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# 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 SPECIAL MEETING RETREAT TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY 33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE TERRYVILLE, CT 06786 WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2019

### 6:00 P.M.

#### MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mr. Elsaghir, and Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani

Absent: Mrs. Kremmel

Also Present: Dr. Semmel, Superintendent of Schools

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

## 2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

## 3. Facilities Review Discussion

Dr. Semmel – NESDEC made the following presentations: Demographics, Facilities Options and Public Forum. Community Members and Parents made comments and shared information. The next reasonable step would be to have a retreat when the Board Members would be able to come together, have conversations of what they have heard and share their own thoughts on the topics.

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Four (4) questions were put together as part of the Facilities Review Discussion.

**Review Discussion** 

- 1. Review Previous Information
- 2. Discuss the 5 options presented by NESDEC.
  - (a) Are there options that should be eliminated?
    - (b) Why eliminate a specific option?
    - (c) Options that may need further investigation (needs to be specific).
- 3. Options not recommended by NESDEC.
- 4. Next steps after this meeting.

At this time, Dr. Semmel offered copies of the August Board Meeting Minutes and the Minutes from the Public Forum.

Since there were no comments or questions regarding the August Board Minutes, the group then moved to the Minutes from the Public Forum.

Mrs. Kulesa (comment) – Her feeling was there was not enough of a representation from the public at large at the Forum.

Mr. Bourbonniere (comment) - He was very disappointed regarding public attendance.

Noted: It seems that no one comes out to express an opinion until a decision is made.

#### SUMMARY

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The Board agreed to eliminate the following Options: Options 2, 3 and 4.

The Board agreed to keep the following Options 1 and 5 and identified additional information that they would like the Superintendent to gather to review at a future meeting.

The Board requested that the Superintendent, Board Chair and Mayor meet with the Superintendent, Board Chair and First Selectman of Thomaston to have an initial discussion about the possibility of regionalization between the two towns.

#### 4. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Motion Mr. Foote, seconded, Mr. Showers, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Piskorski

Recording Secretary Plymouth Board of Education