



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, MARCH 13, 2019

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

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. Lucian, seconded Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 13, 2019
Motion Mrs. Lucian, seconded Mrs. Kulesa, any discussion, all in favor, any abstentions
motion passes.

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4. Presentation

- EdAdvance – Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, Executive Director of EdAdvance
 - *Who Is EdAdvance
 - *EdAdvance Service Area
 - *What does EdAdvance Do?
 - *Program & Services
 - *EdAdvance funding
 - *Mission – EdAdvance exists to promote the success of school districts and their communities. Collaboratively with them, we provide educational and related services. A Continuing commitment to quality and excellence is our standard of performance.
- Parking Lot Presentation – Terryville High School - Mr. Nave, Teacher and Jacob Zappone, Student
 - *Slide Presentation – Terryville High School Senior Reserved Painted Parking Spots
- Middle School Readers Workshop Update – Stephanie Satow & Matthew Bossi
 - *7th Grade Reader's Workshop
 - ❖ Why Reader's Workshop
 - ❖ Units of Study
 - Unit 1: Maintaining an Independent Reading Life
 - Unit 2: Characterization and Author's Craft
 - Unit 3: Argument Reading
 - Unit 4: Dystopian Book Clubs
 - Unit 5: Test Preparation
 - Unit 6: How to Eat a Poem
- Recognition of LCSA Student Award Winners

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| Drew Fowler | Harry S. Fisher Elementary School |
| Brianna Jackson | Plymouth Center School |
| Kelsea Tefoe | Eli Terry Jr. Middle School |
| Jaden Zotter | Eli Terry Jr. Middle School |
| Michael Hills | Terryville High School |
| Stephanie Poulin | Terryville High School |

RECESS:

MOTION: To recess at 7:45 p.m. Motion, Mrs. Kremmel seconded, Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion passes.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION:

MOTION: To Resume Regular Session at 8 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Superintendent's Update

- ❖ Thank you to Ms. Decarlos and her Family & Consumer Science Class for preparing the food for this evening's meeting.
- ❖ Mrs. Parsons – Pre-School Update - First, thank you to Melody McLoughlin, Special Education Secretary for all of her help in preparation for the 2019 – 2020 pre-school lottery. There are 67 applicants for the 2019 – 2020 prek program (3 half-day classes and 1 full day Smart Start Class (grant funded). There are 18 full-time students for the Smart Start Class. Half of the applications indicate full day services. There are 20 students on the wait list. Letters will be mailed to parents on Friday, March 15, 2019 with a short turnaround time for replies.
- ❖ Day on the Hill – March 20, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. If any Board Member would still like to attend, please contact Ms. Piskorski.
- ❖ Update on Grade 2 Tutor at Plymouth Center School – Individual is on a full day schedule from 8:45 a.m. – 3:10 p.m./5 days per week; official start date for full coverage was on February 25, 2019; students are broken up into 2 groups for traveling (i.e. bathroom trips, specials and lunch); smaller groups are used to be strategic regarding instruction during the day; during the entire group instruction the classroom teacher is providing mini lessons, etc.; the tutor monitors student behavior, group work, independent practice and some small group instruction occurs with the additional support of an additional tutor that the school has in the Math. There are two other instructional tutors that have been at Plymouth Center School for a long time. They are used in this classroom as well to provide additional support. In addition, groups do not remain the same; they are broken up different ways.
Next Update: April 10, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.
- ❖ Safety – In August, the Board adopted Safety as one of its primary goals.
 - * Quarterly Safety Meetings
 - * Table Top Training Exercise
 - * Conduct building safety reviews and identify needed upgrades
 - * Training Sessions held by Plymouth Police Department during non-instructional times, which gives them an opportunity to see the buildings.
 - * Board recognizes the importance of Data Privacy and explore two factor authentication for administrators, school psychologists, social workers, etc.
 - * Social Emotional Learning
 - * District Safety Meetings have been conducted
 - * Upgrades Identified
 - * Re-introduce dogs into buildings

* Increased camera coverage at both elementary schools

- ❖ Recognized Board of Education Appreciation Month
- ❖ March 21, 2019 at 7 p.m. the Board of Education Budget will be presented to the Board of Finance
- ❖ April 22, 2019 the tri Board Meeting
- ❖ March 27, 2019 Brown Bag Lunch 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Question: Mr. Bourbonniere – The State Grant for Prek for full time, is this a 5 year grant?

Response: Mrs. Parsons – That is an 8 – 10 year grant. The first year was for capital improvements around the classrooms. In operations, we are moving into year 3.

Question: Mr. Bourbonniere – Do you see anything coming down from the State where we can enhance that.

Response: Mrs. Parsons – Additional funding, I have not seen anything.

6. Student Representatives

* Diana Ieronimo

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| March 1 | Terryville High School hosted their Spring Blood Drive. |
| March 2 | Leo Club and Boy Scouts held their 2 nd annual Pasta Supper. |
| March 21 | Class of 2020 holding a Jake's Wayback Fundraiser in Bristol from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. |
| March 15 | Italy Trip is hosting a Bingo Night at Terryville High School. |
| April 3 | The Juniors will be taking a trip to the Connecticut Convention Center for a college fair. |
| April 6 | Leos and Lions are hosting their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. |

* Taylor Greenwood

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| March 9 | Leo's went to the United Nations Building in New York |
| March 8 & 9 | Drama Club Play, 44 Plays for 44 Presidents |
| March 29 | Spring Extravaganza Talent Show |

The Pouch Club or the Student Climate Committee is beginning their Kindness in Motion Project.

* Devin Girch

The Boys' Basketball Team advanced to the second round of States but were outscored by Morgan 65-67.

Number of students going to Washington, D.C. next year with Mr. Schumann is twelve.

March 8 PTSA Harlem Wizards

March 23 PTSA Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun

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

Chris Simo-Kinzer – 52 Old Farm Road, Terryville

Commented on EdAdvance Presentation, questioned their overall goals, if what they had in mind would benefit the Town, bringing back outplacements and to what degree. Would enrollment be voluntary or can a child be required to attend if the district cannot provide the services in town. Not sure about the program and how it will benefit the town.

Response: Mrs. Johnson – Two separate Issues (1) What is EdAdvance – they help to provide educational support in their regions; and (2) Main Street School is a separate issue.

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

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

9. **New Business**

* Review Tentative Agreement with EdAdvance

MOTION: To accept the EdAdvance Agreement as presented. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, any discussion,

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to table the matter until the April 10, 2019 Board of Education Meeting. Therefore, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To table this item until the next read. Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, seconded Mr. Showers, all in favor, 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 February 2019 This report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

*** Facilities Study Selection**

The Finance/Operations Subcommittee reviewed the Request for Proposals and selected New England School Development (NESDEC) for the Facilities Study.

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The next Student Achievement Subcommittee Meeting will be on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Central Office, 27 North Harwinton Avenue, Terryville, CT

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

None

12. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mr. Showers -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Report presented by Mrs. Johnson – (1) The book fair is taking place during conferences; (2) a group of grade 5 students wrote a letter to their PTA to have a dance. The students have a party council, which will be meeting liaison, Erica Lombard, to speak about having a dance, d (c) spring pictures are April 9.

Mr. Elsaghir -- Plymouth Center School

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| March 12 | Meeting |
| March 25 – April 4 | Mixed Bag Fundraiser |
| April 25 | Family Game Night/Family Yoga |
| Upcoming | Teacher Appreciation Week & Breakfast |
| Upcoming | Parent Night & Raffle at Chute Gates |
| Upcoming | Grade 5 Celebration |

Total Amount raised due to Fundraising Activities - \$6,856.79

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

Skate Night was a success with 260 skaters; Scholarships – seniors were urged to check the middle school with respect to applications; and end of the year events are starting to be scheduled, i.e. field trips, school dances and awards.

April 46 Quarter Auction (open to the public, donations are being accepted)

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Booster Club

McRoo Fundraiser – Fun time for all.
IGA Roundup Fundraiser netted \$1,000.
Design being made of a kangaroo for the gym
Applications are going out for sports scholarships

Staff v. Thomaston Game Fundraiser in progress

Summer Conditioning Program for all athletes (fall, winter, summer) paid for by the Booster Club. Three days of outdoor activity and 2 days of inside in the gym. Program is for 8 weeks during the summer.

Leo Supper was good

May 11

Prom – (seeking volunteers to make pancakes & sausages – interested parents to contact Mr. Perkins

Mrs. Kulesa

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Terryville High School

PTSA Aftergrad Fundraiser – The Wizards. Urged everyone to look for upcoming fundraisers and lend their support in any way possible to our seniors to assure they have a successful, safe and enjoyable Aftergrad Party.

Casino Fundraiser to Mohegan Sun – May or may not take place. Deadline for responses was Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Please inquire if there was enough interest for this trip to take place.

Mr. Foote

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SEPTA

Report presented by Mrs. Kremmel

March 13

Meeting at the Lucky Cup in the morning

Survey going out to members as to how they would like to use the remainder of the money in the account, i.e. activity for the kids, activity for the parents or a joint activity. Sadly, due to the long time lack of membership and loss of interest, steps are being taken to dissolve SEPTA.

April 4

Rescheduled workshop. Involves training for caregivers of children who have autism. Geared towards babysitting. Harry S. Fisher Library at 7 p.m.

Mr. Bourbonniere

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CABE

Urged individuals to pay attention regarding the State Budget. Governor Lamont is looking to cut ECS Funds if: a district has declining enrollment; refuse to share services. There are some bills going through the State Legislature one of which addresses a concern recess. Parent looking for children to receive 50 minutes of recess. Much discontent from many parents regarding regionalization.

Mrs. Johnson

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EdAdvance

No Report

EdAdvance has a \$1,500 scholarship program. If you are a senior, please see Mrs. Johnson for any additional information or check with the guidance department.

13. **Board Comments**

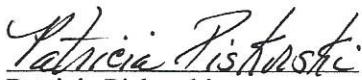
Mr. Bourbonniere – congratulations to those students that would like to paint individual parking spaces, good for student moral is confident we will view many artistic spots in September.

Mrs. Johnson – Recognized the Board, as March is Board Appreciation Month.

14. **Next Board Meeting** –The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

15. **Adjournment**

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 9:10p.m. Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded, Mrs. Lucian all in favor, motion passes.



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
For the Plymouth Board of Education

SCHEDULE A
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
March 13, 2019

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| NEW HIRES | | | | |
| Debra St. Peter | Lunch Aide | | Harry S. Fisher Elementary | |
| RESIGNATIONS | | | | |
| Melanie Basil | Mathematics Tutor | | Harry S. Fisher Elementary | |
| TRANSFERS | FROM | TO | | |
| Rachel Bip | Harry S. Fisher Elementary | | Plymouth Center School | |
| Patricia Moynihan (Internal) | Plymouth Center School | | Plymouth Center School | |
| Jennifer Wooton (Internal) | Plymouth Center School | | Plymouth Center School | |
| EXTENSION OF CHILDPREARING LEAVE | | | | |
| Emily Tonucci | Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) | | District | |
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