

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, December 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
Richard Shaw
James Pedone, Jr.
Jada Morgan

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

James Morrissey

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

Student advisory council member, faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan, to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 3-0-1

2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Bridget Wall, Kara Wattu and Matthew Lacaire.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student advisory council members, Abbey Brunzelle and Molly O'Connor, reported on:

- Girls and boys basketball scrimmages
- The school play – “Our Town”
- NAHS planning trip to NY in June and also Christmas plate auction
- Student Council delegates (16) chosen to go to Hyannis
- Christmas basket donations
- DECA competition
- Seniors planning outside graduation

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – District MCAS Report

Middle/High School Teachers – Jason DiSalle, Jeanne DeRosa and Leslie Garrison gave a presentation on the West Boylston Middle/High School MCAS results.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

6. VOTE TO ACCEPT GIFT OF CLASS OF 1965

The Middle/High School Athletic Director, Michael Bartkus, gave a presentation on behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Class gift of 1965.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the Class of 1965's gift to the Hall of Fame Committee.

VOTE: 4-0-0

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy - Ms. Breen indicated the Policy Subcommittee had met this evening to update the Section "I" policies from the policy manual, as recommended by the Mass Association of School Committees.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the Section I policies as presented for a 1st Reading.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- b. Communications – Ms. Morgan indicated the Communications Subcommittee had met this evening and had discussed creating a newsletter that will be sent out to families of the West Boylston Public School District after the first of the year. The Committee hopes to send out this newsletter twice a year.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Staff Professional Development
 - Spellathon completion
 - Work on computer room will begin soon
 - Band and chorus from Middle/High School performed for grades 4 and 5
 - Winter Concerts
- b. Middle/High School Principal – Christopher Fournier reported on:
- Parent information night – school safety
 - School safety meetings to be conducted for staff and students
 - Professional Development for teachers
 - Day for Change
 - Middle School dance after the ½ day of school
 - Student Jaelin Fleming to participate in Project 351 (community service project)
 - The play "Our Town" – great success
 - Middle School Art Show/Music Concert

- c. Director of Special Education – Sherri Traina indicated her department is now working on getting ready for their Coordinated Program Review.
- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand reported on:
 - Monthly expenditure report
 - Quotes have been received for the Major Edwards ceiling repair project and construction is due to begin this weekend by Cole Construction. Construction will begin over Christmas vacation.
 - Building deficiencies noted by the fire chief are being addressed
 - New electrical sign has been installed on the front of the Middle/High School
 - Capital Budget for FY17 is being worked on
 - Transportation - vans
 - Members of the school business administration, town officials and the Green Committee Group are working out ways to fund the completion of the ESCO project.
- e. Superintendent of Schools –
 - a. MCAS or PARCC vote

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to allow the district to take the PARCC test for English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8 in the spring of 2016.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- f. School Committee – Mr. Shaw stated the Rotary will host a senior breakfast this weekend. Mr. Pedone and Ms. Morgan stated how much they enjoyed the Hall of Fame presentation.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Breen moved that the School Committee enter into Executive Session to hear an employee grievance and not to reconvene in Open Session.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Shaw, yes**
- Pedone, yes**
- Breen, yes**
- Morgan, yes**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mrs. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary