

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, March 11, 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
Richard Shaw
James Pedone, Jr.
James Morrissey

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Erin Palumbo

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

Joe Debonis – Student Advisory Council member, faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the minutes of the February 11, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 3-1-0

2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – Joanna Pano, Payton Fletcher and Katherine McKeon.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council member Joe Debonis reported on - DECA state completion, Lions Scholar Academy and WPI Science Fair, Ski Club, Middle High School Year Book, NAHS and Youth Art Month and the NHS induction.

4. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS - Special Education partnership with FLLAC - Dr. Richard Murphy

Dr. Richard Murphy of FLLAC Collaborative presented information as to the services the collaborative provides.

5. COMMUNITY INPUT - None

6. 2015-2016 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Schaper presented the 2015-2016 School Calendar to the School Committee for approval.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the 2015-2016 School Calendar.

VOTE: 4-0-0

7. SCHOOL CHOICE RECOMMENDATION

Dr. Schaper presented the recommended School Choice numbers for each available grade

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to accept the School Choice Recommendation for the 2015-2016 school year.

VOTE: 4-0-0

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Budget - Mr. Shaw stated the FY16 Budget was presented prior to this meeting this evening and that a Budget Subcommittee meeting was held on Monday, March 9, 2015.
- b. Policy - Ms. Breen indicated revisions had been made to the policy pertaining to social media and personal accounts.

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to accept policies JH - Student Absences and Excuses, JII - Student Complaints and Grievances, JK - Student Conduct, JIC - Student Discipline and IJNDD - Policy on the Use of Personal Social Media Accounts by Staff Members as written.

VOTE: 4-0-0

9. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on Reading Across America Week including Community Reading Day, Fountas and Pinnell assessments, and a cans assembly for a food drive.
- b. Associate Middle School Principal - Mr. LaBreck stated the NAEP testing was completed and that the Students vs. Staff Basketball game was upcoming.
- c. Secondary Principal - Mr. Murphy indicated the NHS had inducted 12 new members, the football coach David Tinglof had resigned, TLA involvement continues and that he had a chance to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals Convention in San Diego, CA.
- d. Director of Special Education - Ms. Traina thanked Dr. Richard Murphy of FLLAC for the work they do and the services they provide to the West Boylston District.
- e. Business Administrator - Mr. Pontbriand stated the Town Accountant had suggested we open a petty cash account in the amount of \$100.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Morrissey to approve the petty cash account in the amount of \$100.

VOTE: 4-0-0

f. Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Schaper reported on:

- Snow days and the tentative last day of School for the 2014-2015 school year
- Request to change the 90 minute delay of school to a 2 hour delay for the 2015-2015 school year
- School Dude contract for Crisis Manager app
- Professional Development workshops on Vocabulary Instruction
- District review - DESE visit scheduled for week of 3/16/15 - 3/19/15

g. School Committee - Ms. Breen stated the WestBEST Father Daughter Dance was scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2015 and the theme would be a Hoe Down.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Palumbo to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary