



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.

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Kremmel and Mr. Elsaghir

Also Present: Dr. Semmel, Superintendent, Mr. Penn, Business Manager, Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum, Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education and Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Board Welcome

Secretary's Message

3. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion passes.

4. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 13, 2017. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.

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5. Presentations

- Smart Start Update
Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Collins, Principal Plymouth Center School and Ms. Onofrio, Pre-K Teacher at Plymouth Center School presented a PowerPoint presentation update on the Smart Start Program.
- Budget
Dr. Semmel presented a PowerPoint presentation on the 2018- 2019 Budget. The presentation along with the accounts report will be posted on the Board website. There will be a Budget Workshop on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the library at Terryville High School. The public is invited to attend.

6. Superintendent's Update

- Mr. Penn, Business Manager has taken a shared service position in Canton as the Business Manager for both the Town and the Board of Education.
- The District is looking at hiring an Interim Business Manager for the time being and looking into the possibility of making this position a share service position with the Town of Plymouth.
- The position for the Principal at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School will be posted at the end of next week. Dr. Semmel is hoping to bring forth a candidate at the April 11, 2018 Board of Education Meeting.
- Mrs. Parsons also spoke regarding a \$10,000 grant that the District received regarding parent workshops and on-line resources.
- Mrs. Trinks indicated she is in the process of hiring a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

7. Student Representatives

Amy Ieronim

- January 19 Exams Begin
- January 22 – 24 Half days due to exams
Mr. Hulst, Principal of Terryville High School has been sending test taking tips in the Roos' News emails.
- Blood Drive was successful. 30 pints of blood were donated.
- March 2 Next Blood Drive
- December 22 Grade 8 students toured Terryville High School
- January & February National Honor Society will hold a book drive
- Terryville High School
After Grad PTSA Fundraiser at Crabby Al's

Brianna Hanlon

- January 10 Boys' Basketball – Achievement First Hartford Academy
- January 12 Terryville/Thomaston Basketball Game
 - 3 p.m. JV Girls'
 - 4:30 p.m. JV Boys'
 - 6 p.m. Varsity Girls'
 - 7:30 p.m. Varsity Boys'
- Wrestling Team is striving for personal records
- January 11, 2018 Terryville High School Auditorium - Band and Chorus are hosting a fundraiser for the Friends of Music. Tickets \$5 at the door for adults and children under 5 years of age are free.
Booster Club is selling magnets for \$7 to help support Terryville High School Athletics.

Diana Ieronimo

- January 10 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m., Local Prevention Council held their Annual "World Café" in the library at Terryville High School.
AP night for parents in the auditorium at Terryville High School
- January 23 The Leo Club is hosting a District Lions Meeting
- January – February The Leo's are hosting a "Support a Soldier Drive. Two of Terryville High School's recent graduates, Mike Calderone (Air Force) and Ian Poitras (Marines) will be receiving packages.
- February 3 the Leo's are going to be attending the Lion's Midwinter Conference
- Commented on the Oral Presentation she and 3 other students will be taking part in.

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

Chris Simo-Kinzer – 52 Old Farm Road, Terryville

- Sorry to learn that Mr. Penn would be leaving the district and wished him the best of luck
- Happy to hear that the District and Town are looking into sharing resources
- Would like the Board to explore sharing resources in regard to administrative positions and other resources

Dan Gentile – Board of Education Liaison – 223 Mt. Tobe Road, Plymouth

- Mr. Penn was beneficial to the Administrative Team
- Excellent job on the budget presentation

9. Unfinished Business

None

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

- A. New Hire(s)/
- B. Resignation(s)

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

11. New Business

A. Out of District, Special Education Bus Contract

Dr. Semmel indicated the legal team was still working on the contract and that it would be brought forth to the Board at the February meeting.

12. A. Finance/Operations - Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

The Finance/Operations Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting and agreed to send the following motions to the full Board for their approval.

MOTION: To transfer the amount of \$53,000 from the Special Education Teachers Salary Account to the Diagnostic Services Account. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes. (Note: Coming out of committee the motion does not need a second)

MOTION: To authorize the Plymouth Board of Education to request to transfer \$31,000 from the non-lapsing Capital Reserve Sinking Fund, in accordance with our current agreement with Board of Finance and Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-248, for the following items:

1. \$17,000 for a build-out of a Special Education room at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School to address a student/staff safety concern.
2. \$14,000 for the emergency replacement of a water heater at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes. (Note: Coming out of committee the motion does not need a second)

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

No Report

C. Policy – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

The Policy Subcommittee will meet on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office and will begin reviewing Policy Series 6000 – Instruction.

D. Negotiations – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

No Report

13. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

None

14. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mrs. Kremmel	--	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Purchased a program – Lock Box, which is in the library.
Mrs. Lucian	--	Plymouth Center School January 27 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Family Feast at Pasquale's Deli, 20% of the proceeds will go to the school
Mr. Elsaghir	--	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School No Report – Meeting cancelled
Mrs. Kulesa	--	Terryville High School January 3 meeting – discussions continued about fundraisers; seeking raffle prizes for the fundraiser at Crabby Al's; Paint Night; Sponsorship in the graduation booklet (5-6 different levels from a personal donation to a gold sponsorship). Next meeting will be held on February 7.
Mr. Foote	--	SEPTA No Report – However Mrs. Kremmel reported on the following: January 17 at 9:30 a.m. a meeting is scheduled at the Lucky Cup and on January 18 at 7 p.m., there will be a meeting at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School in the Library and there will be a program on DCF Mandated Reporting.
Mr. Bourbonniere	--	CABE March 7 beginning at 8:30 a.m., Day on the Hill at the Bushnell in Hartford.

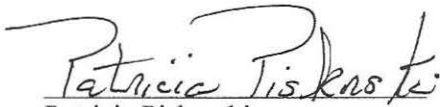
15. Board Comments

Mrs. Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year. She also thanked Nicole Onofrio, Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Collins on the Smart Start Program update. Thank you to the student representatives. Complimented Dr. Semmel on a super budget report. Reminder, Budget Workshop on Wednesday, January 17 at 6 p.m. in the library at Terryville High School.

16. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.
17. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary