

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
Middle/High School Library-Media Center

Mr. Pedone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

James Pedone, Jr.  
Richard Shaw  
James Morrissey

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jennifer Breen  
Jada Morgan

### ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent  
Christopher Fournier, Principal Middle/High School  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal  
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

### ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT

Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator

### ALSO PRESENT

Student advisory council member – Molly O'Connor, faculty, audience and press.

### 1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2016 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

### 2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Kaylie Donaldson, Joanna Pano and Molly O'Connor.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student advisory council member Molly O'Connor reported on:

- NHS - Have a Heart Food Drive
- NAHS - Paint night, possibly late March or April
- NAHS – Planning New York trip
- Student Council blood drive
- Student Council Hyannis trip
- The Acapella Club – selling singing valentines

#### 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Kim Connor – Post Graduate Program

Ms. Traina introduced Kim Connor who serves as job coach for the Special Education Post Graduate Program, Christina Puleo, Executive Director of the YMCA, and Lianne Hanlon, special education teacher at the Middle/High School. Ms. Connor explained how the program prepares students for adult living after high school.

#### 5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

#### 6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget – Mr. Shaw indicated the Budget Subcommittee met this past Monday to go over the budget which is in the preliminary stages of development.
- b. Communications – Mr. Morrissey indicated the Communications Subcommittee met this evening to discuss the newsletter that is in progress for the winter semester. The newsletter will be distributed via mail to every town residence. It will be sent electronically to all emails on the school distribution list and posted on the school district website and social media sites.

#### 7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Dodgeball for Cancer Fundraiser
  - Literacy Night on February 25, 2016 from 6 – 7 p.m.
  - ALICE presentation for parents
  - Computer room
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
  - Parent conference scheduled for March 3, 2016 from 6 – 8 p.m.
  - Course recommendations for students in the fall are underway
  - Grades 9 & 10 –day trip to Boston is being planned
  - Grade 8 trip to Washington, D.C. update
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina indicated the Coordinated Program Review had begun.
- d. Business Administrator – Dr. Schaper reported on that the budget is 98.9% committed.
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported:
  - Attendance/suspension data
  - Science Curriculum team moved to Thursday, February 11, 2016
  - Signed memorandum of agreement for the paraprofessionals included in packet – School Committee to vote on this item next month.
  - Budget public session to be held prior to March 9, 2016 School Committee meeting at 6:15 p.m.. Budget books will available in the Superintendent’s office on March 7 and 8, 2016 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - PARCC spring testing schedules for both schools
  - 2016-2017 School Year Calendar draft
  - Strategic Plan update
  - School enrollment data
- f. School Committee – Mr. Shaw stated the Rotary gives out 4 scholarships every year and urged students to apply. He also stated that the Wachusett Chamber of Commerce has a business scholarship for which business students could apply.

Mr. Morrissey wanted to remind everyone that the original goal for the Dodgeball for Cancer Fundraiser was \$300 and they raised just over \$2,000. He congratulated all those involved.

Mr. Pedone stated the West Boylston Little League also offers two scholarships every year and urged students to apply.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary