



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, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Absent: Mrs. Lucian and Mrs. Kremmel

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

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 Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2018. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, abstentions, Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Showers, motion passes.

4. Presentation(s)

* Out-of-State Field Trips – Mr. Vigliotti, Assistant Principal Terryville High School

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Terryville High School

- (a) September 28, 2018 – Eastern States Exposition (“The Big E”
West Springfield, Massachusetts
- (b) November 10, 2018 – UMass Band Day; Gillette Stadium,
Foxborough, MA
- (c) April 12 – 14, 2019 – Hershey Park, Hershey PA

MOTION: To approve the following out-of-state field trips:

The Terryville High School Marching Band and Color Guard out-of-state field trip to march in the Eastern States Exposition (“The Big E”) in West Springfield, Massachusetts on Friday, September 28, 2018; and

The Terryville High School Marching Band and Color Guard out-of-state field trip to UMass Band Day; Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 10, 2018; and

The Terryville High School Choir, Band and Color Guard out-of-state field trip to Hershey Park, Hershey Pennsylvania from Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, any abstentions, motion passes.

- * Smarter Balance Assessment Information - Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum &
Instruction

Mrs. Parsons reviewed the Smarter Balance Assessment Results for 2017 – 2018. Some of the highlights of her presentation were Purposes of State Summative Assessment; Background Information on the Summative Assessment; Scales Scores and Achievement Levels; and Three Ways to Understand Change in Performance. The entire presentation will be posted on the Board of Education Website.

- * Introduction of New Certified Staff

Terryville High School - Mr. Vigliotti, Assistant Principal

Samantha Chiasson	Mathematics
Russell Fuller	Technology Education
Sarah Langsam	Speech/Language Pathologist
Wayne Prescott	Systemwide Library Media

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School – Ms. Suffridge, Principal

Sarah Langsam	Speech/Language Pathologist
Becky Lyman	Special Education

Plymouth Center School – Mrs. Collins, Principal

Sarah Trudeau	Inclusive PreK Teacher
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RECESS:

MOTION: Motion to RECESS at 7:29 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, motion passes.

RESUME REGULAR SESSION

MOTION: Motion to return to Regular Session at 7:40 p.m. Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Kulesa, all in favor, motion passes.

5. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Semmel commented on the heatwave. During the heatwave days, Dr. Semmel was in constant contact with Mr. Mazon, Director of Facilities who provided him with an update on the temperature in the buildings and classrooms and the head nurse, Mrs. Giannini who provided an update on the students.

Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services – Informed the Board that the Annual Performance Report was completed. The District is in compliance and has met all of the eight specific items required by the State.

6. Student Representatives

- * Diana Ieronimo
September 11, 2018 – Seniors College Planning
Terryville High School Open House
September 23, 2018 – Car Wash at Advanced Auto on Rt. 6 which will benefit
The class of 2019
- * Devin Girch
Terryville Fair – 3 new booths because of the Eagle Scout Project
Sports – Volleyball had a game against Gilbert which was a win for Terryville
Soccer - Terryville vs Nonnewaug Terryville Girls Lost 0 – 3
Terryville Boys Lost 0 – 1
September 28, 2018 - Bingo Night at 6 p.m. at Terryville High School
in the cafeteria to raise money for the upcoming
trip to Italy.
- * Taylor Greenwood
September 9 – 15, 2018 – Suicide Prevention Week
October 14, 2018 – Suicide Prevention Walk. Donations will go towards the
American Foundation of Suicide Prevention
September 13, 2018 - Club Fair hosted by Terryville High School
September 23 - Band along with the color guard to take part in the Mum
Festival Parade.

Mr. Bourbonniere – Diana Ireonimo was chosen by International as International Leo of the Year and will to be recognized at the mid-winter conference in February at the Red Lion Inn where her parents will be invited to a luncheon. Diana will be presented with her award at the luncheon.

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

Jenna Downs, 24 North Street, Plymouth – Addressed her concerns regarding the class size at Plymouth Center School.

Dr. Semmel's response: The numbers are being watched. At the Finance/Operations Subcommittee Meeting took place at 6 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting, the topic of adding a tutor position to Plymouth Center School to provide additional support for the teachers was discussed. There will be a Motion brought to the full Board at tonight's meeting. Currently, the Building Principal has tutors that are able to go into classrooms at critical times plus a Math Coach and Literacy Coach to go into the larger classes.

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. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

9. New Business

A. Board of Education Meeting Dates for 2019

MOTION: To approve the Board of Education Meeting Dates for the 2019 School Year as presented.

Motion Mr. Foote, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, any abstention, motion passes.

B. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Recognition Award

MOTION: To approve the submission of a packet of information on behalf of the Plymouth Board of Education for the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Recognition Award.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion passes.

C. Board of Education and District Goals

MOTION: To approve the Board of Education Goals for 2018 – 2019 school year including the District Goals as presented.

Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Foote, all in favor, any opposed, 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 August 2018. This report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

MOTION: Upon recommendation from the Finance/Operations Subcommittee, motion to the full board to hire two Tutors, one at Harry S. Fisher and one at Plymouth Center School to support the educational needs of teachers and students.

Discussion:

Mr. Bourbonniere – His concern is that rather than being proactive as a Board, he feels the Board to be reactive. His personal opinion: If we technically need two tutors at Plymouth Center School and one at Fisher, then the Board should vote on this tonight. The issue should be addressed now not 3 months down the road when we ascertain that we need to add another tutor.

Roll Vote: Mr. Elsaghir, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Showers, Mr. Foote all voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Bourbonniere voted against the motion for reasons he previously stated. Motion passes five in favor and one opposed. There will be two tutors, one added to Plymouth Center School and one at Harry S. Fisher.

B. Student Achievement – Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The first meeting of the Student Achievement Committee will take place on September 27, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office. The committee will be reviewing suggested textbooks for Foods 1, 2 and Vocational Foods. These textbooks are available for review in Central Office.

C. Negotiations – Mrs. Kremmel, Chair

Dr. Semmel - Negotiations have begun with the Administrators Association. A potential new contract will be brought before the Board next month.

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

None

12. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mr. Showers -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School
No Report

Mr. Elsaghir -- Plymouth Center School
No Report

Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Photo Days took place the first week of school; Back to School Dance Party; New Mascot greeted the students on the 1st day of school when they got off the bus; and First Fundraiser will be going out on October 2nd (pies and braided bread with a delivery date of November 7th).

Booster Club – Lemonade Booth was the Terryville Fair did very well this year. December calendar giveaway for every day in December. Coaches need more JV Soccer and Cross Country student participants.

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School PTSA
September 13 Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Terryville High School. All parents are encouraged to join the meeting, especially those parents with students who are seniors.

Mr. Foote -- SEPTA
Mrs. Johnson – first meeting will take place in October. More information to follow.

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE
No Report

13. Board Comments

Mrs. Kulesa – Welcomed the new students and welcomed back Diana. She is looking forward to the monthly presentations by the student representatives. Please with the various information that was presented by each of the representatives.

Mrs. Johnson – Ditto on the comment made by Mrs. Kulesa. Thanked Mrs. Parsons for her presentation. Welcome to the student representatives. Congratulations Diana.

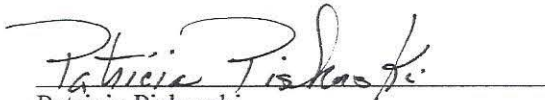
Mr. Foote – Found it difficult to see the screen and hear the presentation. Some suggestions, to possibly enhance the microphone, move the podium to the center of the area and present handouts to the Board Members.

14. Next Board Meeting –The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Wednesday October 10, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
For The
Plymouth Board of Education

SCHEDULE A
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

NEW HIRES				
Amber Garrow	Paraprofessional (29.5 hrs. per week - \$13.26 per hour)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: August 29, 2018	
Desare Lapointe	Paraprofessional (29.5 hrs. per week - \$13.26 per hour)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: September 17, 2018	
Maria Caputo	Paraprofessional (29.5 hrs. per week - \$13.26 per hour)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: September 4, 2018	
Rachel Bip	Temporary Lunch Aide	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: TBD - pending completion of paperwork	
Ainslie Warner	Tutor (5.5 hours per day/4 days per week/up to 140 days)	Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Effective: September 10, 2018	
Heather Zoller	Recess Monitor	Plymouth Center School	Effective: August 29, 2018	
Leo Normandin	ISS Monitor	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: August 29, 2018	
Lauren Mikulskis	Paraprofessional (29.5 hrs. per week - \$13.26 per hour)	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: August 27, 2018	
Sarah Trudeau	Inclusive PreK Teacher	Plymouth Center School	Effective: September 10, 2019 -	
RETIREMENTS				
Wayne Waldron	PreK Teacher	Plymouth Center School	Effective: August 15, 2018 (date of letter)	
Joann Basile	Part-Time Career Pathway Advisor	Terryville High School	Effective: August 24, 2018	
RESIGNATIONS				
Gail Duffy	Math Coach	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: September 21, 2018 (last day)	
Brenna Gilson	Paraprofessional (29.5 hrs. per week)	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Effective: August 24, 2018	
COACHING ASSIGNMENTS				
Eli Terry Jr. Middle School				
Nicole Putnam	Girls' Volleyball Coach		Stipend Position	
Terryville High School				
Ryan McAdoo	Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach		Stipend Position	