



## PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL OFFICE  
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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  
SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4, 2018  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

7:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

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

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

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded  
Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14, 2018.  
Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, any abstentions, Mrs. Kremmel  
abstains, motion passes.

TOWN CLERK

*Bonnie K. Poole*

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 28, 2018.  
Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, any abstentions, Mr. Elsaghir and Mr. Showers abstain, motion passes

4. Presentation(s)

- Out of State Field Trips:

Greece – MS. ERICKSON

MOTION: To approve an out-of-state field trip for students in the classes of 2020 and 2021 at Terryville High School to Greece from June 27, 2019 – July 9, 2019. Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, second Mr. Foote, all in favor, opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

Italy – MS. RITCHIE & MS. ARCHAMBAULT

MOTION: To approve an out-state-field trip from grade 10 – 12 students at Terryville High School to Italy from April 12, 2019 – April 21, 2019. Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

- Introduction of new Principal of Harry S. Fisher Elementary School, Mrs. Kimberly Loveland.
- Recognition of ParaEducator of the Year, Ms. Leokadia Seeds of Terryville High School.

RECESS:

MOTION: Motion to RECESS at 7:18 p.m. Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Motion to RESUME Regular Session at 7:30 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Superintendent's Update

- Welcome new Board Members, Mr. Gregory Showers and Ms. Cindy Candrea-Florenciani
- Update on the 2018 – 2019 Budget
  - \* March 15, 2018 – The Board presented the Board of Education adopted budget to the Plymouth Board of Finance (\$24,235,436, about a \$22,000 increase (.09%) over the current budget.
  - \* April 2, 2018 the Plymouth Board of Finance met and voted to reduce the budget by \$197,000. (reduction to about .7%) Currently, we are reviewing insurance carriers and looking at possible savings, however, this is not finalized. Addressed the assumption of the \$8.5 million from the ECS Grant
- April 19 – The Board of Finance – Public Hearing at 7 p.m.
- Letter of gratitude from the Park & Recreation Commission to the Plymouth Board of Education for opening up their doors to the Park & Recreation Department for 2017 – 2018 winter activities.
- SRO Office is scheduled to be in the school on Monday, April 23, 2018

- Mrs. Parsons spoke about the testing window.
- Barring unforeseen circumstances, the last day of school is Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

## 6. Student Representatives

- Amy Ieronimo

April 6

Spring Extravaganza in the auditorium at the high school at 6 p.m. Admission: \$5 for students, \$8 for adults and senior citizens are free. This event supports the Drama Club and the PTSA.

Drama Club Presentation – Nevermore was a huge success with about 500 people attending the event.

April 13

Blood Drive

The National Honor Society is holding an Animal Drive until the end of April. Drop off bins are located at the schools and local businesses.

May 7

Band and Chorus Spring Concert

- Brianna Hanlon

\*If anyone is interested in keeping up with the sports schedule, please sign up for CIAC Sport Updates.

\*Softball Team Captains: Amy, Martina, Maisie and Dominique. The softball team has an app (gamechanger) where fans and family are able to see all the games live.

\*Golf team had their first practice.

\*Baseball Team Captains: Riley, Dominic, Mike and Zach.

\*Track Teams meet was cancelled today due to the weather.

\*Band and Chorus will be going to Virginia Beach to perform at Bush Gardens.

\*Group of students traveling to Spain and France.

- Diana Ieronimo

April 14

Leo Club is hosting their Walk for Diabetes at the middle school. The money raised goes towards Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes Research.

Start of Kindness Campaign

March 24	Lions and Leos Easter Egg Hunt		
March 23	FBLA attended a conference/competition at Naugatuck Valley where students competed in various events from Public Speaking to Sports Management. Terryville students received 5 awards.		
	Jacob Collette	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Web Design
	Abby Moyles Olivia Lopes Christina Cotulio	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Social Media Campaign
	Stephanie Poulin	4 <sup>th</sup> place	Healthcare Administration
	Lindsey Hotchkiss	5 <sup>th</sup> place	Healthcare Administration
	Bella Christiana Nicole Tessman Jordan Pilbin	4 <sup>th</sup> place	Entrepreneurship
March 28	A majority of the senior class attended a college fair at the Hartford Convention Center.		
April 3	Admissions Officers from UConn, Sacred Heart and Tunxis Community College spoke about the college search process and answered questions.		
April 26	Junior College Night for students and parents.		

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

None

8. Unfinished Business

- Second Read of Policy Series 6000- Instruction

MOTION: To approve the Policy Series 6000 – Instruction. Motion Mrs. Kremmel, coming out of committee, this motion does not need a second, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

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

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

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

10. New Business

- Next Generation Science Standards

Mrs. Parsons presented a PowerPoint Presentation to the Board Members, which gave background information and highlights on the following: standards practices, core issues, crosscutting, layout, scientific method vs engineering process, instruction and examples from the elementary schools, modeling (shadows).

- Non Tenured Teacher(s)

MOTION: To approve the non-renewal of contract of employment of Samia Issadi, French Teacher at Terryville High School and that said contract not be renewed for the following year upon its expiration at the end of the 2017 – 2018 school year due to budgetary constraints. The Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to advise such person in writing of this action. Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, opposed, Mr. Bourbonniere, any abstentions, motion passes.

- Healthy Food Certification 2018 – 2019

All public school districts participating in the NSLP must submit the *Healthy Food Certification Statement – Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Program (ED-099)* by July 1, 2018 to certify whether or not all food items sold to students will or will not meet Connecticut Nutritional Standards.

- **Healthy Food Option:** Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

MOTION: To implement the Healthy Food Option. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, all in favor, opposed, Mr. Elsaghir, any abstentions, motion passes.

If the board of education or governing authority votes “yes” for the healthy food option above, the board of education or governing authority **must also vote** on whether to allow food exemptions, as indicated below. *NOTE: If the board of education or governing authority votes “no” for the healthy food option above, a vote on whether to allow food exemptions is not required.*

- **Exemption for Food Items:** The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity.

For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held.

MOTION: To allow the Food Exemptions. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Bourbonniere, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes. any abstentions, motion passes/fails.

11. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Finance/Operations - Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

1. The Finance/Operations Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the accounts-by-facilities report for the month of March. The same will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

2. Transfer(s) – None

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Student Achievement Subcommittee will meet on April 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at central office.

C. Policy – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

The Policy Subcommittee met on April 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at central office and reviewed Policy Series 7000 – Construction.

D. Negotiations – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

No Report

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

None

13. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mrs. Kremmel -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
Book Fair  
April 10 – next meeting. Seeking nominations for their Board

Mrs. Lucian -- Plymouth Center School  
No Report

Mr. Elsaghir -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School  
Report given by Ms. Candrea-Florenciani  
Quarter Auction - \$1,800  
Seeking nominations for their Board  
May – celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week

Activities for graduation – flower sale & balloon sale

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

March 26 Meeting  
Treasurer's Report – approaching goal  
Reminder – Class Dues  
AP Examination – Registration – April 4  
Impact of Social Media

April 6 Spring Extravaganza  
May 12 Mother's Day Flower Sale on the Plymouth Green  
Yard signs for graduates are available for purchase

June 20 Graduation Night – goal is to have all students attend for free

April 11 Next Meeting

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA

March 15 Representative from DCF: Mandated Reporting  
April 26 Hosting Autism Unplugged at 6 p.m. in the auditorium at the high school. A panel of individuals who have Autism share their experiences.

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE  
No Report Day on the Hill was attended by Mrs. Johnson  
Mrs. Kremmel and Dr. Semmel

14. Board Comments

Mr. Bourbonniere Commended the Board on their choice of Mrs. Loveland as the new principal of Harry S. Fisher Elementary School.

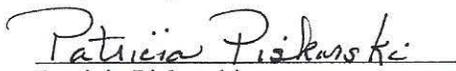
Mrs. Johnson Congratulations to Yola, ParaEducator of the Year  
Welcome Kimberly Loveland, new principal of Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
Welcome to our new Board Members, Greg Showers and Cindy Candrea-Florenciani  
April is Autism Awareness Month

15. Next Board Meeting – The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary

SCHEDULE A  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 4, 2018

NEW HIRE(S)/APPOINTMENTS			
Eli Terry Jr. Middle School Spring Coaches			
Matthew Bossi	Baseball		Stipend: \$2,630.40
Stephanie Colella	Track	Pending Certification	Stipend: \$2,630.40
Taylor Bettcher	Track	Pending Certification	Stipend: \$2,630.40
RESIGNATION(S)			
Nicole Walsh	Dean of Students LA Dept. Coordinator grades 6-8	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: April 12, 2018
Anthony DiBenedetto	Team Leader	Terryville High School	Effective: April 6, 2018
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS			
Stephen Grimaldi	Science Substitute	Terryville High School	Due to a Childrearing Leave Effective: March 28, 2018 to the end of the 2017 - 2018 SY
Catherine Dutkiewicz	Grade 3	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School	Due to a Childbearing Leave Effective: On or about May 28, 2018 to the end of the 2017 - 2018 SY
Shannon Surreira	Interim Dean of Students	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: April 13, 2018 to the end of the 2017 - 2018 SY