

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Friday, August 22, 2014
Chocksett Inn, Sterling, MA

Ms. Breen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Breen
James Pedone, Jr.
Richard Shaw
Thais Frost

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent
Lawrence Murphy, Principal Middle/High School
Christopher LaBreck, Associate MS Principal
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Sherri Traina, Special Education Administrator
Melissa Wallace, Elementary Assistant Principal

1. School and Department Presentations

Larry Murphy reported that our NEASC accreditation is intact. The five year progress report is due this year.

Lion's Scholars will continue with two groups; Freshman and Sophomores.

Theme of the year is KINDNESS. Summer reading was focused on this theme.

Chris LaBreck reported on the STEAM program and provided the survey data from parents and students on the program. Chris updated the committee on what changes will happen to improve the STEAM program. Chris reported on the LA and Mathematics skills courses that were offered quarterly for students with NI and Warning on MCAS. Chris reported on the new mathematics program.

Rich Meagher reported on the status of instructional change at Major Edwards, the staff morale, climate, and community perception after one year in leadership. Rich presented an update on the Fountas and Pinnel benchmark assessment program. Surveyed the community mid-way through the year to seek their priorities. They wanted to re-staff the library, implement a new mathematics program and begin a full-day kindergarten program for all.

Sherri Traina presented an overview of the Out-of-District placement tuition and transportation costs.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to approve the Major Edwards Elementary School Handbook for 2014-2015.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to approve the Middle/High School Handbook for 2014-2015.

VOTE: 4-0-0

2. Safety Presentation

Dr. Schaper and Chief Dennis Minnich reviewed the Governor's School Safety Task Force Report.

3. Executive Session

Ms. Breen moved that the School Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and to return to open session only to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0-0

11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to adjourn the meeting at 2:48 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0