

# WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2014  
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Ms. Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Breen  
James Pedone, Jr.  
Richard Shaw  
Erin Palumbo  
Thais Frost

## ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent  
Lawrence Murphy, Principal Middle/High School  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal  
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator  
Sherri Traina, Special Education Administrator

## ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Christopher LaBreck, Associate MS Principal

## ALSO PRESENT

Molly O'Connor and Anthony Himmelberger – Student Advisory Council members, faculty, audience and press.

## 1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2014 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Sarah Kilcoyne, Heidi Holm and Sarah Anderson.

## 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advisory council members reported that the NHS Easter Seals Shootout was held and raised over \$500.00; National Art Honor Society is conducting a plate auction with donations going to the Melanoma Cancer Society, the art show & choral concert were held last week, Day for Change was held yesterday, and sports tryouts were held last week.

## 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS - MCAS Report - Major Edwards Elementary School

The Major Edwards Elementary School MCAS reported on English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science results. Presenters were Ms. Michelle Gangai, Ms. Denise Levesque and Ms. Diane Holmes.

## 5. COMMUNITY INPUT

Mr. David Gustafson read a letter addressed to the School Committee asking that they do not amend policy IKF regarding graduation. Ms. Carolyn Somma, Ms. Sheila Tetler, and Ms. Marie Caruso also made statements to support maintaining the policy.

Mrs. Palumbo motioned, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the amendment to Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements for second reading and adoption.

**VOTE: 0-5-0**

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to maintain current Policy IKF: Graduation Requirements.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

## 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget - No meeting, no report.
- b. Legislative - No meeting, no report.
- c. Communications - Ms. Palumbo indicated the district is still looking for parent volunteers with regard to the principal search committee.
- d. Negotiations - No meeting, no report.
- e. Policy – taken out of order with votes taken after community input
- f. Capital Projects/School Building - Mr. Pedone indicated the improvement project by ABM was still going on and in its final stages. Mr. Pontbriand stated that thermostats were still being adjusted a walk-through of both buildings would be conducted soon.

## 8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on the ESCO energy project work; PTA sponsored Holiday Shop and concerts are coming up.
- b. Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Murphy reported on the Thanksgiving football game, the High School play and the Lion's Scholar Academy trips.
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina reported on the upcoming Coordinated Program Review.
- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand reported that a new sign was installed and stated that the FY16 budget process had begun.

- e. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper reported on the High School Principal Search, the work of the data teams, professional development offerings in the district and safety planning.
- f. School Committee - Ms. Frost stated that this would be her last meeting. Ms. Breen stated that interested candidates to fill Ms. Frost's seat should submit a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. On January 21, 2015 the School Committee and Board of Selectmen will meet to appoint a new member. Ms. Breen thanked Major Edwards for work on the Spellathon, which tentatively raised \$9,100.00.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Ms. Frost to adjourn the meeting at 9:15.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary