

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Plymouth Public Schools is to challenge, inspire, and prepare all students for success in an ever-changing and complex world.

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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## MINUTES

Present: Mr. Melchionna, Mrs. Lucian, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Kulesa and Mrs. Johnson

Excused Absence: Mrs. Kremmel

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. The group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2017. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Ms. McCann, all in favor, motion passes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 18, 2017 and January 25, 2017. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Ms. McCann, all in favor, motion passes.

4. Superintendent's Update

Schools will be closed on February 9, 2017 due to snow.

Dr. Semmel shared some of the highlights from the Governor's proposed budget as it relates to education. He called on Mr. Penn, Business Manager who shared information on the ECS Grant. Dr. Semmel also stated that the state legislators are seeking to reduce unfunded mandates to school districts. However, there are legislatures that are introducing additional bills that would increase unfunded mandates. Urged individuals to contact their legislators. Both Dr. Semmel and several Board Members will be attending A Day on the Hill in March to confront our legislators.

Parent volunteers are needed for two committees in March. One committee would be for a Science Technology Engineering and Math or STEM the second is a Wellness Committee. Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum & Instruction will be a co-facilitator on both committees. Dr. Semmel will include more information in his monthly update.

The next brown bag lunch meeting with the Superintendent will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at central office.

5. Student Representatives

- Amy Ieronimo

- Basketball

- Boys' Basketball Record 6 – 9

- Girls' Basketball Record 3 – 14

- Both teams will play @Thomaston on Friday, February 10, 2017

- Indoor Track

- February 11 State Tournament @Floyd Little Athletic Center, Hillhouse High School, New Haven

- Wrestling

- February 11 Berkshire League Tournament

- Pep Rally

- February 3 Recognized winter sports

- Ryleigh Dring

- March 3 Blood Drive, hosted by the Red Cross and Student Council in the gymnasium at Terryville High School

- February 4 Leo's and KIM students attended the Annual Midwinter Conference

- February 8 The Booster Club will sell Butter Braids until March 10, 2017

- March 4 Friends of Music will be hosting a discount mattress sale in the gymnasium at the high school from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. For each mattress sold by any individual student, the student will receive a portion of the funds toward their upcoming trip to Canada.

- February 20-21 President's Day and Winter Break

On behalf of the students, Mrs. Radke, Assistant Principal, was recognized for pushing students to do their best, never giving up on any student, and that many students would not be where they are today had it not been for her support.

- Nora Samih

- Retail 101 Sponsored by the PTSA to fund Project After Grad. Seniors who volunteer to help at this event will be able to attend the After Grad Event free.

- February 10 Retail 101, 2:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- February 11 Retail 101, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- February 12 Retail 101, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- March 4 Pasta Supper @Chute Gates – 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. sponsored by the PTSA. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students.

- February 23 National Honor Society Annual Induction Ceremony in the auditorium at the high school beginning at 7:30 a.m. Students and new members will have a breakfast shortly after the ceremony.
- February 8 Senior Book Club and monthly movie.

The National Honor Society is holding Penny Wars Fundraiser, a competition between the upper and lower classmen. All proceeds support Little Britches Therapeutic Program.

Again, all of the students appreciate everything Mrs. Radke has done.

6. Presentations

(a) Ms. Hollii LaBarbera, Food Service Director

Ms. LaBarbera presented the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation updating the members on the school lunch program, its offerings and the reaction of the students and staff.

(b) Middle School STEM Program

Mrs. Parenti, Computer/Technology Teacher at the middle school and several students presented projects they have been working on throughout the year.

(c) Budget 2017 -2018

MOTION: To approve the Superintendent's Budget of \$24,598,353 for 2017 -2018. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, second Ms. McCann. Roll Vote: Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Lucian, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kuleas and the Chair all voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Bourbonniere vote against the motion. Vote 7 for, 1 against. Motion passes.

7. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

None

8. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires/Appointments

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Kristin Pawlicki

Tim King

Part-Time Paraprofessional

Substitute Paraprofessional

Plymouth Center School

Laurie Croiger

Susan Kolukisa

Kelly Boggio

Part-Time Paraprofessional

Tutor

Long Term Grad 4 Substitute



B. Resignations

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Janice Dean

Part-Time Speech/Language Pathologist

Terryville High School

Peter Veleas

Varsity Baseball Coach

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda, Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes.

At this time, Mrs. Johnson, Chair, Mrs. Kulesa, Vice-Chair and Ms. McCann, Secretary presented Mrs. Radke, Assistant Principal at Terryville High School a Certificate of Recognition for her many years of dedicated service to the students and Town of Plymouth. She was wished the best on her retirement.

Mrs. Radke expressed her love for her job and for the students. Recalling her many years of experience as a teacher in the district and her move to assistant principal.

RECESS: MOTION: To recess at 8:00 p.m. to recognize Mrs. Radke for her many years of service to the Plymouth School District and to the students of Plymouth and best wishes on her retirement. Motion Ms. McCann, second Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION: MOTION: To resume regular session at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Goodwin, seconded Mr. Melchionna, all in favor, motion passes.

9. New Business

A. Non-Lapsing Capital Expenditure Sinking Fund

MOTION: To approve the No-Lapsing Capital Expenditure Sinking Fund as presented. Motion Ms. McCann seconded Mrs. Kulesa. Roll Vote: Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Bourbonniere, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa, and the Chair all cast a vote in favor of the motion, motion passes,

B. Contract Renewals

MOTION: To renew the one-year shared services agreement with Region 6 and Litchfield for the Food Services Director. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Ms. McCann, all in favor, motion passes.

MOTION: To renew the three year renewal contract with AssetWorks for asset inventory and valuation. Motion Mr. Melchionna, seconded Mr. Goodwin, all in favor, motion passes.

C. Proposed Voluntary Early Retirement Incentive

MOTION: To authorize Mrs. Johnson, Board of Education Chair, to execute the Proposed Memorandum of Agreement with the teacher's union regarding a Voluntary Early Retirement Plan. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Orsini. Roll Vote: Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Lucian, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa and the Chair all cast a vote in favor of the motion. Mr. Bourbonnere voted against the motion. Vote 7 for, 1 against. Motion passes.

10. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Curriculum Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office.

B. Facilities Mr. Orsini, Chair

Due to a lack of a quorum, no business was conducted. However, mention was made of the roof at Plymouth Center School.

C. Finance Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

The Finance Subcommittee met at 6 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting, reviewed the accounts-by-facilities report for the month of January and will forward the same to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

D. Negotiations Ms. McCann, Chair

The Negotiations Subcommittee did not meet.

E. Personnel Mr. Goodwin, Chair

The Personnel Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting and all items were addressed under the consent agenda.

F. Policy Ms. McCann, Chair

There will be a Policy Subcommittee Meeting on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office. The subcommittee will begin reviewing Policy Series 4000, Personnel-Certified/Non Certified.

G. Safety/Transportation Mr. Orsini, Chair

The Safety/Transportation Subcommittee did not meet due to a lack of business.

11. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Linda Hotchkiss, 15 Curtiss Road – Commented on how pleasant Dr. Semmel's messages were and appreciates the Board Members and the volunteer work they do.

12. Board Liaisons to Schools

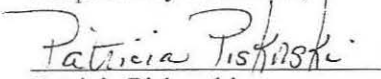
Mrs. Johnson -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
No Report – Meeting Cancelled

Mr. Melchionna Plymouth Center School  
No Report

<u>Ms. McCann</u> No Report	--	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
<u>Mrs. Kulesa</u> No Report February 15		Terryville High School  Next Meeting
<u>Mrs. Kremmel</u> February 16	--	SEPTA (Excused Absence) Next Meeting @ Eli Terry Jr. Middle School, Upper Level Library
<u>Mrs. Lucian</u> Meeting dealt with Professional Development for teachers	--	EdAdvance
<u>Mr. Goodwin</u> No Report	--	WAMOGO
<u>Mr. Bourbonniere</u> No Report	--	CABE

13. Board Comments  
Mrs. Johnson – Thank you to: Holli for a wonderful job; STEM, amazing presentation by the students; Amy we will miss you, congratulations and enjoy Florida, and Mrs. Johnson was pleased the budget was moved.
14. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.
15. Executive Session (to discuss a Personnel Matter: Superintendent's Annual Mid-Year Review)  
  
MOTION: To move into executive session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter, Superintendent's Annual Mid-Year Review inviting all the Board Members and the Superintendent. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Goodwin, all in favor, motion passes.  
  
MOTION: To resume regular session at 9:30 p.m. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Melchionna, all in favor, motion passes.
16. Adjournment  
MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Bourbonniere, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary