

Mission Statement

The Mission of Plymouth Public Schools is to challenge, inspire, and prepare all students in an ever-changing and complex world.

SPECIAL MEETING
OF
THE PLMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014
CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Present: Board: Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Mrs. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Gentile and Mr. Engle

Absent: Mr. Melchionna

Others Present: Ms. Cruz, Superintendent and Candidate for the Position of Principal of Terryville High School

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Engle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Godwin, motion passes unanimously.

3. INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATE FOR THE POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL (Note: Interview and Discussion may take place in executive session)

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 6:33 p.m. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Orsini, motion passes unanimously. At this time, only Board Members were invited into executive session.

4. POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER

MOTION: To appoint Michael Hulst to the position of Principal at Terryville High School. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mrs. McCann, motion passes unanimously. At this time the chair called for a roll vote: Mr. Perugino, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Gentile, Mrs. McCann, Mr. Goodwin and Mrs. Johnson all voted "yes". Mrs. Kulesa abstained since did not have the opportunity to interview the other candidate. Motion passes, 6 yes, 1 abstention.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kim Cook, 11 Orchard Street – To summarize, Mrs. Cooks expressed her concerns regarding the following: i.e. changes in the school system; class size; no tutors; leveling of children, not replacing the Supervisor of Pupil Personnel; the resignation of Mr. Parenti, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education leaving the administrative assistant to run the special education department; why so many teachers and administrators have left the district and How does the Board plan on fixing a broken system?

Amanda Demayo, 3 Barry Road, Plymouth – To summarize, at the end of the school year her son was passing but should have failed; grades for testing were not entered in a timely manner which is unacceptable; the excuse given was common core; teachers

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were not prepared; what will be the approach to address common core other than teachers are not prepared? and What is the solution so this does not occur again?

Name & Address (inaudible) – To summarize, concerns about amount of staff leaving the district.

Jennie (last name and address inaudible) – To summarize, Board needs to better respond to the public and parents.

Name & Address (inaudible)– To summarize, would the Board consider a meeting of the Parent Advisory Council to possibly have some meetings in the evenings for those parents that work during the day and cannot attend the day meetings?

Mike Hults, Principal of Terryville High introduced himself to the Public and gave them a little background of his previous experiences.

Nicole McWilliams, 340 Overlook Terrace – To summarize, it is possible for someone to attend PTA Council Meetings in Ms. Cruz's absence?

6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion to adjourn. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Goodwin motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

Melissa Johnson
Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education