

# WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, May 11, 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.  
James Morrissey

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Shaw  
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

Faculty, audience and press.

### 1. MINUTES – Regular Meeting

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

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

### 2. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS – Town/School Collaboration: Recognition of participating classes in St. Patrick’s Day Parade

On behalf of the West Boylston St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee, Dr. Michael Casey presented checks to the classes of 2018 and 2019 as a token of their appreciation for their contributions to the parade.

### 3. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized as Student of the Month – Rebecca Dorman Alice Mead and Amanda Baldi.

### 4. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Student Council - executive board officers elected
- NHS induction ceremony and senior dinner
- NAHS induction ceremony
- AP testing
- Performing Arts Workshop presentation of “American Beauty”
- Chris Herren presentation

5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

6. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Budget

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to approve the FY17 Budget in the amount of \$12,867,560 and asked the town to appropriate \$11,317,756 toward the budget.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

b. Communications – Mr. Morrissey indicated that the District Newsletter, which was sent to the community in February, was well received and the second newsletter would be published in June.

c. Policy

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the K policies upon first reading.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

d. Ad Hoc Committee for Vocational Education:

Ms. Breen reported that the members of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee are exploring options for vocational education for West Boylston. Mrs. Breen reported that the subcommittee visited the Leominster Center for Technical Education and Innovation. Subcommittee members discussed a potential partnership between the West Boylston Public School District and the Leominster Center for Technical Education.

7. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

a. Edwards Elementary Principal Mr. Meagher reported on:

- PARCC testing
- ALICE training
- Spring concert

b. Middle/High School Principal Christopher Fournier reported on:

- Senior events
- Science, technology and engineering testing – gr. 8
- PARCC testing – gr. 6-8
- College awareness
- NAHS induction ceremony
- Spring concerts/sports
- In It to End It – cancer walk fundraiser
- ALICE training
- Chris Herren speech

c. Director of Special Education – No report

d. Business Administrator –

- Dr. Schaper recommended that the committee award bid for general transportation to AA Transportation of Shrewsbury for a period of 3 years under Option B, which includes a fuel adjustment, should fuel prices go up.

- Transportation services would begin on July 1, 2016 and end on June 30, 2019. This would include an option to extend the contract term for 2 additional years at the discretion of the West Boylston Public Schools.

Mr. Morrissey moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the general school transportation bid.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

- The monthly expenditure report was presented.
- e. Superintendent of Schools reported:
- Student attendance
  - College acceptances for class of 2016
  - Middle School exploratory program
  - Requested authorization for school choice students in grades 6, 7 & 8

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the superintendent's school choice recommendation.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

- District Determined Measures
- f. School Committee – Ms. Breen indicated WestBEST recently raised about \$4,000 from the Mother's Day plant sale – selling over 800 plants.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

**VOTE: 3-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary