

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, January 13, 2016  
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

Student advisory council members, faculty, audience and press.

### 1. MINUTES

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw, to accept the minutes of the December 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 – Riley Morgan, Victoria Castro and John Amaral.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student advisory council members, Molly O'Connor and Elizabeth Shaw, reported on:

- NHS Community Service hours
- NAHS New York City trip
- Holiday Plate Auction
- Student Council holiday baskets
- Student Council conference in Hyannis
- DECA Conference
- Varsity team sports
- Play Comps

### 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Mr. Tienhaara and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students presentation

Mr. Tienhaara and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students presented information regarding their desire to hold a fundraiser to raise money for cancer research.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to approve the “Dodging Cancer” fundraiser.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

6. VOTE TO APPROVE GRADE 8 FIELD TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Fournier presented information relative to this year’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to approve the grade 8 field trip to Washington D. C. on June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 10, 2016.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

7. BUDGET PLANNING: Public Hearing March 9, 2016

Dr. Schaper indicated the FY17 Budget would be available for public viewing in the Central Office, at 125 Crescent St., West Boylston on March 7 and March, 8, 2016.

Dr. Schaper also indicated the Public Hearing for the FY17 Budget would be held on March 9, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. before the March 9, 2016 regular School Committee Meeting.

8. VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR GENERAL STUDENT SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Pontbriand indicated the current general bus contract is due to expire on June 30, 2016 and he asked for permission to seek bids for a new contract.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to authorize the School District Administration to seek bids for general student school bus transportation.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy – Section “I” policies – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – Ms. Morgan asked for a motion to approve the Section I policies.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the Section I policies as presented for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and adoption.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

- b. Vote to Amend Policy JKAA – Physical Restraint.

Ms. Traina explained Policy JKAA.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to amend Policy JKAA – Physical Restraint.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

- c. Negotiations - Ms. Breen indicated the Negotiations Subcommittee had met on Monday night and was pleased with the way negotiations were going. She stated there would be more news at next month's School Committee meeting.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on:
- Computer Lab repairs
  - Preparation for PARCC exams
  - Vacation reading program
  - SRSD Writing Program
  - ALICE presentation for parents/guardians
- b. Middle/High School Principal – Christopher Fournier reported on:
- Exam week at the Middle/High School
  - After school pizza/movie for grades 6, 7 and 8
  - Middle school play rehearsals – *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*
  - Gr. 8 student Jaelin Fleming - participation in Project 351
  - Student Council March assembly on Cape Cod
  - DECA Competition
  - Math Team
  - Parent/Student informational evening – January 14, 2016 – overview of high school curriculum and co-curricular opportunities
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina updated the Committee on the Coordinated Program Review. Ms. Traina indicated a Press Release was posted regarding the review at the West Boylston Town Hall, Beaman Memorial Library, superintendent's office and at both schools.
- d. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand updated the Committee on the following:
- Monthly expenditure report
  - School choice report
  - Special Education transportation
  - School facilities report
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported:
- Science fair at Middle/High School – January 14, 2016
  - Science Curriculum Team Meetings
  - History and Social Studies Curriculum updates
  - Data teams provided with Edwin training
  - Professional Development Committee
  - FLLAC annual report and financial statement
  - 5 year strategic development plan
  - Newsletter for community to go out in February
- f. School Committee – Mr. Morrissey indicated that he had been on the School Committee for a year now and wanted to recognize the staff and students for their great work in the community.

## 11. 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