

WEST BOYLSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting of Wednesday, May 13, 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

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

James Morrissey

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Elizabeth Schaper, Superintendent
Lawrence Murphy, Principal Middle/High School
Christopher LaBreck, Associate Middle School Principal
Richard Meagher, Elementary Principal
Sherri Traina, Director of Special Education

ALSO PRESENT

Joe Debonis and Marissa Fortugno – Student Advisory Council members; faculty, audience and press.

1. MINUTES

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Ms. Palumbo, to accept the minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular meeting.

VOTE: 3-1-0

2. STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARDS

Students from the Elementary and Middle/High Schools were recognized for their achievements – twins - Mary & Kara Wattu, Samantha Lawrence and Rebekah Lajeunesse.

3. STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Student Advisory Council members Joe Debonis and Marissa Fortugno reported on the following events - NHS Senior Dinner, NAHS Induction, Art Show, Prom Sports Scores, Student Council, Senior Dinner, Lions' Scholar Academy, STEAM Program, AP Testing and Senior Week.

4. COMMUNITY INPUT - None at this meeting.

5. HIGHLIGHT ON SCHOOLS - Major Edwards Elementary School - PTA

Ms. Kristina Pedone presented an overview of the PTA at Major Edwards Elementary School - information relative to enrichment programs, funding and volunteer opportunities, etc.

6. FLLAC VOTE - Wachusett Regional High School withdrawal

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mr. Pedone to accept the withdrawal of the Wachusett Regional High School from the FLLAC Collaborative effective July 1, 2015.

VOTE: 4-0-0

7. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Pedone moved, seconded by Mr. Shaw to approve the FY16 Budget of \$12,099,708.00 and ask the town to appropriate \$11,058.00 towards this budget.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- a. Legislative - Ms. Breen and Dr. Schaper attended the Massachusetts Association of School Committees' Day on the Hill meeting at the State House in Boston.
- b. Policy – A plan for the review and revision of the policy handbook was presented by Ms. Palumbo.

8. COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

- a. Edwards Elementary Principal - Mr. Meagher reported on MCAS testing.
- b. Middle School Associate Principal - Mr. LaBreck congratulated Christine Holland for her work as Ambassador of the 351 Project, and reported on MCAS testing, Washington D.C. trip, Middle School Band/Chorus Concert, informational night for Nature's Classroom, 5th grade transition night and the 8th grade celebration.

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Ms. Palumbo to approve the trip to Nature's Classroom scheduled for October 13, 2015 - October 16, 2015 in Ocean Park, Maine.

VOTE: 4-0-0

- c. Middle/High School Principal - Mr. Murphy reported that Mike Ross was hired He also reported on the art show and music concert, the National Arts Honor Society Induction, senior week information, and the 8th grade parent informational meeting scheduled for 5/19/15 at 6:30 p.m., Lions' Scholar's Academy and STEAM and In It to End It.
- d. Director of Special Education – No report
- e. Business Administrator – Budget update was presented. Mr. Shaw requested an update on the cafeteria revolving account.
- f. Superintendent of Schools -
 - Administration transition meeting was held on 5/13/15
 - The DESE will request public comment on the new science standards shortly.
 - Beginning in 2015-2016, all freshmen will take Physics in grade 9.

- A report on the data teams at the middle/high school and elementary school was presented.
 - A report on plans for Writing Professional Development at Major Edwards was presented.
 - Celebration of Teaching on 6/4/15 in the M/HS Library Media Center
 - David Lizotte was hired as Assistant Principal for the Middle/High School
 - Data Dashboard information was presented
- g. School Committee - Ms. Breen indicated there would be a Town Meeting held on Monday, 5/18/15 and encouraged all to attend. Town Election will be held on 6/2/15.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Pedone moved that the School Committee enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to return to open session only to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

	Breen, yes
	Pedone, yes
	Palumbo, yes
	Shaw, yes

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaw moved, seconded by Mrs. Palumbo to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

VOTE: 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Marie K. Johnson, Recording Secretary