

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, October 14, 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
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School

ALSO PRESENT

Molly O'Connor, Joe Debonis – Student Advisory Council members, faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 5-0-0

2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Autumn Bella and Caitlin Smith.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Molly O'Connor and Joe Debonis reported on the following:

- NHS activities
- Flocking fund raiser
- Tri-M Music Society
- Middle/High School Open Mic Night
- Student Council Homecoming activities
- Blood Drive

4. COMMUNITY INPUT

Middle/High School teachers came to show their support for the new administration and the district.

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – District MCAS Report

Dr. Schaper presented District level results regarding the 2015 MCAS Report.

6. DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Dr. Schaper presented the District Improvement Plan.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the District Improvement Plan.

VOTE: 5-0-0

7. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Ms. Breen presented information regarding the evaluation of the superintendent.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to approve the superintendent's evaluation.

VOTE: 5-0-0

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget and Capital Projects - Mr. Pedone stated the subcommittee had discussed the auditing of student activity funds. He also indicated there were 8 policies needing corrective action and asked the Policy Subcommittee to review their report relative to these policies. Mr. Pedone indicated the three vans purchased by the district had arrived and will soon be operational.
- b. Legislative - Mr. Shaw stated the subcommittee had met earlier and Dr. Schaper shared the goal with regard to admission to vocational schools. Mr. Shaw stated that vocational schools are currently required to accept as many students from their own member towns first before accepting out-of-district students. Dr. Schaper suggested meeting with Representative O'Day and Senator Harriette Chandler to discuss this matter.
- c. Negotiations - Ms. Breen stated the subcommittee had met with members of the West Boylston Teachers' Association and union reps to begin discussions with regard to contract negotiations.

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on:
 - Writer's Workshop
 - PTA Book fair
 - Grade 5 Sturbridge Village Trip
- b. Middle/High School Principal - Dr. Schaper indicated that although Mr. Fournier was currently attending Nature's Classroom, the committee did have his report in their School Committee packet.
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina had nothing to report at this time.

- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
- Expenditure report – encumbrances
 - Completion of summer facilities projects
 - Corrections with regard to fire inspections
 - Update on 3 new vans purchased by the district
 - Adjustments needed on heating system at Major Edwards
- e. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper reported on:
- Data presented in School Committee packet
 - ALICE training for families at Major Edwards and the Middle/High School
 - Annual Indicator Report
- f. School Committee - Mr. Morrissey indicated that he and his family had participated in the Muddy Buddy event; Ms. Morgan had attended the same. Ms. Breen thanked the Beaman Memorial Library for all they do for the students in the district.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary