

## 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, JANUARY 9, 2019

10 JAN 16 AM 9:33  
TOWN CLERK  
J. F. Johnson

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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

Absent: Mr. Foote

Also 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 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. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2018  
Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions  
MRS. LUCIAN abstains motion passes.

4. **Presentation(s)**

- Washington, D.C. Field Trip, November 10, 2019 – November 16, 2019

MOTION: To approve the out-of-state field trip for students in grades 9 - 12 at Terryville High School to Washington, D. C. from November 10, 2019 - November 16, 2019. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, any discussion, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

- 2019 – 2020 Superintendent's Proposed Budget Presentation to the Board of Education

Dr. Semmel presented a Power-Point presentation of the proposed 2019 – 2020 Budget. The presentation along with the accounts report will be posted on the District website. There will be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the Library at Terryville High School. The public is invited to attend. Dr. Semmel indicated he would be open for Board Members sending him any questions prior to the initial budget meeting.

<u>Time Line:</u> January 23	2 <sup>nd</sup> Budget Presentation, if needed
February 13	Adoption of the 2019 – 2020 Budget & Vote
February 15	2019 -2020 Budget to the Town
March (TBD)	Budget Presentation to the Board of Finance

Discussion:

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani – Increase of staff at the middle school; adding electives (cooking, sewing, and woodworking no longer exist), adding something more diverse rather than just placing a few kids here and there to make the classes smaller; and discussion regarding the Music teacher. Hiring a tutor vs hiring a certified teacher in Grade 2 at Plymouth Center School.

Mr. Bourbonniere – Justification of Dean of Students at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School vs Grade 2 certified teacher at Plymouth Center.

5. **Superintendent's Update**

- \* Retirement of the Principal at Plymouth Center School
- \* Retirement of Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services at the end of the school year
- \* The monthly update will invite interested parents to contact the superintendent if participating in the interview process.
- \* Dates have already been identified for interviews with Board Members

- \* Brown Bag Lunch, Wednesday, January 16, 2019. In attendance will be the school resource officer. The initial budget workshop will take place on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the library at Terryville High School for anyone interested in attending.
- \* CAFE Day on the Hill – March 20, 2019

## 6. Student Representatives

- \* Diana Ieronimo  
February 2                      Crabby Al Fundraiser – Unlimited Buffet, Raffles  
February 16                    Beginning of Mid-Terms  
January 31                      Class of 2022 Panera Fundraiser (Bristol) Proceeds  
to benefit the Freshman Class
- \* Taylor Greenwood  
  
January 29                      Fun Assembly with performances from the THS  
Band, Chorus and Staff  
Student/Parent AP Night @ 6 p.m.
- \* Devin Girch  
January 3                      Elective Fair for freshman and sophomores  
December 19                   Blood Drive with 29 pints of blood being donated  
January 11                      Thomaston v. Terryville Girls' Varsity is @ 5:30  
p.m. and Boys' Varsity is @ 7 p.m.  
  
Girls' Basketball    1 – 6  
Boys' Basketball    1 – 5  
Indoor Track, 3 individuals have already made States, Christopher and Kaitlin  
DeForest and Isabella Christiana  
Cheerleading has had an increase in participation this year

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

None

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

- A. New Hires
- B. Resignations/Retirement(s)

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

## 9. New Business

- A. The Orphan Grain Train

MOTION: To approve the desks, chairs and chalkboards at Prospect Street and Main Street Schools be donated to the Orphan Grain Train to be shipped overseas or to any impoverished

school within the United States that might be in need of them. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel all in favor, any discussion, any abstentions, motion passes.

**B. Return Prospect St. School to the Town of Plymouth**

**MOTION:** That the Plymouth Board of Education relinquish to the Town of Plymouth control over all of the buildings, land, apparatus and other property, including all athletic fields, located at the former site of the Prospect Street School, located at 12 Prospect Street, Terryville, Connecticut, effective January 9, 2019, in accordance with Section 10-220 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as such property is no longer being used for school purposes.

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

Discussion: Mr. Bourbonniere – Redundancy, since the property was previously relinquished. Concerned about incurring any costs regarding the athletic fields.

**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 December 2018. This report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

2. The Finance/Operations Subcommittee held a Special Meeting on December 17, 2018 to address a request to add an additional bus stop at North Harwinton and Preston Road in Terryville. Following the presentation of both parties, the subcommittee decided to support the Board of Education's decision to keep the bus stop where it is.

3. Mr. Hendrickson, Business Manager, reviewed the Facilities Study Request for Proposals with the Finance/Operations Subcommittee this evening. The committee will be looking for some bids on the RFP.

**B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair**

The next meeting of the Student Achievement Subcommittee is on Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office.

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

None

**12. Board Liaisons to Schools**

Mr. Showers  
No Meeting

-- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Mr. Elsaghir -- Plymouth Center School  
No Meeting

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

- \* Selling Concessions at the basketball games at the middle school in order to keep the students in the building
- \* Mrs. Alarcon, Cheerleading Coach – several students are trying out for the new mascot at the middle school (Bull Dog)
- \* Free T-Shirts to be given out at the basketball games
- \* February 12, 2019 Town wide Skate Night from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- \* January 29, 2019 Next Meeting to discuss end of the year celebrations

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Booster Club

- \* January 11, 2019 Terryville High School v Thomaston  
This is the first year that free T-Shirts will be give out by the cheerleaders at both the Boys' and Girls' Varsity Basketball Games.
- \* January 13, - 19, 2019 IGA Roundup
- \* February 21, 2019 McDonald's Family Fundraiser from 5 p.m.–8 p.m.

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

- \* January 3, 2019 Meeting
- \* February 2, 2019 Crabby Al Fundraiser (raffle donations are being accepted)
- \* February 8, 2019 Paint Night
- \* March 8, 2019 Harlem Wizards Game at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School (community event)
- \* March 23, 2019 Casino Bus Trip (updates on Facebook at THS project grad gift)

Please drop off any old clothing, shoes, blankets, towels at Main Street School in the Planet Aid Box. The company makes a small donation to the PTSA.

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA

Due to Mr. Foote's absence Mrs. Kremmel gave the report

- \* December 13, 2018 Challenge & Behaviors Workshop
- \* January 17, 2019 Hosting a "Sit for Autism Workshop Training" at 7 p.m.in the library at Terryville High School. This Workshop is for anyone interested in babysitting for a child with autism.
- \* January 16, 2019 Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Lucky Cup

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CAFE

\* March 20, 2018 Day on the Hill (please let Pat know if you are interested in attending)

Mrs. Johnson -- EdAdvance

\* No Report Mrs. Johnson will be meeting with the director the Week of January 14, 2019

13. **Board Comments**

Mr. Bourbonniere – For those individuals who have any questions or concerns regarding the budget proposal presented by Dr. Semmel this evening, it would be in your best interest to come and voice your concerns at the Budget Hearing next Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6 p.m. in the library at Terryville High School.

Mrs. Johnson – Thank you to Dr. Semmel and the Administration for compiling the Budget Presentation; January 16, 2019 will be the first Budget Workshop with a possible second on January 23, 2019; the Board of Education needs to adopt and vote on the 2019 – 2020 Budget at its February 13, 2019 meeting; March 21, 2019 Budget Presentation to the Board of Finance and a Tri-Meeting for a date yet to be determined. Parents may email the Superintendent prior to the first Budget Workshop with any questions.

The Board will now be entering into Executive Session and will not be coming back out live. However, any action taken by the Board will be in the minutes which will be on-line.

14. **Executive Session** (to discuss a personnel matter): Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION: To move into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter: Memorandum of Understanding and inviting Dr. Semmel.

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

Resume Regular Session

MOTION: Motion to return to regular session at 8:36 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

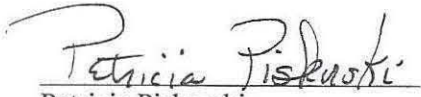
15. **Possible Action From Executive Session**

MOTION: To approve the Memorandum of Understanding as submitted in Executive Session. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

16. **Next Board Meeting** –The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

17. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded, Mrs. Kremmel all in favor, motion passes.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Piskorski". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary  
For the Plymouth Board of Education

SCHEDULE A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
January 9, 2019

NEW HIRES				
Cassandra Kirouac	3 hr. per day Recess Monitor	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
Kyle Skidmore	29.5 hr. per week Special Education Paraprofessional	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
Michael Maffia	29.5 hrs. per day Special Education Paraprofessional	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
Penny Bissonnette	29.5 hr. per day Special Education Paraprofessional	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
David Zdunczyk	Technology Specialist I	District		
RESIGNATIONS				
Anne DeMichiel	Music Teacher	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
Ariel Batista	29.5 hr. per week Special Education Paraprofessional	Harry S. Fisher Elementary		
Robert Zalaski	Technology Specialist	District		
RETIREMENT(S)				
Barbara Trinks	Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services	District		