



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

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS & CENTRAL OFFICE
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786

VIRTUAL FOR PUBLIC – AUDIO ONLY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Seaman, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Mr. Foote,
Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel and Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani

Absent: Mrs. Johnson

Also Present: Mrs. Turner, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Aronheim, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services, Mr. Tencza, Business Manager, and Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology; Mrs. Loveland, Principal Harry S. Fisher Elementary School; Mrs. Holleran, Interim Principal, Plymouth Center School, Ms. Suffridge, Principal Eli Terry Jr. Middle School and Mr. Hults, Principal Terryville High School

1. **Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag**

Mr. Seaman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mr. Foote, second Mr. Showers, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

Erica Calvita
TERRYVILLE, CT
2021 FEB 22 AM 10:29
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE



3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2021.
Motion Mrs. Lucian, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 20, 2021.
Motion Mrs. Lucian, second Mrs. Kremmel, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 27, 2021.
Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, any discussion

MOTION: To entertain a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 2021 as amended:

Mr. Foote – 3.14%, Motion Mr. Foote, second Mr. Showers any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, Mrs. Kremmel Abstains, motion passes.

4. **Superintendent's Update**

Acknowledgement of Retirements:

Paula Allaben	Plymouth Center School	Grade 3	25 years
Carol Sieracki	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Library	
		Paraprofessional	26 years
Catherine Triarhos	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Kindergarten	36 years
Joan Zabek	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Kindergarten	33 years

Vaccination Update for School Personnel: Mrs. Turner indicated she has weekly meetings with the Department of Health and the Torrington Health District. Currently, the Governor has opened the eligibility window for individuals 65 and over. Carolyn Giannini, District Nurse Coordinator and VAMS Coordinator has uploaded those school personnel who are 65 and over into VAMS and has contacted them as well. If you have changed your mind and would now like to receive the vaccine, please contact Nurse Carol. Expected timeline for vaccinating all other school personnel may not be until March or April at this point.

Ms. Aronheim – Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services - Prek Lottery to open February 12th. If you have a child who is going to be 3 by the end of December, your child would be eligible for the district's PreK Program. One does not have to have any documents ready, just put the demographic information into the Lottery System. If accepted, you will be notified. Due date of March 9th to be accepted.



Mrs. Turner – Kindergarten registration to follow soon after the Prek Lottery.

Mr. Elsaghir – Did you say everyone would be vaccinated by March for all teachers that want it? I didn't hear all of it?

Mrs. Turner – So what we have been told, the timeline is 65 and over right now. What they are telling us is as far as all school personnel that are under 65, we would not expect them to start to be vaccinated until March, probably into April.

Mr. Seaman – One of the items we discussed with Nurse Carol and Mrs. Turner, if we are able to get the vaccinations secured, as soon as those teachers become eligible, we are going to try and vaccinate in house which will make it easy and simple and hopefully we can streamline the process and get this done as quickly as possible.

Mrs. Turner – It is school personnel. So everyone that works for the district is eligible.

5. **Student Representatives**

* Tyler Mendela

- * Doing a Social, Emotional Activity
- * Grant from Thomaston Savings Bank for TV Monitors (date, time, weather & announcements)
- * National Honor Society Induction – February 19th (parents to view a video recording at a later time.)

* Lilyana Ricardo – Absent

* Gena Buckley

- * Update on winter sports: Girls' & Boys' Basketball and Cheerleading have begun
- * Indoor Track & Field have been training
- * No wrestling this year
- * Berkshire League is not allowing spectators this season but live streams available for the public to watch games.
- * Game schedules are on the CIAC Website. Live stream link available by email on Monday.

6. **Public Comment** (limited to 3-minutes per speaker)

None



7. **Unfinished Business**

- 2021 – 2022 Budget

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the Budget for 2021 – 2022 in the amount of \$25,550,285.00, an increase of \$774,726.00 which represents an increase of 3.13% over last year's budget. Motion Mr. Foote, second Mrs. Kremmel, any discussion

Mr. Seaman – Working with the Board of Finance and Town Council, we are very early on in the process.

Mr. Seaman, Chair – Any discussion? With none being heard, we will do a ROLL CALL VOTE

Mr. Elsaghir - No Mrs. Kremmel - Yes Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani - Yes

Mr. Showers - Yes Mrs. Johnson - Absent Mr. Foote - Yes

Mrs. Kulesa - Yes Mrs. Lucian – Yes

7 votes have been cast. **6 yes and 1 opposed** Motion Carries

8. **Board Member/Committee Reports**

A. Finance/Operations - Matthew Tencza, School Business Manager

- Included in the packet are the following; Accounts by Facilities Report for January, 2021 and 3 different submissions: (1) Business Office Summary of Activities; (2) Board of Education Budget Summary January 2021 Report; and (3) Cumulative Total Board of Education Budget % by Month (Bar Graph – New format)

No Questions

- The Accounts by Facilities Report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

B. Personnel Report – Mrs. Turner, Interim Superintendent

Mrs. Lucian – Did you have an exit interview with the Tutor that resigned?

Mrs. Turner – I have not had any exit interviews.

Mrs. Lucian – Maybe it would be a good idea to have exit interviews when they leave?

Mrs. Turner – Yes, they are always offered. I have not had anyone make arrangements with me since I have been in this position.

Mrs. Lucian – Thank You



9. **Public Comment** (limited to 3-minutes per speaker)

None

10. **Board Liaison Reports**

Mr. Seaman -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

No Report

Mr. Elsaghir -- Plymouth Center School

- * Pasta Haven Fundraiser – February 19 to March 5 with pick up on March 16.
- * Inaudible Chocolate Fundraiser – waiting for more information
- * Spring Book Fair sometime in May – still deciding

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

- * Calendar Fundraiser completed
- * First 8th Grade Committee Meeting
 - a) Krispy Cream Doughnut Fundraiser
 - b) Fundraiser selling the window markers for graduation to write on their cars
 - c) Purchasing photos the day of graduation from whom the school is using. Every parent of a graduate gets a photo that day or sent home and a tee shirt for each child and possibly a swag tag.

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Booster Club

No Meeting but still planning on doing an awards ceremony. Financially in good shape.

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

Per Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – Charleston Gift Wrap Fundraiser – on-line
Looking for Donations
Still looking to do something for the seniors that are
graduating, but need to begin collecting money.

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA

No Report

Mrs. Kremmel -- CABE

No Report



Mrs. Johnson -- EdAdvance

Absent

Mr. Showers -- District Safety Committee

No Report

11. **Board Comments**

Mrs. Candrea-Floresciani – Congratulations to the retirees. Enjoy your new life.

Mr. Seaman – Thanked each and everyone one of the Board members for all of the work that they put in. It's not easy and most people do not realize that this is a volunteer position. We are elected to this spot and do not receive compensation. Especially during this time of the year, there is a lot of work. I appreciate everybody working for what they feel is the best for the children of this community.

12. **Next Board Meeting** –The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday March 10, 2021 at 7 p.m.

13. **Adjournment**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Piskorski

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Recording Secretary

Plymouth Board of Education