

## WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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

### ALSO PRESENT

Student advisory council members – Molly O'Connor & Abbey Brunzelle, faculty, audience and press.

### 1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the March 9, 2016 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

### 2. MINUTES – FY17 Budget Hearing

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey, to accept the minutes of the FY17 Budget Hearing.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

### 3. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Olivia Latorre, Sophia Agbay and Taylor Royal.

### 4. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

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

- NHS Induction March 15<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Dinner
- NAHS Paint Night March 31<sup>st</sup>
- NAHS Induction May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Student Council selection of new officers
- Teacher appreciation gifts
- Planning assembly for the next Advisory
- Sports updates

- PAW production - “American Beauty”

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Grade 7- Mr. Palmer

Mr. Bruce Palmer, along with seventh grade students, gave a presentation on grade 7 programs and curriculum.

6. VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WBTA AND THE WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to accept the contract between the WBTA and the West Boylston School Committee for 2016-2019.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

7. VOTE TO ACCEPT THE SECRETARIAL CONTRACT FOR THE WEST BOYLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the contract between the secretarial contract the West Boylston School Committee for 2016-2019.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

8. COMMUNITY INPUT – None

9. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADHOC SUBCOMMITTEE TO EXPLORE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to establish an ADHoc subcommittee to explore Vocational School Membership Options.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

10. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget – Mr. Pedone reported that the budget subcommittee will bring a revised budget forward at the May meeting for a vote. Mr. Pedone indicated they had met with the Capital Improvement Board and requested support to purchase a new generator for the middle high school and funds to move an existing generator to the elementary school.
- b. Legislative – Mr. Pedone reported that Ms. Breen and Dr. Schaper would attend the “Day on the Hill” on April 26, 2016 to meet with Senator Harriet Chandler regarding vocational busing funding, enforcement of vocational regulations, and to advocate for West Boylston’s bids to become a member community with a vocational affiliation.
- c. Policy – Ms. Breen requested a vote for a second reading and adoption of the “J” policies.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to accept the J policies for a second reading and adoption.

**VOTE: 5-0-0**

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:  
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- March 31<sup>st</sup> new kindergarten families presentation
  - Open house/curriculum nights for grades 4 - 5 and Pre-K - 3
  - WestBEST book sale
  - PARCC testing plans
- b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:
- M/HS began 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
  - Senior events and activities
  - New Athletic Director – Justin Tienhaara
  - 5<sup>th</sup> annual In it to End it cancer walk fundraiser
  - May 9<sup>th</sup> guest speaker – Chris Herren on drug addiction
  - Grades 9 & 10 upcoming trip to Boston
  - Gr. 8 Washington, D.C. trip
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade move up celebration
- c. Director of Special Education – Ms. Traina indicated she had nothing to report.
- d. Business Administrator – Mr. Pontbriand presented information from the March 2016 expenditure report relative to maintenance costs and bus negotiations.
- e. Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Schaper reported:
- Teacher attendance
  - Hiring process for 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher
  - Adjusted budget information to come in May
  - Science team curriculum information
  - End of the year events
- f. School Committee – Ms. Breen indicated WestBEST recently voted to fund \$5,600.00 worth of grant requests in the district. WestBEST will also be holding its Mothers’ Day plant sale. Ms. Breen also indicated the Father Daughter Dance was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the PTA at Major Edwards has a general meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Ms. Morgan to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

**VOTE:           5-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary