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PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Kremmel and Mr. Elsaghir

Also Present: Dr. Semmel, Superintendent, Mr. Penn, Business Manager, Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education and Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

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

2. Board Welcome

Secretary's Message

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion passes.

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 10, 2018 Motion Mrs. Lucian, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 24, 2018.
Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Presentations

- Budget
Dr. Semmel presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018- 2019 Budget.

MOTION: To approve the Superintendent's Budget of \$24,235,436 for 2018 – 2019.
Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian. Roll Vote: Mr. Foote, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Lucian, and Mrs. Kulesa, "yes". Mr. Bourbonniere and Mr. Elsaghir, "no". Motion passes 4 in favor, 2 against.

6. Superintendent's Update

- Mr. Penn is with us via Skype
- As of today's date, the last day of school is June 14, 2018
- Deadline for PreK applications is March 2, 2018 at 4 p.m. Parents will be notified on March 16, 2018 if their child was accepted or on a wait list.
- Governor Malloy's 1.163 million dollar proposed Education Cost Sharing Grant cut.

7. Student Representatives

Amy Ieronimo

- March 2 Blood Drive
- February 24 PTSA Fundraiser at Crabby Al's, Tickets are \$20, children ages 10 and under are free
- March 1 National Honor Society Induction & Breakfast
- February 20 End of Book Drive. Books will be donated to the town library. Larger service projects will be coming up during the spring
- March 15, 16 & 17 Spring Musical; Adult Tickets - \$10; Student Tickets - \$8; Tickets may be purchased at the door. Performance begins at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday

Brianna Hanlon

- Winter Sports – The Indoor Track Team participated in States last weekend with 2 athletes placing 4th and 5th in the 3200. One of the girls placed 10th in the high jump. Three athletes on the Wrestling Team placed in the Berkshire League. The team is preparing for States this weekend. The Girls' Basketball Team will be ending its season this week. The Boys' Basketball Team will be ending their season next week. They have the potential to qualify for States.

The Booster Club is the largest support group for our sports teams at Terryville High School. They will be hosting a Butter Braids Fundraiser until February 28, 2018.

A Winter Pep Rally was held on February 9, 2018 where students competed with staff members. The main event was on a basketball game with the senior boys and girls outscoring the staff.

The band is preparing for a big event on St. Patrick's Day. The band will march in New Haven on March 11, 2018.

The Friends of Music is hosting a Mattress Fundraiser on March 3, 2018 in the cafeteria at Terryville High School from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Diana Ieronimo

- Leo Club – Collecting for Support a Soldier Campaign; April 14, 2018 Annual Walk for Diabetes; Leo Club will be joining with the local Boy Scouts and hosting a pasta supper on March 10, 2018 at the Lyceum from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from a Leo member or Scout.
- SAT Prep sessions have begun and all of the students involved have taken the full SAT, reviewing skills, tips, tricks.
- The junior class is hosting a semi-formal winter ball on Friday, February 23, 2018. All monies raised will go towards class activities.

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

Peter Worhunsky, 19 Coral Drive, Terryville, CT – Suggested to the Board they consider delaying the vote on the Regular Bus Contract.

Brian Dunn – 19 Carriage Drive – Spoke against shared services with the Town of Plymouth

Melanie Church – 328 Main Street – Favors a qualified Business Manager and shared services with the Town of Plymouth; asked the Board to go back and revisit the budget; and suggested the Board consider merging with another district.

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. Consent Agenda – (See Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully stated herein.)

- A. New Hire(s)
- B. Childrearing Leave(s)
- B. Resignation(s)

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda, Mrs. Lucian, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

11. New Business

A. Out of District, Special Education Bus Contract

MOTION: To approve the Out-of-District, Special Education Bus Contract as presented.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa. Coming out of committee, this motion does not require a second.

ROLL VOTE: Mr. Bourbonniere, "no"; Mr. Foote, Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Lucian, Mrs. Kulesa, "yes". Motion passes "5" in favor, "1" against.

B. Regular Education Bus Contract

MOTION: To approve the Regular Education Bus Contract as presented.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa. Coming out of committee, this motion does not require a second.

Discussion: Dr. Semmel explained the law firm of Shipman & Goodwin reviewed the bids that were received for this contract. There was a concern that one of the bids did not meet the RFP, a major qualification, which is an equipment list. Shipman & Goodwin made it very clear that this bid should be disqualified. In our opinion and that of Shipman & Goodwin, there was only one bid that met the bid qualifications. The bid also met market price expectations.

The RFP's were due on a certain date and were opened in public. Board policy requires that an equipment list be attached to this bid. Shipment & Goodwin also indicated that there was no operating history for the bidder that was rejected. Therefore, the bid was treated as a non-responsive bid.

ROLL VOTE: Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel "no"; Mrs. Lucian and Mrs. Kulesa "yes" Motion fails. "2" in favor, "4" against.

Mr. Bourbonniere suggested tabling the motion in order for the entities to discuss this matter and possibly come up with a solution.

MOTION: To table the Regular Education Bus Contract for full discussion at the next meeting. Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, seconded Mr. Foote. ROLL VOTE: Mr. Elsaghir "no"; Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Lucian, Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Bourbonniere and Mr. Foote, "yes", Motion passes "5" in favor, "1" against.

MOTION: To approve the Shared Services Agreement for the Food Services Director as discussed at the Finance/Operations Subcommittee Meeting. Coming out of committee, this motion does not require a second. Motion Mrs. Kulesa ROLL VOTE: Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Lucian and Mrs. Kulesa. Motion passes "5" in favor, "0" against.

12. A. Finance/Operations - Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

1. The Finance/Operations Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting. The members reviewed the accounts by facilities report for the month of January and will forward the same to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

2. Transfers

MOTION: To approve the transfers as written. Motion Mrs. Kulesa. Coming out of committee this motion does not need a second. All in favor, motion passes.

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

Due to Mrs. Lucian's absence at the Student Achievement Subcommittee Meeting, Mr. Elsaghir, Vice-Chair presented a report.

The Student Achievement Committee met on February 1st and discussed nomination and election of Vice Chair. Mr. Elsaghir was elected Vice Chair. The committee reviewed the curriculum writing plan and curriculum policies and procedures. Questions were answered regarding process of the Board and their role in curriculum.

Mr. Bourbonniere indicated a typographical error in the spelling of Mrs. Parsons's name in the Student Achievement Subcommittee Minutes.

C. Policy – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

The Policy Subcommittee met on Thursday, January 25, 2018 and Thursday, February 1, 2018 in the conference room at central office and continued reviewing Policies Series 6000. The next meeting will be on February 22 and the committee will try to complete the review of the 6000's.

D. Negotiations – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

No Report

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

Pete Worhunsky, 19 Coral Drive
Commented on the Regular Education Bus Contract.

Dan Gentile, 269 Mt. Tobe Road, Plymouth
Commented on cell phones in the classroom

Chris Simo-Kinzer, 52 Old Farm Road
Commented on cell phones in the classroom and shared services of a Business Manager with the Town of Plymouth, indicating the individual should be an impartial person.

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street
Thanked the Board for tabling the Regular Education Bus Contract.

14. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mrs. Kremmel -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

No Report

Mrs. Lucian -- Plymouth Center School

February 17 Bowling from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. @Spare Time
March 6 Family Bingo from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
March 12 – 16 Bookfair

Mr. Elsaghir -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

No Report Meeting cancelled

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

February 7 Meeting, discussed Aftergrad Party & Fundraisers
February 24 Fundraiser at Crabby Al's (raffle; 50-50; Band;
Buffet - \$20/children 10 &
Under are free)

Donations are welcome for raffle prizes

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA

No Report

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE

No Report, however, Day on the Hill is on March 5, 2018.

15. Board Comments

Mr. Bourbonniere – commented on cell phones in schools and an editorial he read in the Hartford Courant written by a professor at Southern.

Mr. Foote – commented on cell phone use in the schools and how students use them as a tool for help and research.

Mrs. Kulesa – commented on cell phone use in the schools and she is not in support of them being taken away from students for an entire day.

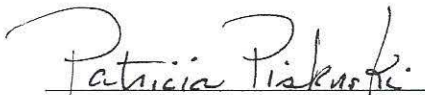
Mr. Johnson – commented on the use of cell phones in schools in light of what occurred in Florida; most interesting meeting; the Board to be updated prior to the next meeting with regard to the Regular Education Bus Contract.

16. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

17. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.


Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Piskorski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary

SCHEDULE A
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2018

NEW HIRE(S) TRANSFERS			
Leokadia Seeds	From: 29.5 hour per week Paraprofessional at Terryville High School	To: Full Time Paraprofessional at Terryville High School	
Kelly O'Reilly	Paraprofessional (29.5 hour per week)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School	
Alison Leighton	Speech & Language Pathologist (no more than 15 hour per week. Assignment is until the end of the school year)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School	
Brittany Rozum	Paraprofessional (15 hrs. per week)	Plymouth Center School	
Susan Kolukisa	Tutor (20 hours per week) at Plymouth Center School	Tutor (29.5 hours per week at Plymouth Center School)	
Kelly Boggio	Previously Substitute & Long Term Substitute in the Plymouth School District	Tutor (29.5 hours per week at Plymouth Center School)	
Christine Cordani	From: 19 hour per week Paraprofessional at THS	To: 29.5 hour per week paraprofessional at THS	
Tammie Membrino	From: 19 hour per week Paraprofessional at THS	To: 29.5 hour per week Paraprofessional at THS	
Vincent Gualtieri	Tutor (15 hour per week)	Terryville High School	
Thomas Lombardi	Maintenance	District	
Ronald Melnik	Interim Business Manager	District	
Childrearing Leaves(s)			
Samantha Layton	Science Teacher	Terryville High School	


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Resignation(s)			
Phillip Penn	Business Manager	District	
Gregory Theborge	Systems Specialist	District	
Christie Dragan	Paraprofessional (29.5 hour per week)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School	
Michelle Mulvehill	Tutor (29.5 hour per week w/ 1/2 hr. unpaid lunch.)	Plymouth Center School	
Ann LaMountain	Substitute Paraprofessional Pre-K (15 hours per week)	Plymouth Center School	
John Fitzherbert	Girls' Softball Coach	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	

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