

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 8, 2017
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Kremmel, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Bourbonniere, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa and Mrs. Johnson

Absent: Mr. Melchionna

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 Ms. McCann, all in favor, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2017. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Ms. McCann, all in favor with an abstention from Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

4. Superintendent's Update

(a) CABE Day on the Hill was attended by five Board Members: Mr. Orsini, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mrs. Kremmel, Mrs. Lucian, Mrs. Johnson and Dr. Semmel, Superintendent. Lawmakers addressed the Governor's budget and encouraged individuals to connect with their representative to express their concerns.

(b) The Brown Bag Luncheon will take place on Wednesday, March 15 from 12 noon – 1 p.m. at Central Office.

(c) Plymouth Center School has been identified as a "School of Distinction" by the State Department of Education because they were in the top 10% of all schools for student growth during the 2015 – 2016 school year.

(d) Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education spoke with regard to the pre-school lottery and indicated applications may be found on the district website. Any questions may be directed to Melody at 860 314-8003 in the Special Education Department.

(e) Mrs. Parsons, Director of Curriculum & Instruction spoke with respect to the Smart Start Grant Award.

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- (f) March is Board of Education Appreciation Month
- (g) The Board of Education Budget Presentation to the Plymouth Board of Finance is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room at Town Hall.
- (h) Introduction of Danielle Scarmella, Project Director.

5. Student Representatives

- Amy Ieronimo
 - (1) Winter Sports
 - *Girls' Basketball season ended with the Terryville/Thomaston Game;
 - *Boys' Basketball played in the Berkshire League Tournament against Northwest and lost and played St. Paul's in the State Tournament and lost;
 - *Indoor Track was successful at States;
 - *The Wrestling Team finished fifth overall at States.
 - (2) The Terryville High School will be marching in the St. Patty's Day Parade in New Haven on Sunday, March 12. Last year the band won first place. The parade is scheduled to be telecast.
 - (3) Spring Sports – There will be a student/parent athlete meeting for spring sports on April 5.
 - (4) SAT Prep – The Terryville High School Math and English Departments are holding SAT Prep Classes for any juniors take the SAT's on April 15.
- Nora Samih
 - (1) Senior Book Club took place on March 8 at 9 a.m. with the senior movie following shortly after at 10 a.m. The book this month was "The Help".
 - (2) The National Honor Society inducted 26 Juniors and 4 Seniors on March 2.
 - (3) Red Cross Blood Drive was held on March 3. Seniors have the opportunity to obtain a donor cord to wear at graduation if they donated at least 3 pints of blood.
 - (4) Fundraisers held by students and school organizations are available on the school district website as well as in the weekly Terryville High School Newsletter sent via email by Mr. Hulst to parents and students.
 - (5) The Drama Club is performing their second play "Chitty, Chitty Bang Bang" on Thursday, March 23rd, Friday, March 24th and Saturday, March 25th. Adult tickets are \$13; student tickets are \$11 and free admission for children under three years of age is free.
 - (6) The Leo Club Pasta Supper will be held on March 25 at Terryville High School in the cafeteria from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students, seniors, and \$8 for adults.
 - (7) The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8 at Terryville High School from 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 - (8) Yearbooks went on sale in February.

- Ryleigh Dring - Absent

6. Presentations

- CABE/CAPSS Student Recognition Award Recipients

Terryville High School	Nora Samih Jacob Tellier
Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Veronica Tardif Dylan Hogan
Harry S. Fisher Elementary	Jasia Piwowarczyk
Plymouth Center School	Sean Kobialka

Recess: MOTION: To recess at 7:30 p.m. Motion Ms. McCann seconded Mr. Goodwin, motion passes unanimously.

Resume Regular Session: MOTION: To resume regular session at 7:44 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Ms. Kremmel, motion passes unanimously.

- Reader's Workshop – Power Point Presentation by: Cory Mazon, Nicole Levesque, Mary Connolly and Jane Rossi

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

None

8. Consent Agenda

A. New Hires/Appointments

District

Danielle Scarmella	Project Coordinator
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Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Maria Caputo	Part-Time Tutor
Denise Tennant	Lunch Aide (Tuesdays & Fridays)

Plymouth Center School

Scott Friedman	Part-Time Tutor/Applied Behavior Analyst Program Assistant
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Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Joshua Pelletier	Long Term Substitute Teacher for Grade 6 Journey
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Sports

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Paul Schwanka	Boys' Track
Mark Sconziano	Girls' Track
Leo Normandin	Baseball (Pending Certification)
John Fitzgerald	Softball (Pending Certification)

Terryville High School

Brian Rosano	Varsity Baseball
Jeffrey Foulds	Boys' Track
Christopher Perkins	Girls' Track
Kevin Schumann	Track & Field
Stephanie Konopaske	Varsity Softball
Mark Fowler & Dean Martin	Golf (co-coaching)
Dawn Alarcon	Winter Cheerleading

B. Retirements/Resignations

Retirements

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Gretchen Czerwinski	Elementary – Grade 2, effective June 30, 2017
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Plymouth Center School

Deborah Kasper	Physical Education, effective June 30, 2017
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Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Cynthia Badenhop	Language Arts – Grade 8, effective, June 30, 2017
Karen DiTomaso	Special Education, effective June 30, 2017
Colleen McGowan	ELA – Grade 7, effective June 30, 2017
Eileen Pelletier	Interventionist – Grade 6-8, effective June 30, 2017

Terryville High School

Mary Rioux	Family & Consumer Science, effective June 30, 2017
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Resignations

Sports

Brian Rosano	JV Baseball
Patrick Norton	JV Girls' Softball

C. Childrearing Leave

Plymouth Center School

Marie Whitehouse	Elementary - Grade 5, from on or about May 18, 2017
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Until the end of the 2016 – 2017 school year

MOTION: To approve the consent agenda. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Kremmel.

CHAIR: There is a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. All in favor signify by saying "Aye." Motion passes.

9. New Business

A. Revisit 2017 – 2018 Budget

Budget Update

• 2017-2018 Approved 2/8/17	\$24,598,353
*Less: Retirement Incentive, net of costs	-115,773
*Less: Defer Facilities Study	-25,000
*Less: Community Development	-2,500
• 2017 – 2018 Revised Request	\$24,455,080
• 2016 – 2017 Budget	\$23,912,791
Difference:	\$ 542,289
Percentage Increase	2.27%

MOTION: To forward the Budget Update and have it reflected in the presentation to the Board of Finance. Motion Mrs. Kulesa, seconded Mr. Orsini.

Discussion: Mr. Goodwin – "Facilities Studies- Is this something that can come out of the sinking fund because I understand it is only going to go from 5 years to 4 years but seeing what has happened with other districts as far as that type of process I would like to have a big of a window as possible".

Mr. Penn – The answer is "no", it would not hit the definition of a sinking fund item because it is not a capital item. You really need to be buying a hard asset item to really be a sinking fund.
Mr. Goodwin – I don't think we should wait on this as it is a very emotional topic and the farther out we are the more logical we can take it without having emotion come into play.

Mr. Penn – You do not know what the review is going to say. The review may say you restructure within the four schools in a way that you do not have today in terms of where the grades are but it does not mean you're going to close a school.

At this time, the Chair called for a roll vote: Mrs. Kremmel, Mr. Orsini, Mrs. Lucian, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kulesa and the Chair all cast a "yes" vote. Mr. Goodwin and Mr. Bourbonniere, cast "no" votes. 6 votes "yes" and 2 votes "no" motion passes.

10. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Curriculum Subcommittee met on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office. The following items were discussed: (1) Review

Recommended Budget Items: Middle School Math enVisionmath 2.0; Grade 6 Reader's Workshop; Foundations Move to Grade 3; (2) Proposed AP English language as Junior Option; (3) Middle School Art Update; (4) and Sneak Peek Atlas Rubicon.

B. Facilities Mr. Orsini, Chair

The Facilities Subcommittee did not meet due to a lack of a quorum.

C. Finance Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

The Finance Subcommittee met at 6 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the accounts-by-facilities report for the month of February and a transfer. The accounts-by-facilities report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

D. Negotiations Ms. McCann, Chair

The Negotiations Subcommittee did not meet on February 1, 2017 due to lack of business.

E. Personnel Mr. Goodwin, Chair

The Personnel Subcommittee met at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Board Meeting and all items were addressed under the consent agenda.

F. Policy Ms. McCann, Chair

The Policy Subcommittee Meeting did not meet on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 due to a lack of a Quorum. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

G. Safety/Transportation Mr. Orsini, Chair

The Safety/Transportation Subcommittee did not meet on February 7, 2017 due to a lack of a quorum.

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

None

12. Board Liaisons to Schools

Mrs. Johnson -- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

PTA purchased book bags for Readers Workshop
Contribution from the PTA to the American Cancer Society
Kindergarten Registration March 23th & 24th on line or in person at the school

Mr. Melchionna -- Plymouth Center School

Absent – No Report

Ms. McCann -- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

No Report

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School

After Grad Fundraiser at Chute Gates this past weekend.
Fundraiser for Pampered Chef may be found on-line or contact Mrs. Kulesa for the website.
Next After Grad Meeting – check the website

Mrs. Kremmel -- SEPTA

March 15 Next meeting at the Lucky Cup at 9:30 a.m.
March 16 Future Planning Workshop at 7 p.m. at Eli Terry Jr. Middle
School

Mrs. Lucian -- EdAdvance

No Meeting

Mr. Goodwin -- WAMOGO

No Report

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE

March 8 Day on the Hill, very successful, very informative, and as quoted
by one of the state senators, the budget that the Governor has
proposed is more than likely going to be dead.

13. Board Comments

Mrs. Kulesa acknowledged along with those teachers retiring goes a loss of experience. We thank those teachers for the services they have provided for us through the years and hope they pass on all their years of their knowledge to the younger and less seasoned teachers to make their legacy continue.

Mr. Goodwin commented on how phenomenal the two presentations were this evening.

Mrs. Johnson – The Connecticut High School Coaches Association will honor 26 of its members as “Outstanding Coaches of the Year” at its 53rd annual recognition dinner on May 11, 2017 at the Aqua Turf Club in Southington. Dr. Semmel will receive the Joseph J. Fontana Distinguished Service Award. This is the highest award given by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association.

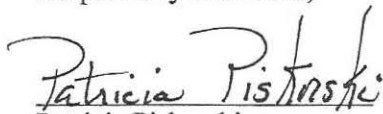
“The Connecticut High School Coaches Association annually recognizes substantive contributions to Connecticut coaches through the Coaches Association with the Distinguished Service Award. Names for Joseph J. Fontana whose professional life was characterized by excellence in service to Connecticut coaches and high school athletics as CHSCA Executive

Director and one of the Association's and the National Athletic High School Coaches Association's founding fathers. This is also one of the Association's most prestigious recognition of service awards by individuals who function outside the CHSCA, CIAC and the NHSACA.”

14. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.
15. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Goodwin, motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary