

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, June 10, 2015
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
James Morrissey
Jada Morgan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent
Lawrence Murphy, Principal Middle/High School
Christopher LaBreck, Associate Middle School Principal
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT

Faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the minutes of the May 13, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. RECOGNITION OF RETIREES

Dr. Schaper presented awards and thanked retirees - Sheila Tetler, Marie Caruso and Lawrence Murphy.

3. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS - Volunteer Recognition

Ms. Jen Gadowski presented gifts and thanked volunteers for their help throughout the school year - Tammy and Paul Bourque, Becky O'Brien and Lisa Thompson.

4. COMMUNITY INPUT - None at this meeting.

5. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy - Ms. Breen indicated that language needed to be included in all Civil Rights documentation in addition to Policies GBA and JB. In policy JB all of the wording from Policy GBA, which is based on - race, color, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age or disability - those words will be added to Policy JB and will also be included in any other Civil Rights policies in our policy manual.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to accept the change of language on Policy GBA as well as Policy JB on first reading.

VOTE: 5-0-0

- b. Budget - Mr. Shaw stated the subcommittee met earlier in the day to discuss the revolving accounts. He they are still working on the revolving accounts, as the year is not over. Mr. Shaw indicated they hoped to get a meeting in over the course of the summer to make some adjustments in the budget.

6. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on end of year events.
- b. Middle School Associate Principal - Mr. LaBreck reported on the STEAM presentations and reported the date for the 8th grade celebration.
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina discussed the review of Special Education, Civil Rights and English Language Learners assessment.
- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand reported on the summer maintenance plan and inspections. Mr. Pontbriand provided a copy of the most recent budget report. He reported on heating and cooling adjustments that were made at Major Edwards.
- e. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper provided information on bills that are in the Massachusetts House. She reported on the grade 9 STEAM program, District Determined Measures, and staff surveys.
- f. Ms. Breen asked Dr. Schaper who is checking to make sure Assabet is accepting member town students before they take West Boylston students? Dr. Schaper indicated she had inquired at the State Department of Education and to the Office of Vocational Education, who reported that any issues that are suspected will be investigated. She also asked. Representative James O'Day also inquired and he was given the same information. Committee members requested more detailed information about teacher absences.
- g. School Committee members thanked Mr. Murphy and Mr. LaBreck for their work and service in the West Boylston schools. Ms. Breen welcomed Ms. Morgan as the newest School Committee member. The committee will meet for the August School Committee meeting on Friday, August 28, 2015.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary