



## 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, MAY 11, 2022

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

Present: Mr. Seaman, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mr. Perugino and Mr. Zbuska

Absent: Mrs. Fusco

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, 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

1. **Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag**

Mr. Seaman 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 entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mr. Foote, second Mr. Showers, 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 April 13, 2022. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

4. **Presentation**

\* Harry S. Fisher Elementary School will be showcasing culminating projects from the fifth graders across math and writing. A small group of students will be presenting budgets they have created for school uniforms to illustrate their application of addition and multiplication of decimals in the real world and a Ted Talk to illustrate Argument and Advocacy skills learned across reading and writing. – Mrs. Loveland, Principal Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

\* Paraeducator of the Year, Laurie Croiger, Plymouth Central School – Mrs. Melillo,  
Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services

5. **Recess**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to recess at 7:15 p.m. in recognition Paraeducator of the Year.  
Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino, all in favor, motion carries.

6. **Resume Regular Session**

MOTION: To resume regular session at 7:24 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion carries.

7. **Student Representatives**

Matthew Elwell    Excused Absence  
Rebecca Dorsey    Excused Absence  
Zachary Oemcke    Excused Absence

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

None

9. **Superintendent's Update**

- **Congratulations to the following 2022 Terryville High School students:**  
Matt Elwell – Essayist  
Katie Cook – Salutatorian  
Rebecca Dorsey – Valedictorian
- **Terryville High School Graduation**  
Graduation Date: Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. outside  
Rain Date: June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
If it rains on June 15<sup>th</sup> the graduation ceremony will take place at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Terryville High School
- **International Partnerships**
  - \* Cost effective opportunity for our high school students.
  - \* To Travel to the other side of the world.
  - \* Immerse themselves in cultural experience.(importance of student tuition to offset the cost for students to travel)  
  
\*Two possibilities: Singapore Seoul, Korea  
The contact from ACES is gathering additional information on a possible future partnership for the School district.
- **End of the Year Events were share with Board Members** – Mr. Falcone informed the Board he will be attending as many of these events as possible and if you would like to join him to please let him know.

10. **New Business** – Mr. Seaman, Chair, Board of Education

A. **Sinking Fund**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve utilizing an estimated \$200,000.00 from the Sinking Fund for the following projects:

1. Renovate the Family & Consumer Science Room and Technology Education Room at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School.
2. Repair stairs and sidewalks at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School, Plymouth Center School and Harry S. Fisher Elementary School.
3. Replace the Baseball and Softball Scoreboards at Terryville High School.
4. Paint the common areas at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School and Eli Terry Jr. Middle School and the cafeteria at Plymouth Center School.

Any monies not used from this allocation will be returned to the Sinking Fund upon completion of the above listed projects. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Foot, any discussion

Mr. Perugino – How much money is in the sinking fund?

Mr. Tencza – Currently, \$880,000. A chunk was put in last year as was discussed in previous meetings to offset any operational short fall for this year and next year. We are in a solid position.

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – What if we go over budget on any of the items?

Mr. Seaman – When the estimates are done, a contingency of 10% is built in. If it does go over, we can go back to the Board of Finance.

Mr. Tencza - \$200,000 request – some contingency was built in in anticipation of some cost overrun. This is why the motion read “any monies not used from this allocation will be returned” because it was anticipated. Estimates are coming in better as anticipated so we should be fine.

ROLL VOTE: Mr. Showers - Yes Mr. Foote - Yes

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – Yes Mr. Perugino - Yes Mr. Zbuska - Yes

Mrs. Lucian - Yes Mrs. Kulesa - Yes

7 - YES 0 - NO 0 - OPPOSED 0 - ABSTENTIONS motion carries

#### B. End of the Year Transfers

MOTION: To entertain a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to work with the Business Manager in order to make the necessary transfers and expenditures to close the books as of June 30, 2022 and to expend funds for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 and also to be able to utilize the budget 2021 – 2022 to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to expend those funds as needed until the August Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino any discussion,

AMENDMENT TO MOTION: To entertain a motion to correct the following “and also to be able to utilize the budget **2022 – 2023** to authorize the Superintendent and the Business Manager to expend those funds as needed until the August Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

Mr. Perugino – Has 97.4% been encumbered?

Mr. Tencza - 97.4% has either been encumbered or extended.

### 11. Board Member/Committee Reports

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

- Included in the packet are the following; Accounts by Facilities Report for April 2022 and 5 different submissions; (1) Business Office Activity Report; (2) Board of Education Budget Summary through April, 2022 Report; (3) Cumulative Total Board of Education Budget % by Month; (4) Food Service Report; and (5) Capital Improvement Plan 2021 - 2030.

Health Insurance Increase that came in much higher than what the State indicated it would be. He anticipated this will cause a short fall of \$150,000 for next year. However, in reviewing next year’s budget, with anticipated hiring practices, etc. he is comfortable this amount will be absorbed and we will be okay. Unanticipated from 8% to 10.5% change.

Mr. Perugino – Question on the Capital Improvement – Sand, paint and refinish high school.

Mr. Tencza – Preventative Maintenance schedule, this is when this should be done, hits the 20<sup>th</sup> year. We refinish them over the year @ winter break but this would be sanding, etc.

- The Accounts by Facilities Reports will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

B. Personnel Report – Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

Board Members were provided with an updated Personnel Report in their packets. There are a number of openings to fill for the 2022 – 2023 school year. As always, if any Board Members has a specific question(s) regarding the report, please contact Mr. Falcone.

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

None

13. Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Perugino -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
May 17, 2022 Next Scheduled Meeting @ 7 p.m.

Yearbooks are on sale

Field Trip T-Shirt Sales close Wednesday, May 11 in the evening

June 1 & 2 – Art Show (May 27<sup>th</sup> help is needed to set up)

Mr. Zbuska -- Plymouth Center School  
May 17, 2022 Next Scheduled Meeting

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Staff Appreciation Week

First Bingo – Sell out

Getting ready for all of the end of the year events

8<sup>th</sup> graders are selling yard signs – place your order as no extras are being ordered

May 26<sup>th</sup> – Scholarship Night (4 scholarships to be give out from the PTA)

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Booster Club

Scholarship Night

Car Wash – May 15<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Snow White Car Wash in Bristol (volunteers needed)

New Board Members needed – Elections are this month.

Looking for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents that will be freshman next year to join the Booster Club and students to help out.

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

PTSA is wrapping up the year and getting ready for the After Grad Party for the seniors for a safe fun night after they graduate. Please consider supporting them in any way. Parents urged to get involved, sign up and help.

Last major fundraiser was Mother's Day Flower Sale for the After Grad Party

Mr. Perugino -- CABE  
Flyer from CABE November 18 – 19 CABE/CAPSS Convention  
Showcase your talented Students Entry Form  
(Music, Theatre, Art Teachers and Club Advisors)

Mrs. Fusco -- EdAdvance  
Excused Absence

Mr. Showers --- District Safety Committee  
Next Meeting August, 2022

14. Board Comments

Mr. Foote – Impressed with Arbor Day Ceremony which took place two weeks ago.

Mrs. Kulesa – Thank you to all the student presenters. Very impressive they were able to speak in public. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Lucian – Thank you to the students and teachers for tonight's presentation and connecting the presentation with real life applications. Teacher proud and existed for her students.

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – Everyone had a great Staff Appreciation Week. District provided coffee and doughnuts. Staff excited over what the various school di this week. Students with public speaking – huge – especially at this age.

Mr. Perugino – Congratulations to the student presenters and Paraeducator of the Year from Plymouth Center School. Excited and happy about exploring the possibility of the International Partnership. He has been to Japan with his son and it is an experience to be had. If any help is need, please feel free to contact him.

Mr. Zbuska – Very impressed by the Math lesson that was given tonight. It made everything the students did make sense to why they did it. There should be more presentations like this one.

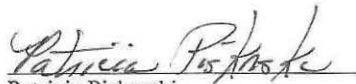
Mr. Seaman – Congratulations to the Paraeducator of the Year. Sometimes these individuals are the heroes of the school and get overlooked. Presentation was amazing. In his opinion we are headed in the right direction and doing the right things. We are not teaching on what to do but why we do what we do and that it be related to practical everyday life. He would like to see a lot more of presentations like tonight's.

15. Next Board Meeting –The next meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education will be a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second, Mr. Foote all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary  
Plymouth Board of Education