

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.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 31, 2023
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
27 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT

Board of Education Members in Attendance: Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Richard Foote, Karen Kulesa, Patrick Perugino, Walter Seaman, Gregory Showers, Kelly Tilton, Louis Zbuska

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on Friday, March 31, 2023 was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman Seaman.

Pledge to the Flag

Chairman Seaman turned the meeting over to Attorney Stephen Sedor.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD HEARING PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 10-151*

Attorney Sedor asked all parties to identify themselves:

Attorney Sedor procedural advisor on behalf of the Board of Education; Richard Foote, Board of Education; Kelly Tilton, Board of Education; Gregory Showers, Board of Education; Tyler Balding, Maya Murphy, Attorney for the Teacher; Rebecca Holleran, Teacher; Richard Mills, Attorney Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Sarah Boxer, Attorney with Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Brian Falcone, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Zbuska, Board of Education; Patrick Perugino, Board of Education; Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Board of Education; Karen Kulesa, Board of Education and Chairman Walt Seaman, Board of Education

Attorney Sedor stated asked for any preliminary issues before proceeding; with none, he asked Attorney Balding for the next witness

Attorney Balding called Michael Brady.

Michael Brady was sworn in by Attorney Sedor.

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Attorney Mills cross examined the witness.

Attorney Mills showed document for identification, S8, to witness and attorneys. Attorney Mills questioned the witness on this document, retrieved copies of document and S8 removed from identification.

Attorney Mills continued cross examination, distributed documents that had been redacted for reference and marked by Attorney Sedor for identification only as S8 and continued cross examination after Mr. Brady had time to review. Attorney Mills moved admission of S8 with objection by Attorney Balding. Discussion held among attorneys. Attorney Sedor allowed in as S8 full exhibit and will allow Mr. Balding to allow as exhibit of own noting errors he feels exist. Attorney Boxer distributed copies to the Board and Attorney Mills continued cross examination.

Attorney Balding began re-direct examination of the witness and distributed documents to the witness and attorneys as identifiable purposes as T4. Attorney Mills objected as not fully redacted. Attorney Sedor stated will allow Attorney Balding to continue to ask the witness to authenticate and will redact that name. Attorney Balding continued questioning and offered notes as T4 subject to redaction on page 7. Discussion held among attorneys. Attorney Sedor stated T4 full exhibit with caveat that student name on page 7 shall be redacted. Attorney Balding distributed copies to the Board and continued questioning of the witness.

Attorney Mills proceeded with re-cross examination of the witness. With no further questions, Attorney Sedor excused the witness.

Attorney Sedor called for a 5-minute recess at 7:34 p.m. Session resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Attorney Balding called Ms. Holleran as his next witness. Rebecca Holleran was sworn in by Attorney Sedor.

Attorney Balding questioned the witness.

Attorney Balding distributed to attorneys and witness a document and identified by witness as a visual aid created by Rebecca Holleran showing year started in Plymouth of timeline of positions held. Attorney Balding offered as an exhibit; Attorney Sedor stated entered as T5. Discussion held. Attorney Balding distributed T5 to the Board and continued questioning the witness.

Attorney Sedor asked the Board to go in executive session.

MOTION: To go into executive session in order to discuss matters related to personally identifiable student or students within the Plymouth Public Schools and to possibly discuss and or review documents that are exempt from public disclosure per Connecticut General Statute 1-210 (b)17 by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Chair Seaman stated the Board is in executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Public session resumed at 9:33 p.m.

Attorney Mills began cross examination of Rebecca Holleran. Attorney Mills asked for executive session.

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 9:49 p.m. for the purposes as stated previously by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gudeczauskas Recording Secretary

Plymouth Board of Education