



# PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## 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  
OF THE  
PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RETREAT  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE  
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IN PERSON MEETING  
MASKS ARE REQUIRED

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

6:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, Acting Superintendent

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Falcone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The group jointed 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 passes.

3. Superintendent – (Review of Protocols and procedures for the Board of Education Meeting since it will be different from other Board of Education Meetings.)

(a) Protocols and Procedures

(1) Election of Officers

- Mr. Falcone will begin the Board of Education Meeting as currently there is no Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary.
- Following the Call to Order, Pledge to the Flag and Adoption of the Agenda, there will be a nomination and appointment of Temporary Chairperson.
- Upon appointment, the Temporary Chairperson will take over the meeting and there will be the official election of officers, Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary of the Board of Education.

(2) Board of Education Agenda – Due to an election of officers, the Agendas for the Special Board of Education Meeting and the Regular Board of Education Meeting were created by Mr. Falcone. Normally, each month the Superintendent and the Board Chair will collaborate to create the Board of Education Agenda.

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(3) Board of Education Packet – Each month Pat and I create a Board of Education Packet based on the Agenda. The packet is delivered to each Board Member the Friday prior to the Board of Education Meeting which allows Board Members to review what will be discussed.

Public Comment – On the Agenda, Public Comment appears twice. Comments are limited to two minutes each. As a Board, Board Members do not respond to Public Comment and questions are not answered at that time. It is very important for Board Members not to show any emotion during Public Comment. All individuals wishing to speak will sign in and Pat will take notes as to whom needs a response to their comment at a later date.

At this time, Mr. Falcone asked if any Board Member had questions.

Mr. Perugino – Public Comment, 2- minutes are allowed, however, is the individual allowed to return to rebut again?

Mr. Falcone – An individual has 2-minutes per public comment. An individual may only come up once during the first public comment but may speak again at the second public comment.

Mr. Seaman – If chosen as Chair, he will explain to the public re: Public Comment and he is doing so because there are new members on the Board who are not familiar with the process. He will explain individuals may come up to the podium if they have questions, however, questions will not be responded to. The Chair, whomever that may be, does not want to be condescending to the public especially tonight.

Mr. Falcone – Mr. Falcone explained, Officer Brody, the districts' SRO Officer, will be at the Board of Education Meeting all night just in case his presence is needed. There is currently one news outlet outside and there could be more, which is fine. Some news media have also called to ask how they could get a feed of the meeting. Some will take the feed right off of on-line and pop it on their news channels this evening.

Mrs. Kulesa – Mrs. Kulesa wanted to make the Board Members aware of the microphones, whether the members are being recorded or not just to be mindful they are active.

Mr. Seaman – He comment while at home after surgery and listening to a Board Meeting, he heard everything.

Mr. Falcone – With regards to texting, just for protocol, anything that happens during a Board Meeting can be FOI able. It is important that no one is texting and phones are not out. The only time a phone should be out is to check the time to begin the meeting, give Pat the correct time or for Public Comment. Other than that, no texting and phones should be put away.

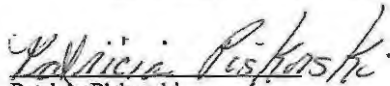
Mr. Showers – If anyone approaches a Board Member outside, he feels the response should be “No Comment”.

Mr. Falcone – Addressed the Board Members their response should be “No Comment” because they do not know anything, which is intentional. The point of contact for communication is the Superintendent. The press release he sent out is the only item he has shared with the media. He has refused to answer a number of their questions. He did this to protect the Board legally, to protect our school district and our town and himself. Information given out can be very dangerous if one is not careful. There is a lot of inaccurate information out in the public, if one begins speaking about that information and making accusations, as a Board Member you can be held personally liable. So, it is important that you know, as Board Members, you do not know about this information and why Mr. Falcone cannot share information with you.

Mr. Seaman – He feels the “No Comment” is a poor response. The response should be “The Superintendent is the point of contact for any and all information”.

#### 4. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 6:43p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.



Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary  
Plymouth Board of Education