

WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 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  
Emily Lehman-Miller

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Richard A. Meagher, Superintendent of Schools  
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School  
Cristy Morrison, Business Administrator  
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ADMINISTRATORS NOT PRESENT

Alex Audette, Principal Elementary

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 October 11, 2023 regular meeting.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

2. Open Meeting Law Violation Response

School Committee members addressed the Open Meeting Law violations pertaining to the non-posting of a meeting on 10/12/23 and the accessibility of the building where the meetings are held.

3. Student Recognition Awards: Major Edwards and High School

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High School were recognized as Student of the Month: Demi Figueiredo, Grace Leonardo, Thalita Rocha and Hunter McNulty-Hochberg.

4. Student Advisory Council

Student Advisory Council Members Hunter McNulty-Hochberg and Annabelle Anand reported on:

- Interact Club - Veterans Day Breakfast
- GSA school calendar
- Acapella Club - senior citizens breakfast performance
- Student Council - Trick or Treat for Cans, Giving Tree
- Renewal of Past Events - Pictures with Santa, Play Comps

- After Thanksgiving - Create holiday/festive themed space in the Science wing area of the Middle/High School
- Sports - Soccer completed for the season, Winter sports registration starts 11/27/23, Girls' Cheer, Pre-season sports meeting, Sunday, 11/12/23 in the gym
- NHS - Personal care items drive, leaf raking for seniors, Veterans Day breakfast at Senior Center this Friday, Theater Department fall play - "She Kills Monsters"
- Theater arts program preview day at Mount Wachusett Community College
- Upcoming "Revolutionist" Play

#### 5. Acknowledgement of Camera Crew and Recording Secretary

#### 6. Highlight on Schools: Major Edwards: 2023 MCAS Overview - Alex Audette

Mr. Meagher stated if the School Committee members had any questions pertaining to Mr. Audette's 2023 MCAS Overview presentation, they could reach out to him individually.

#### 7. Community Input – None.

#### 8. Warrants

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Lehman-Miller to accept the payables warrants dated October 23, 2023 and November 6, 2023.

#### **VOTE 5-0-0**

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to accept the payroll warrant dated October 6, 2023 and October 27, 2023.

#### **VOTE 5-0-0**

#### 9. Communication and Reports

- Middle/High School Principal Mr. Fournier reported on:
  - New High School Schedule
  - Girls' soccer and football
  - Report cards issued November 13, 2023
  - Middle School fall costume dance sponsored by senior class
  - Grade 8 Washington, D.C. trip registration
  - Grade 6 Nature's Classroom
  - PSATs
  - Seniors applying for college admission
  - November 17 and 18 - High school drama club - "She Kills Monsters"
  - Middle School parent conferences November 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.
  - Professional Development - curriculum mapping and new IEP developed by DESE
  - Principal's School Council - Draft of school improvement plan
  - National Honor Society and Student Council - "Trick or Treating for Canned Goods"
  - Thanksgiving food drive
  - New Semester/Winter sports season
- Director of Special Education Ms. Traina reported on: None
- Business Administrator Ms. Morrison reported on:

- October Expense Summary
- Student Activity Deposit Form
- Extension of AA Transportation Contract

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Breen to approve the Student Activity Deposit Form with one change - adjusting “finance office” to say “business office.”

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Lehman-Miller to approve the 2 year extension for AA Transportation Contract, 2024-2026.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

d. Superintendent of Schools Mr. Meagher reported on:

- District attendance and enrollment
- Community Leader Coffee on October 19, 2023
- Massachusetts School Building Authority Virtual Seminar on November 14, 2023
- 18 Seniors chosen to receive the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship
- Budget timeline process
- 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan

Ms. Breen moved, seconded by Ms. Lehman-Miller to approve the 2023-2024 District Improvement Plan.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

e. School Committee reported on:

Mr. Ponticelli moved, seconded by Ms. Hubbard to approve the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Mr. Pedone stated he had demoed the hybrid/streaming system, but would need one more demonstration pertaining to the live stream/presentation feature before it could be voted on. The School Committee members agreed to move the vote to December.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Hubbard moved, seconded by Ms. Lehman-Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**VOTE 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Johnson  
Recording Secretary