

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 9, 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  
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal  
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

### ALSO PRESENT

Student advisory council members – Joe Debonis & Marissa Fortugno, faculty, audience and press.

### 1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2016 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

### 2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Kaitlin Flaherty, Nicholas Gour & Ashley Smith.

### 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student advisory council members Marissa Fortugno and Joe Debonis reported on:

- Student Council Hyannis Conference
- Student/Faculty basketball game
- NHS Induction
- NAHS paint night
- Annual play comps
- Cell Out – Fundraiser
- Varsity cheer
- Boys and Girls Varsity
- Track & field
- Tennis tryouts

#### 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – FISH – Wellness Club

Ms. Goodwill along with students Rain Dimen and Alea Ketchum spoke to the committee about the FISH (Friends Inspiring Student Health) program and the different initiatives they were working on.

#### 5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

#### 6. VOTE TO APPROVE – NAHS trip to New York

Student Council member Abbey Brunzelle asked the School Committee to approve the National Art Honor Society trip to New York.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to approve the NAHS trip to NY.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

#### 7. 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Schaper presented the draft of the 2016-2017 school year calendar to the committee. There was discussion as to whether or not to keep Friday, April 14, 2016 as a ½ day professional development day before April vacation.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the 2016-2017 School Year Calendar as presented.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

#### 8. SCHOOL CHOICE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Schaper presented her recommendations to the School Committee with regard to School Choice availability within the district.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept the School Choice recommendations as presented by Dr. Schaper for the 2016-2017 school year.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

#### 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy – consideration of Section J policies

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the Section J Policies for a first reading.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

- b. Negotiations – Mr. Morrissey stated that there were Memorandums of Understanding for the WBTA Teachers' Unit and the Paraprofessionals Unit within their packets. Mr. Morrissey indicated he was pleased with the way negotiations had occurred in an efficient and expeditious manner.

#### 10. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Major Edwards Elementary School Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:
  - Reading Across America Week
  - Curriculum Nights – April 12<sup>th</sup> (gr. 4-5) and April 14<sup>th</sup> (gr. K-3)

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- Can drive combined with PBIS assembly – Focus on Kindness
  - Books on CD to soften noise in cafeteria
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
- Monday, 3/14/16 at 6 p.m. – spring sports meeting for students/parents
  - MS dance on 3/19/16 – fundraiser for freshmen and sophomore classes
  - NHS induction ceremony – 3/15/16
  - Student Council conference in Hyannis
  - School testing, MCAS, PARCC
  - Freshmen/Sophomore trip to Boston
  - Gr. 8 Washington, D.C. trip
- c. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina presented a summary of the Coordinated Program Review process which ended in February.
- d. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand presented the monthly expenditure report to the School Committee and indicated the Bus Contract Bids were due on March 21, 2016 by 1 p.m.
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported:
- District sending 14 students to the Worcester Regional Science Fair at WPI
  - Science curriculum team has been working within the frameworks approved by the Board of Education in February
  - Thanked administrative team and central office staff for work on the West Boylston Public Schools winter newsletter
  - Presented an updated Capital Improvement Plan
- f. School Committee – Nothing to report.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary