



PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL OFFICE
27 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CONNECTICUT 06786

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
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. The group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9, 2018. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, abstentions Mrs. Lucian and Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

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4. Presentations

* Out-of-State Field Trips

Terryville High School – Mr. Perkins

- (a) April 4, 2019 – Terryville High School Drama Club to
New York City, New York

MOTION: To approve the out-of-state field trip for the Terryville High School Drama Club for students in grades 9 – 12 to New York City, New York – Broadway and Times Square on April 4, 2019 to attend one of two workshops prior to seeing the Broadway Musical Production of Phantom of the Opera. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, any discussion, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

Terryville High School – Mrs. Erickson

- (b) April 9, 2020 – April 18, 2020 to Costa Rica (Students will have the opportunity to use the Spanish Language to communicate with locals, learn about the produce and agriculture and experience the natural wonders of Costa Rica. Students will explore the Costa Rican rainforest and participate in a variety of outdoor physical activities while learning about the nation's marvelous culture, history and "Pura Vida" lifestyle.

MOTION: To approve the out-of-state field trip for Terryville High School students in grades 10 – 12 World Language, Business, History Departments trip to Costa Rica beginning on April 9, 2020 – April 18, 2020.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, any discussion, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

- * High School Report - Mr. Hults, Principal Terryville High School

5. Superintendent's Update

- * Dr. Semmel thanked those individuals who presented at tonight's Board Meeting.
- * The final work on the Terryville High School Sidewalks will be hopefully completed by the end of October weather permitting.
- * Appreciates the support that the Board sees the wisdom of offering field trips to students.

6. Student Representatives

- * Diana Ieronimo

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| 10/20 | Leo's will be assisting the Lions at the Annual Halloween event at the Terryville Fair Grounds. Event will take place from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and is open to families and children in the community. |
| 10/22 – 26 | Red Ribbon Week. Emphasis will be placed on the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse in the community. |
| 10/25 | Roller Magic from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Financial Aid Night at 6 p.m. |

Fundraisers: Class of 2022 is selling Java Joe's Coffee and Fudge; PTSA is doing a mixed bag fundraiser; Class of 2019 is doing a Yankee Candle Fundraiser.

* Devin Girch

10/19 – 26 Spirit Week
10/19 Boys' & Girls' Soccer (vs) Thomaston (night game)
10/09 Cross Country Meet against Wamogo & North Western

Volleyball meet against Gilbert

* Taylor Greenwood

10/10 PSAT's
10/14 Suicide Prevention Walk at Rockwell Park at 11 a.m.
12/03 Homecoming, theme "Around the World"

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

Dan Gentile, 269 Mt. Tobe Road, Plymouth

Pleased that AP courses are recognized.

Unfunded Mandates – suggested the Board possibly form a committee

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

A. New Hires

B. Resignations

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel any discussion, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

9. New Business

A. Capital Improvement Plan

MOTION: From committee, to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as discussed at the Finance & Operations Subcommittee.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, (coming out of committee, this does not require a second) any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, Mr. Showers; any abstentions. Seven (7) in favor and One (1) opposed. Motion passes.

Note: The 2019 – 2020 list will be forward to Mr. Wiegert, member of the Capital Commission Group.

B. ED -099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs

MOTION: To approve the ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs and:

(1) to authorize the Superintendent to sign this agreement and to sign claims for reimbursement; and

(2) to authorize the School Business Manager, in the absence or incapacity of the Superintendent, to sign claims for reimbursement.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, discussion (Mr. Elsaghir and Mr. Showers), all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

10. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Finance/Operations - Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

1. The Finance/Operations Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting. The subcommittee reviewed:

* The Accounts-by-Facilities Report for the month of September 2018. This report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

2. Unspent Encumbrances

MOTION: Out of committee, to forward to the full Board for approval unspent encumbrances in the amount of \$46,686.75 to be deposited in our sinking fund.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa (coming out of committee this does not need a second) discussion (Mr. Bourbonniere) all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, so moved. ROLL VOTE: Mr. Showers, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mrs. Lucian, and Mrs. Kulesa, all voted in favor of the motion. Motion passes.

Dr. Semmel and Mr. Hendrickson will bring this request to the next Board of Finance Meeting and will keep the Board updated.

3. Discussion at Finance/Operations Subcommittee Meeting under the Personnel Report to hire an additional teacher for second grade at Plymouth Center School to alleviate the large class size. This was brought forward by one of the members of the Board as a motion and was seconded and voted on and we are bringing it forward to the full Board as a:

MOTION: To hire a second grade teacher at Plymouth Center School to alleviate class size. Motion Mrs. Kulesa (coming out of committee this does not require a second)

Discussion:

Mr. Bourbonniere informed the Board that he had made the motion due to his concerns as to what is happening at Plymouth Center with the second grade class with having 27 children in that class.

Mrs. Kulesa – Some of the concerns during committee were:

If a teacher were to be hired, the money would need to come from somewhere within our budget. It would need to come from other departments. The first grades also have large class sizes and if it were decided to hire a second grade teacher would this set a precedent. Potential of adding additional staff to the middle school. It was not discussed in committee what departments would be need to be cut to arrive at additional funds. She feels that the starting point would be at the budget for next year and voters should go out to support not cutting the Board of Education. If the vote was “yes” to hire an additional second grade teacher, Dr. Semmel indicated that the tutor would support the 1st grade teachers at Plymouth Center School.

Mrs. Kremmel & Dr. Semmel – Asked Dr. Semmel if any parents requested to send their child/children to Harry S. Fisher Elementary School and the answer was “no”. Dr. Semmel indicated that the Tutor position at Plymouth Center School may be filled shortly. Mrs. Collins was waiting for a response from the candidate. Question was asked if in the recent past have there been classes this large? Dr. Semmel indicated that in 2015 – 2016 there were classes of 29 and 28 at Fisher Elementary School in grade 3. As well, a few years ago there were other classes of 25 and 26 at Fisher in grade 4 or 5. This is only speaking of grades K-5. Middle School is also dealing with larger class sizes this year.

Mr. Foote – concerned if we do for one we must do for others. Just does not know where the funds would be coming from.

Mr. Elsaghir – He is all about parent choice. Sympathetic to the idea the parents were given a choice.

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – Understands parent choice, however, parents are used to the Plymouth Center School District.

Roll Vote: Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Showers, Mr. Foote all vote against the motion. Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mrs. Lucian and Mr. Bourbonniere all voted in favor of the motion. 3 for/5 against. Motion fails.

MOTION: To recess at 8:22 p.m. Motion Mrs. Lucian, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

At this time, Mr. Bourbonniere has exited from the meeting.

MOTION: To resume regular session at 8:29 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Regular Meeting of the Student Achievement Subcommittee on September 27, 2018 was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. However, the subcommittee held a Special Meeting on October 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office. The subcommittee discussed the following items:

(1) Foods Textbooks

MOTION: To approve the following textbooks for Foods 1, 2 and Vocational Foods as discussed at the Student Achievement Subcommittee Meeting on October 10, 2018.

(a) Foundations of Restaurant Management & Culinary Arts – Second Edition
Level 1 – Copyright 2018 by the National Restaurant Association Foundation.

(b) Foundations of Restaurant Management & Culinary Arts – Second Edition
Level 2 – Copyright 2018 by the National Restaurant Association Educational
Foundation.

Motion Mrs. Lucian (coming out of committee this does not require a second) any discussion, all in favor, opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

(2) New High School Courses for 2019 – 2020; (3) Update on Summer School Curriculum Work; (4) Back to School Professional Learning (5) End of the Year Summative Data and (6) SRBI.

C. Policy Subcommittee – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

No Report

D. Negotiations – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

An executive session will take place to review the contract between the Plymouth Board of Education and the Plymouth School Administrators' Association.

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

Chris Simo-Kinzer, 52 Old Farm Road

Addressed the class size at Plymouth Center School

If a parent chose to send their child/children to Harry S. Fisher, the district would be responsible for bussing those child (ren). However, there is no comparison between the elementary, middle and high school.

Kelly Accetura, 490 North Street

Thanked the Board for taking the time to hear her comments. Parents appreciate tonight's discussion and that the Board understands the large class size. Asked the Board to consider the possibility for hiring another Tutor since the option is not to hire another teacher.

Dan Gentile, 269 Mt. Tobe Road

Questioned how many special needs were in the grade 2 class at Plymouth Center. Generically speaking, if there were 3 special needs students in a class of 27, how would that work. Response: An IEP would be followed.

12. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mr. Showers (No Report) -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Mrs. Johnson – Book Fair coming up and opening day went well

Trunk or Treat at the middle school in the parking lot

Mr. Elsaghir -- Plymouth Center School
Meadow Farms Fundraiser
October Family Feast postponed
Discussion about considering doing more events with Fisher Elementary
Discussion regarding the issue of a grade 2 Tutor

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Town-wide Roller Skate Night – October 19th
Red Ribbon Week at the end of October
Trunk or Treat on October 26th at Plymouth Center School

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School
Sports Center has been contracted for the Aftergrad
Ongoing fundraising
Mr. Hult's Roos News every Thursday has linked through all of the fundraising

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA
10/17 – First Meeting of the year in the morning at the Lucky Club at 9:30 a.m.
10/25 – Meeting in the library at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School at 7 p.m. They will be celebrating their 15th Anniversary.

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABA

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- BOOSTER CLUB
10/19 – Town-wide Soccer Night – Thomaston v Terryville (Boys & Girls) Adults will be charged a fee to offset some of the costs.

13. Board Comments

Mrs. Kulesa – excited about the prospect of AP Computer Science

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – acknowledged Mrs. Kulesa's birthday. Thanked the parents for coming to the meeting.

Mrs. Johnson – Welcome back to Danny & Chris and to the parents for their input.

14. Executive Session (to discuss a personnel matter: (a) Contract for the PSAA (Plymouth School Administrators Association) with attached Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION: To move into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss personnel matter:
(a) Contract for the PSAA (Plymouth School Administrators Association) with attached Memorandum of Understanding inviting Dr. Semmel and Mr. Hendrickson.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion passes.

MOTION: To return to regular session at 9:16 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

15. Possible Action From Execution Session

MOTION: To approve the Contract for the PSAA (Plymouth School Administrators Association) along with the attached Memorandum of Understanding as submitted during our executive session.

Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded Mrs. Kulesa

ROLL VOTE: Mr. Showers, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mrs. Lucian, Mrs. Kulesa all voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Elsaghir voted against the motion.

Vote: 6 for; 1 opposed motion passes.

16. Next Board Meeting –The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday November 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

17. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 9:18 p.m. Motion Mr. Foote, seconded, Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary

SCHEDULE A
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 10, 2018

NEW HIRES				
Jason Taylor	Maintenance	District	Effective: October 1, 2018 Full Time	
Hayden Hiscock	Part-Time Night Custodian	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: October 1, 2018	
Christina Ahlman	Short Term Substitute Tutor	Plymouth Center School	Effective: September 24, 2018	
RESIGNATIONS				
Jennifer Coyle	Secretary/Receptionist	Central Office	Effective: September 24, 2018	
Ryan McAdoo	Paraprofessional	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: September 14, 2018	
Erica Lumbard	Recess Monitor	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: October 5, 2018	
Louise Scotti	Lunch Aide	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: October 2, 2018	
Heather Zoller	Recess Monitor	Plymouth Center School	Effective: October 16, 2018	
Dean Martin	Middle School Girls' Basketball Coach	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: September 14, 2018	