



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
SPECIAL MEETING
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786

IN PERSON MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Superintendent
2022 JAN 28 AM 9:58
PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Present: Mr. Seaman, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Mrs. Fusco, Mr. Foote and Mr. Zbuska

Absent: Mr. Perugino and Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, Acting Superintendent, Mrs. Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Melillo, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services, Mr. Tencza, Business Manager, Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology, Mrs. Loveland, Principal Harry S. Fisher Elementary School, Mrs. Worhunsy, Interim Principal Plymouth Center School, Ms. Suffridge, Principal Eli Terry Jr. Middle School, Mr. Hulst, Principal Terryville High School and Mr. Vigliotti, Assistant Principal Terryville High School.

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Seaman called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Showers, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions. Motion carries.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education of December 8, 2021. Motion Mr. Showers, second Ms. Fusco, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions (MRS. LUCIAN ABSTAINS). Motion carries.

4. Superintendent's Update

- 2022 – 2023 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation to the Board of Education

At this time both Mr. Falcone, Acting Superintendent and Mr. Tencza, Business manager reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation of the 2022 – 2023 Budget with the Board. Some of the highlights of the presentation were:

- 2022 – 2023 Budget & Board Goal Alignment
- Goal 1: Student Achievement Goal – Support all students in achieving their best possible learning outcomes.
- Goal 2: Engagement Goal – Engage students in the learning process by providing authentic learning experiences.
- Goal 3: Well-Being Goal – Create an environment and opportunities that support well-being for all students.
- Goal 4: Fiscal Oversight Goal – Align budgetary spending with District Goals and Strategies.
- 2022 – 2023 – Staffing Adjustments
- Impact on Individual Schools/District
 - Eliminated or Reassigned Positions
 - Proposed New Positions
- Budgetary History (2011 – 2012 thru 2021 – 2022)
- How Does Our Spending Compare?
- Board of Education 2021 – 2022 Budget Funding - \$24,552,027 – Town of Plymouth Allocated
 - BOE Taxpayer Funded - \$ 9,802,121.00
 - BOE State Grant Funded - \$14,749,906.00
 - \$24,552,027.00
- Budget Category – Drivers by Percentage
- Projected Enrollment
- Budget Development Next Steps
- 2022 – 2023 Budget Proposal

2022 – 2023 Budget Proposal

Current BOE Adopted Operating Budget	\$ 25,197,538.00
2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget Total	\$ 25,420,623.00
Increase From the 2021 – 2022 Budget	\$ 223,085.00 (0.88%)
Current Town of Plymouth Adopted Operating Budget	\$ 24,552,027.00
2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget Total	\$ 25,420,623.00
Increase from the 2021 – 2022 Budget	\$ 576,973.00 (2.35%)

Due to the absence of two of the Board Members, the Chair indicated the possibility of a 2nd Budget Workshop on Wednesday, February 2, 2022. More information regarding the Special Board Meeting will be forthcoming.

NOTE: Please visit our website at : www.plymouth.k12.ct.us to view a complete PowerPoint Presentation of the 2022 – 2023 Budget.

5. Public Comment (limited to 3-minutes per speaker.

None

6. New Business

- Out-of-State and Out of the Country Field Trips

As a remainder, Board Policy 6153 authorizes Brian Falcone, Acting Superintendent of Schools to cancel all Out-of-State and Out-of-the Country Field Trips to protect the safety and security of staff and students. The Board of Education assumes no responsibility for losses incurred by this decision. This is important due to decisions that need to be made with regard to our upcoming Costa Rica and Greece trips.

- Winter Break

MOTION: To entertain a motion to give the Acting Superintendent and the Board of Education Chair the authority to adjust the winter break to include a long weekend in March, if necessary (4-day weekend). Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions. Motion carries.

7. **Board Member/Committee Reports**

A. **Finance/Operations** - Mr. Tencza, Business Manager

- Included in the packet are the following: Accounts by Facilities Report for December, 2021; Food Service Financial Performance Year to Date (July 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021) and 3 different submissions; (1) Business Office Activity Report; (2) Board of Education Budget Summary through December; and (3) Cumulative Total Board of Education Budget % by Month.
- The Accounts by Facilities Reports will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

B. **Personnel Report** – Mr. Falcone, Acting Superintendent

Mr. Falcone reviewed the Personnel Report with the Board Members. This report indicates recent resignations of certified and non-certified staff.

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

None

9. **Board Liaison Reports**

Mr. Perugino -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School
Absent – No Report

Mr. Zbuska -- Plymouth Center School
No Report – No January Meeting.
However, he thanked Mr. Falcone for his report.

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Absent – No Report

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Booster Club
Absent – No Report

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School
No Meeting this month.
However, the group pushed out mailings for Donor Letters for the After Grad Party for the seniors in order for them to enjoy a safe, fun last night together. If anyone received a letter requesting a donation, please consider participating. Letters will be sent to local business and families who have participated in the past. However, if you have not donated before, please consider donating now. Your donation would be more than welcomed.

Mr. Perugino -- CABE
Absent – No Report

Mrs. Fusco -- EdAdvance
Report made by Mrs. Kulesa
There was a preliminary meeting introducing both old and new members alike explaining what a RESC is, how they support the districts with their area. There is a big push to recruit new members from districts that do not have representation and have not historically. Plymouth has always had very good representation over the course of the last 20 years.

Mr. Showers --- District Safety Committee
Next meeting is in April

10. **Board Comments**

Mrs. Lucian – commented on how appreciative she is of the presentation, the binder and how everything is color coordinated.

Mrs. Kulesa – commented on how she appreciates the hard work of all of the administrators and teachers who put together the budget. She realizes this is not an easy task nor is it fun. However, it is appreciated. Thank You

Mrs. Fusco – commented that she is looking forward into diving a little bit deeper into the budget. Feels a color printer is so important when one is reviewing data, test scores, etc. Charts, graphs, etc. in black and white are difficult when determining data. It seems that something that simple in the budget makes a big difference.

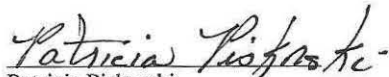
Mr. Seaman – commented he was very appreciative of the work that has gone into this budget, just in this presentation. He is in constant contact with Mr. Falcone, going back and forth with a variety of items. To Mr. Tencza, Mr. Seaman feels for the first time in a long time this Board has worked on placing key people in places here in the district. Cleaning up the budget and placing items in the proper category where they belong, basic accounting practices. He feels this is a well, but honest budget that has been put together in a very transparent budget. The Town and Board of Finance will be appreciative to this when they review and understand the budget. Thank you

11. **Next Board Meeting** –The next Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education is on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

12. **Adjournment** –

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second, Mr. Foote all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary for The
Plymouth Board of Education