



PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL OFFICE

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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
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Absent: Mrs. Kulesa

Prior to the meeting being called to order and the pledge to the flag, Mrs. Johnson welcomed Mr. Orsini back after a short absence.

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. Kremmel, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 9, 2016. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Goodwin. Abstention from Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

4. Superintendent's Update

First and foremost, Dr. Semmel welcomed back Mr. Orsini.

School Closings & Delays: When a decision is made so close or delay school, announcements will be made on Facebook, major TV stations and Plymouth 16. Email and phone blasts will be sent to all parents. Decisions will be made no later than 5:45 a.m. but decisions are often made earlier. Just a reminder, through the budget process, the town decided to cut a staff member at Public Works. This, in turn, affected the number of routes being decreased from 9 to 8. Keep in mind, less man power may equal more delays and school closings.

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Trip to Italy Update: The flight scheduled to leave on April 7th was cancelled. However, Ms. Ritchie, working with WorldStrides, found flights for the evening of April 6th. There would be no extra cost for these flights and students will not miss any additional school. Ms. Ritchie was able to obtain an additional bus tour of Rome at no cost.

Budget 2017 – 2018: The first budget presentation will be at the Board of Education Meeting on January 11, 2017. Budget Workshops will be held on January 18, 2017, January 25, 2017 and, if necessary, February 1, 2017. All workshops are from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Board of Education.

Brown Bag Lunch – Next meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

CABE/CAPSS Convention – Two awards that were earned by the Plymouth Board of Education are: the Bonnie Carney Social Media Award which is presented to a district who effectively uses social media and the CABE Board of Distinction Award which was awarded because of the Board's high standards, dedication to students and team work.

Congratulations to Mrs. Lucian for being named to the CABE Board of Directors. Mr. Bourbonniere will be helping to assist Mrs. Lucian.

Holiday Break – Holiday Break this year will be from December 26, 2016 – Monday, January 2, 2017. There will be a full day of classes on December 23, 2016 and classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Mrs. Trinks – Provided a summary regarding Vision Screening which was extended to students in grades 1 – 8 with parental permission. Many thanks were extended to our nurses, the Lion's Club and Mr. Sandshaw.

Mrs. Parsons – PowerPoint presentation on Smarter Balance Assessment and a new way of monitoring growth.

5. Student Representatives

- Nora Samih
December 19 National Blood Drive
Band & Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Terryville High School

The National Honor Society is still collecting food for the Plymouth Food Pantry as well as accepting monetary donations.

The Freshman Class is selling canes in the spirit of Christmas for a class fundraiser.

- Ryleigh Dring

Commented on the departure of Mrs. Aiudi and welcoming of Mr. Perkins.

Sixty (60) students were inducted during the Leo Installation Night.

Harvest Pack Food Packaging which presented a great opportunity for the community to come together during the holidays and help those less fortunate around the world. 23,760 meals were packaged to be sent to Haiti.

Seniors have been submitting college applications and some have already received acceptance letters. An ongoing acceptance board is in the hall by the guidance office which the names of those students.

- Amy Ieronimo

Winter Sports

December 13

Terryville vs. Gilbert

Score: JV Girls' Basketball, 30 – 23 Win for Terryville

Score: Varsity Girls' Basketball, 16 – 55 Loss for Terryville

December 14

Wrestling, Terryville vs Notre-Dame, West Haven

Win for Terryville

December 20

Terryville vs Wamogo (Home) (Girls' Basketball)

Terryville vs Wamogo (Away) (Boys' Basketball)

Indoor Track meets to be announced.

6. Presentations

- a. Midyear Energy Update – Mr. Sandshaw presented a PowerPoint presentation of the Solar Profile from January 2016 – October 2016.

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

None

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires/Appointments

District

Sherrie Gemmell

District-Wide Library Media Specialist

Start Date: January 9, 2017

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Christopher Judd

Kristin Pawlicki

Jennifer Washbourne

Melanie Basil

Janet McFarland

Recess Monitor

40 day part-time paraprofessional (29.5 hrs)

Lunch Aide (never started)

Tutor (29.5 hrs)

Lunch Aide (Monday/Wednesday/Thursday)

Plymouth Center School

Marie Brewer

Part-time PreK paraprofessional (29.5 hrs)

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Christina Gundlach
Lynn Leavenworth

After School Math Academy Teacher
After School Math Academy Support Staff

Terryville High School

David Baldyga
Breeann Redman

JV Wrestling Coach
JV Girls' Basketball Coach

B. Resignations

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Stephanie Tramontanis
Jennifer Washbourne

Literacy Tutor, effective November 22, 2016
Lunch Aide, effective December 5, 2016

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Matthew Brintle
Kimberly Dumonski
Louis Zbuska

Baseball Coach, effective September 22, 2016
Softball Coach, effective October 31, 2016
Art Teacher, effective at the end of the 2016 –
2017 school year

Terryville High School

Amy Radke

Assistant Principal Terryville High School,
effective February 28, 2017

Christopher Perkins

JV Girls' Soccer Coach, effective November 22,
2016

Jessica Chamberland

Cafeteria Worker, effective December 1, 2016

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Melchionna. Motion passes.

Mrs. Johnson – There is a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. All in favor signifying by saying "Aye". Motion passes.

10. New Business

A. Price of School Breakfast

Elementary Schools	\$1.55
Middle School	\$1.55
High School	\$1.55

Mr. Penn, Business Manager recommended no changes in the price of the school breakfast.

B. Price of School Lunches

Elementary Schools	\$2.70
Middle School	\$3.00
High School	\$3.00

Mr. Penn, Business Manager, recommended no changes in the price of the school lunches.

11. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Curriculum Subcommittee discussed: (a) a review of Technology that is used in the classroom and (2) reviewed the curriculum work plan.

B. Facilities Mr. Orsini, Chair

The Facilities Subcommittee met on December 13, 2016 at 7 p.m. and discussed the following: (1) 2017 – 2018 repairs and related use of the sinking fund and (2) plaque honoring Tony Norton at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School.

The next scheduled meeting of the Facilities Subcommittee is Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the conference room at central office.

Mr. Penn – Note: There will be an item coming up for discussion which will be a formal request to use part of the sinking fund for the Board to decide on in January to forward on to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Bourbonniere – the plaque for Mr. Norton is privately funded and will not be funded by the Board of Education.

C. Finance Mr. Goodwin, Vice Chair

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on January 11, at 6 p.m. in the library.

D. Negotiations Ms. McCann, Chair

Due to a lack of business, the Negotiations Subcommittee did not meet in December. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Wednesday, January 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, Central Office.

E. Personnel Mr. Goodwin, Chair

The committee met at 6:30 in the library this evening. All items covered in the meeting were on the consent agenda. The next regularly scheduled Personnel Subcommittee Meeting is on the 11th of January in the library.

F. Policy Ms. McCann, Chair

The committee is still working on the Policy Series 3000. The next meeting is a Special Meeting because of the change of time from 6:30 to 5:30 but will still be held on Tuesday, December 20 in the conference room, Central Office.

G. Safety/Transportation Mr. Orsini, Chair

The Safety/Transportation Subcommittee did not meet on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 10th.

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

None

13. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mrs. Johnson -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School
December 9 Holiday School Store

The PTA Awarded mini grants to grades 2 and 4 for books to build classroom libraries.

Mike Caouette did a presentation for the 3rd graders on the Rocks and Minerals units. He will conduct lessons at each grade level to align with the science curriculum throughout the school year.

Mr. Melchionna -- Plymouth Center School
No report due to a Facilities Subcommittee Meeting on the same day.

Ms. McCann -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Students raised money and collected food for the local food pantry. If a student or staff member wanted to wear a hat or dress down on a particular day, they needed to bring in a food item. 174 lbs. of food along with \$500 was collected for the local food pantry.

There was a great turnout for the PTA Conferences. Parents brought forth some suggestions regarding the computer side and Ms. McCann will bring forth these changes to Mr. Trudeau.

Testing last week – Students to set their own goals before they began testing. At the middle school the students are held accountable with their test grades by sitting them down and explaining what their test scores mean, how to read them; they are taught about goal setting, they set their goals and go in prepared for their next round of testing. They get excited because they get instant results and they are able to see if they made their goal and if their goal was not made they need to see what needs to be done before the next round of testing.

Great turnout with respect to the program where students are brought in to learn what's available in the schools when they go from elementary to the middle school. One thing that keeps coming up is that it's felt that parents do not know what's available at the middle school, i.e. advanced classes and types of classes that are available. We need to know how to better market the middle school.

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School
Absent – No Report

Mrs. Kremmel -- SEPTA
December 15 Meeting at 7 p.m. Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Annual Pot Luck Supper
January 16, 2017 Open Gym Day – individuals who are interested in attending,
please contact Mrs. Kremmel or Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Lucian -- EdAdvance
No Report – Meeting Cancelled

Mr. Goodwin -- WAMOGO

No Report

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE

Meeting was at the CABE/CAPSS Convention on November 18 and 19. Those Board Members attending were: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Kremmel, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Lucian and Mr. Bourbonniere.

The Board received two awards which the Superintendent previously mentioned.

CABE will be having a retreat some in January with the date to be determined.

Mr. Borubonniere did some networking with other districts which he shared with Dr. Semmel.

14. Board Comments

Mrs. Johnson – Welcome Tony, glad you're back. Thank you to Marty Sandshaw, the nurses and the Lion's Club. It is fantastic that we are able to have a wider spread of students. Mrs. Johnson thanked them for all of their hard work. She thanked Mr. Sandshaw for his presentation and voiced how amazing as to how much we are saving. She wants the school community and families to know what a positive impact the panels have had. She thanked Mrs. Parsons for her presentation. The numbers look great.

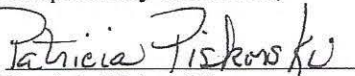
Best Wishes for a wonderful holiday.

15. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary