

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, September 9, 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
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT

Molly O'Connor– Student Advisory Council member, faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the minutes of the August 28, 2015 special meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

Ms. Breen invited the newly hired staff to introduce themselves to the School Committee and members of the community.

3. COMMUNITY INPUT

None at this time.

4. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Molly O'Connor reported on the following:

- NHS first meeting - September 9, 2015
- First cancer walk - September 27, 2015
- AHS to hold first meeting - September 11, 2015

- Student Council orientation -August 26, 2015
- Homecoming week/dance
- Back to school assembly and sports updates.

5. HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

Mr. Richard Riley presented information relative to establishing a West Boylston Middle/High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the West Boylston Middle/High School Athletic Hall of Fame Proposal.

VOTE: 5-0-0

6. VOTE TO ENTER INTO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Dr. Schaper indicated that both the Teachers and Paraprofessionals have sent letters requesting to enter into collective bargaining.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to enter into collective bargaining with the West Boylston Teachers' Association.

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE TARGETS

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to approve the School Committee Targets for the 2015-2016 school year.

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. VOTE TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FLLAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to appoint Dr. Schaper as the representative to the FLLAC Board of Directors.

VOTE: 5-0-0

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Budget and Capital Projects - Nothing to report
- Legislative - Dr. Schaper asked the Committee to refer to the letters in their packet.
- Communications - Nothing to report
- Negotiations - Nothing to report
- Policy - Nothing to report

10. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on the first week of school. Open house is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2015.
- b. Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Fournier reported on the opening of school. Orientation for new staff was offered.
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina reported on the newly hired staff.
- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand reported on the August financial report. Mr. Pontbriand gave an update on summer work. Mr. Pontbriand presented a bill for vehicle purchases.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to award the 7 passenger bid to Ron Bouchard's Chrysler Dodge Ram of Fitchburg in the amount of \$60,762.12.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Mr. Bokankowitz gave a technology update on the work that was completed over the summer.

- e. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper reported on:
 - Hiring of new staff
 - 2015-2016 staffing plan
 - School Choice initial enrollment
 - Student Demographic Data
- f. School Committee - Nothing to report at this time.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pedone moved that the School Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and not to reconvene in Open Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Breen, yes
Pedone, yes
Shaw, yes
Morrissey, yes
Morgan, yes

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary