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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, MARCH 12, 2014
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
CAFETERIA
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Board Members – Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Dr. Wheeler, Mrs. Kulesa and Mr. Engle

Absent: Mrs. Johnson

Others Present: Ms. Cruz, Superintendent, Mr. Santogatta, Business Manager, and Dr. Tenney, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Absent: Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology and Mr. Parenti, Director of Pupil Personnel

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Engle, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and the group joined in the pledge to the flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To adopt the agenda. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Orsini.

MOTION: To amend the agenda to include 9E – Out-of-State Field Trip. Motion Dr. Wheeler, seconded Mrs. Kulesa,

MOTION: To move Item 10 I to immediately follow the adoption of the agenda. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Perugino.

All members voted in favor of the amendments to the agenda.

10. Student Representatives

Alexandra Bellanger reported on the following; (a) wrestling was second in state; (b) boys' basketball won the Berkshire League Title, first game of the state tournament took place on the night of the Board Meeting; (c) Walk for Diabetes at Fisher School with registration at

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9 a.m. and the 2 mile walk begins at 10 a.m.; April 11-14 – Disney trip for Choral members; and school business partners mock interviews for students in the junior class.

Sazan Dauti reported on the following:

March 13	Academic Bowl at Terryville High School from 12 noon to 4 p.m.
April 8-18	Japan Trip
April 12	Easter Egg Hunt at Terryville High School at 1 p.m.

Also, thirty-six pints of blood were collected during the student council blood Drive; teens for jeans collected over 70 pairs of jeans and the school-to-career is offering various career programs.

Jonathan Zalaski reported on the following:

March 14	McDonald's Night from 5p.m. – 8 p.m.
March 27-29	Terryville High School Drama Presentation

Also, support a soldier was a success and yearbooks are on sale for \$70 and the Disney trip was again mentioned.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of February 19, 2014. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation

A. Recognition of Board Appreciation Month

5. Recess

MOTION: To recess at 7:08 p.m. to acknowledge our Board Members for all of the work they do throughout the year. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Gentile, motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: To resume regular session at 7:15. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Goodwin, motion passed unanimously

6. Public Comment

Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, Terryville – commented on the upcoming executive session and the superintendent's contract.

7. Communications

Mr. Engle asked if there were 2 additional Board Members who would be interested in attending the CAFE Board Member Academy on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 with Mr. Perugino. Mr. Orsini volunteered to attend with Mr. Perugino.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Revisions to the 2014 – 2015 School Calendar

MOTION: To approve the revisions to the 2014 – 2014 School Calendar as presented. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passed unanimously

9. New Business

A. April Board of Education Meeting Date

MOTION: To change the regular Board of Education Meeting date of April 9, 2014 to a Special Meeting of the Board of Education to be held on April 23, 2014 due to a conflict in schedules. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Gentile, motion passed unanimously.

B. Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099)
New Business

Public Act 06-63, An Act concerning Healthy Food and Beverages in Schools, requires that all Connecticut Public School Districts that are eligible to participate in the healthy food certification take action to certify whether all food items sold to students will or will not meet Connecticut Nutritional Standards.

MOTION: In accordance with Public Act 06-63 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Plymouth Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to execute the Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099) and to execute any claims for reimbursement. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Dr. Wheeler. At this time, the chair called for a roll vote. The following individuals voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Kulesa, motion passed unanimously.

Certification Statement

MOTION: Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Plymouth Board of Education hereby certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the school(s) under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education will meet said standards during the period of **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**. Such 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, whether or not school sponsored. Motion Dr. Wheeler, seconded Mrs. Kulesa. At this time, the chair called for a roll vote. The following individuals voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Kulesa motion passed unanimously.

Exemption Statement

MOTION: Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Plymouth Board of Education will permit the sale of items excluded from certification as long as such sale is in conjunction with an event occurring after the end of the regular day or on the weekend; such sale is at the location of the event; and such food is not sold from a vending machine or school store. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Perugino. At this time, the chair called for a roll vote. The following individuals voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Kulesa, motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099)

MOTION: Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs (ED-099) with the Plymouth Board of Education is hereby amended to include the Certification Statement of compliance with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and application for funding related to those standards. This addendum covers the period of **July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015**. Motion Mr. Perugino, seconded Mr. Melchionna. At this time, the chair called for a roll vote. The following individuals voted in favor of the motion, Mr. Melchionna, Mr. Perugino, Mr. Gentile, Mr. Orsini, Mr. Goodwin, Dr. Wheeler and Mrs. Kulesa, motion passed unanimously.

C. Strategic School Profile 2011 - 2012

Each school has a copy of their Strategic School Profile. This district profile may be obtained at Central Office. The reports can also be found on the district website. The profile discusses a variety of issues from community data, student enrollment and racial composition, district resources, student achievement, and district revenues and expenditures. The Curriculum Subcommittee will review the Strategic School Profile at their April meeting.

D. Appointments

MOTION: To approve the following coaching appointments for the spring of 2014.

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Mark Sconziano	Girls' Softball
Paul Schwanka	Boys' Track
Matthew Brintle	Baseball
Justin McDermott	Girls' Track

Terryville High School

Peter Veleas	Varsity Baseball
Brian Rosano	Jr. Varsity Baseball
Tom Morgan	Golf
Jeff Foulds	Boys' Track
Stephanie Konopaske	Varsity Softball
Brianna Danielle	Jr. Varsity Softball
Christopher Perkins	Girls' Track

Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Goodwin, motion passed unanimously.

E. Out-of-State Field Trip

MOTION: To approve the out-of-state field trip to Sturbridge Village, Massachusetts for grade 5 students at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School for May 21, 2014. Motion Mr. Gentile, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passed unanimously.

10. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Curriculum – Mrs. Kulesa, Chair – gave an overview of the meeting on March 5 which addressed an update on the NWEA and Writers Workshop and 3C Grant.

B. Facilities – Mr. Goodwin, Chair – No Report

C. Finance – Mr. Melchionna, Chair – Met prior to the Board Meeting at 6 p.m. and discussed the Budget and possible cuts in savings. They also discussed the accounts-by-facilities report which will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

D. Negotiations – Mr. Gentile, Chair – Meeting has been set with the nurses on Wednesday, March 19 at 4:30 p.m.

E. Personnel – Mr. Goodwin, Chair – All items were addressed under new business.

F. Policy – Mrs. Johnson, Chair – Absent

G. Safety/Transportation – Mr. Orsini, Chair – No Report, however everything is moving along safely and smoothly.

H. Education Connection – Mrs. Kulesa – No Report

11. Administrative Reports / Requests / Information

Dr. Tenney, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Tenney addressed the following: (1) the first set of instructional rounds to be held next week at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School and (3) the Smarter Balance Testing which will begin the week of March 17th. (sbac practice test on the website)

Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology - Absent

Mr. Parenti, Director of Pupil Personnel - Absent

Mr. Santogatta, Business Manager

Mr. Santogatta addressed the following: (1) special education tuition, technical obligations services in special education; legal obligations that were incurred and actions taken to mitigate these issues and the Solar Project document to be executed by the Board Chair and Mayor on Friday, March 14th at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Ms. Cruz, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Cruz thanked and congratulated all of our coaches for the time and effort they devote to our student athletes.

The Academic Bowl will be held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at 12 p.m. at Terryville High School. Best wishes to our Academic Bowl Team.

On March 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Town Hall, the Board of Education will be presenting its 2014-2015 Budget to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance. The Board of Education approved an increase of 1.37%. Ms. Cruz encouraged teachers, parents, and community members to attend this meeting.

12. Reports of Board Liaisons to Schools

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School – **Mr. Perugino**

No Report

Plymouth Center School – **Mr. Melchionna**

March 4	2 nd PCS Coffee Hour sponsored by Mrs. Collins (topics included – School Reform, No-Child Left Behind, Race to the Top; Common Core and Smarter Balance)
March 14	Movie Night 6:30 p.m. (free)
March 18	For 2 weeks grades 3, 4 and 5 will participate in a trial run through for the Smarter Balance Testing
March 19, 20, 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 27 & 28	Kindergarten Registration

April 2 Principal will have a school security meeting
with the staff
May 9 PCS Science Safari

PTA will be taking nominations for officers from the floor at their next meeting and Mr. Santogatta will prepare a summary of the Solar Project to be placed in the Plymouth Connection

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School – Dr. Wheeler

Smarter Balance Testing Window has been established. At Eli Terry Jr. Middle School students will be taking the test between April 7 and May 2 and a review of Positive Behavior Intervention and Support Program was discussed.

March 7 School Dance
March 28 6th grade field trip to Pequot Museum
April 11 8th grade field trip to Boston
April 14-18 Spring Break
May 16 8th grade career fair in the morning
May 26 Memorial Day
June 18 Currently the last day of school

Terryville High School – Mr. Goodwin

Plans are moving ahead with Project Graduation.

Special Education PTA – Mrs. Johnson

Absent

PTA Council – Ms. Cruz, Superintendent

Ms. Cruz reported the following: Finding creative way to encourage participation, i.e. having their meetings on a rotating basis.

13. Executive Session (discussion and possible action regarding the evaluation of the Superintendent)

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 7:55 p.m. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Goodwin, motion passed unanimously. Along with the full Board, Ms. Cruz, Superintendent was invited into executive session.

MOTION: To reconvene into regular session at 8:30 p.m. Motion Mr. Perugino seconded Mr. Gentile, motion passes unanimously.

No action was taken from executive session

14. Final Board Comments (If necessary)

Mr. Melchionna – thanked Mrs. Piskorski for the cake.

Mr. Goodwin – thanked Mrs. Piskorski for the cake and Ms. Cohen’s class for the cookies.

Mr. Orsini – Werner Hinkle, an educator in Plymouth who passed on March 1st.

Mr. Gentile (CABE) – Thank you for the cookies and cake, congratulations to the basketball team. Mr. Gentile reported on the “Day on the Hill” which was attended by Mr. Perugino, Mr. Orsini, Ms. Cruz and himself. Very informative session. Mr. Gentile informed the Board and the Public of some new mandates.

Mr. Engle – A portion of an article he read 6 years ago indicated a study that showed over 30% of every board’s budget is allocated to unfunded mandates.

15. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be a Special Board Meeting and will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Terryville High School.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Perugino, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Wheeler
Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education