

# WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, January 14, 2015  
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  
Erin Palumbo

## ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent  
Lawrence Murphy, Principal Middle/High School  
Christopher LaBreck, Associate MS Principal  
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal  
Roger E. Pontbriand, Jr., Business Administrator  
Sherri Traina, Special Education Administrator

## ALSO PRESENT

Molly O'Connor and Joe Debonis – Student Advisory Council members, faculty, audience and press.

## 1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone, to accept the minutes of the December 10, 2014 regular meeting.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## 2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Nova Staruk, Meghan Holland and Lindsay Connor.

## 3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Advisory council members reported that the NHS will hold the Have a Heart Food Drive in February, Decca held a regular competition on January 12<sup>th</sup>, the girls' basketball team at West Boylston Middle/High School was selected as team of the week and the boys' basketball team went to Marlboro to volunteer at the Special Olympics games.

## 4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS - Middle/High School Technology in the Classroom

Ms. Erin Klemm gave a presentation on the use of Google Classroom at the Middle/High School.

## 5. COMMUNITY INPUT

None.

## 6. APPROVAL OF NAHS NEW YORK FIELD TRIP

Ms. Palumbo moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to approve the NAHS New York field trip on June 4, 2015.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

## 7. FLLAC ANNUAL REPORT

Dr. Schaper presented the FLLAC year-end report to the School Committee. Mr. Shaw asked to have FLLAC members come to a future School Committee meeting to explain what they do. Dr. Schaper indicated that she would ask members of the FLLAC Collaborative if that would be possible.

## 8. BUDGET PLANNING: Public Hearing March 11, 2015

Dr. Schaper indicated the Public Hearing regarding the FY16 Budget would be scheduled for March 11, 2015 and would be published in the newspaper a month before the meeting date.

## 9. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Negotiations - Ms. Palumbo stated that interest based bargaining had been discussed with regards to negotiations as opposed to the collective style of bargaining that has been used previously for the Teachers' Union.
- b. Policy - Ms. Breen indicated there were five (5) policies included in the School Committee packet that would be reviewed in anticipation of a first reading at next month's School Committee meeting.
- c. Capital Projects/School Building - Mr. Pedone stated the subcommittee had met today to discuss the ABM project. He indicated ABM would get back to the subcommittee regarding the heat and maintenance plan in place at Major Edwards Elementary School. Mr. Pedone also mentioned a Statement of Interest had been sent to the District by the state. Discussion ensued regarding a needs based analysis study.

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on ABM's efforts to regulate temperature and noise from the radiators, the Spellathon that raised approximately \$9,400.00 for the PTA and the WSRS teacher of the month - Ms. Pepi.
- b. Middle School Associate Principal - Mr. LaBreck thanked the 6<sup>th</sup> grade team, Ms. Spencer and students for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade information night which was held on January 13<sup>th</sup>. He stated that current 8<sup>th</sup> graders have received a letter stating that they have been selected to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).
- c. Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Murphy indicated he they were bringing back the Science Fair to the Middle/High School, TLA training continues, Mr. Mike Bartkus, Athletic Director received a letter of thanks from the Special Olympics complimenting coaches and students of the boys basketball team who volunteered and the Coffee House would be held on January 15, 2015 to support the Class of 2016.

- d. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina had nothing to report.
- e. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand indicated the monthly financial report using the new financial software was included in the School Committee packet.
- f. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper reported on:
- The ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) program dates had been set
  - Officer Jay Dugan will give a presentation on January 16, 2015 for the elementary school and on February 4, 2015 for the Middle/High School
  - Principal Search panel has been selected - additional info available on her blog website
  - A public hearing of the Foundation Budget Review Commission will be held on January 24, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Wachusett Regional High School
  - The Mass. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education's Working Group for Civic Learning - will hold a forum on January 22, 2015 - Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School
  - Professional Development
- g. School Committee - Mr. Pedone wanted to make the community aware of the West Boylston Little League Scholarships that are available. Ms. Breen indicated there would be a meeting on next Wednesday, January 21, 2015 with the Board of Selectmen along with the three candidates for the School Committee member position. A vote will be taken and a new committee member will be sworn in and will come to the February School Committee meeting.

#### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

**VOTE: 4-0-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary