 8, 2023 regular 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: Cooper Mulcahy, Carina Eshbaugh, and Holly Rivers.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council Member Isabel Hall reported on:

- Student Council
 - State Conference – March 8-10th
- NHS – NHS Induction planning
- NAHS – Making Spring Décor for Prom
- Wellness Club – Event Updates
- Tri-M
 - Open Mic Night – March 31st
 - New York Trip Updates
- DECA – Regional Competition updates
- GSA – Meeting Topic Updates
- A-Capella Club – Fundraising event updates
- Winter Sports updates
- Class updates

4. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew and Recording Secretary

5. Highlight on Schools: Major Edwards – Math Committee with STEM Night Overview

Ms. Kelly Connors, Ms. Caitlin Conway, and Ms. Rose DiBenedetto shared with the School Committee the work the Math Committee has been completing along with what will go on at the STEM Night on March 30th.

6. Community Input - None

7. School Choice Recommendations

Mr. Meagher presented his FY24 School Choice recommendations to the School Committee for each grade for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ms. Breen made a motion, seconded by Ms. Quirk to accept the 2023-2024 school choice recommendations presented.

VOTE 5-0-0

8. Vote to approve the FY24 School Calendar

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

VOTE 5-0-0

9. Warrants

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to accept the payables warrants dated February 13, 2023 and February 27, 2023.

VOTE 5-0-0

Ms. Quirk moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payroll warrants dated February 17, 2023 and March 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 and concerns prior to the Public Hearing.

10. Communication and Reports

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Audette reported on:
 - MCAS Schedule
 - Electrical Safety Assembly; Grades 4th and 5th
 - PTA Paint Nigh updates
 - Community Reading Day updates; March 3rd
 - Community Meeting Assembly updates

- b. Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
 - Middle/High School New Student Schedule for 2023-2024 school year update
 - Student Council Spring Dance; March 17th
 - Puerto Rico Trip updates
 - MASC Student Council Ambassadors Conference; March 8th-10th
 - NEASC Evaluation

- c. Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on:
 - Pre-K Registration update for 2023-2024 school year
 - Open House for Pre-K students; March 15th

- d. Business Administrator Mr. Pontbriand reported on: Not present.
 - February 2023 Expense Report Shared

- e. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:
 - Worcester County Superintendents Legislative Luncheon
 - FY23 Student Opportunity Act Progress Report
 - School Enrollment update

- f. School Committee reported on: None

13. Adjournment

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Quirk to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

VOTE 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Pratt, Recording Secretary