

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, NOVEMBER 9, 2016  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

Absent: Mr. Orsini and Mrs. Kremmel

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 Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Lucian, motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Melchionna. Abstentions from Mr. Bourbonniere and Mr. Goodwin, motion passes.

4. Superintendent's Update

District Data Team – The District Data Team continues to review data and discuss strategies to further academic achievement. They have developed a district improvement plan that directly ties to the BOE Goals. Each school has a concrete school improvement plan. The school improvement plans address all of the indicators addressed by the BOE goals. Dr. Semmel will provide, in his monthly update, links to the district website where individuals can see all of the plans.

Congratulations to both the Boys and Girls Soccer teams for moving on to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Class S CIAC soccer tournament.

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b. Mr. Hults presented a High School PowerPoint presentation report to the Board. This included: SAT 2016, Comparative Results; CAPT, Comparative Results; Advanced Placement Report Graduation Rate; and College Acceptance Report, Class of 2016

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

Chris Simo-Kinzer, 52 Old Farm Road – Urges the Board to support the Consent Agenda especially the appointments.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. Consent Agenda

A. Appointments

- Harry S. Fisher Elementary School  
Sara Stetson – Recess Monitor (has since resigned 10/24/2016)
  
- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School  
Margaret Parenti – Computer/IT Teacher (previously hired as a substitute), contract effective as of 09/15/2016
  
- Eli Terry Jr. Middle School Winter Sports

John Mordarski	Boys' Basketball
Dean Martin	Girls' Basketball
Dawn Alarcon	Cheerleading
  
- Terryville High School  
Tammy Card – Special Education Teacher (contract effective as of 10/24/2016)  
Carley Vesneski – Long Term Substitute School Counselor (assignment to begin on or about 12/02/2016)  
Kerry Dill – High School Guidance Secretary (start date was 10/26/2016)  
Christopher Perkins – School-to-Career Coordinator
  
- Terryville High School Winter Spots

Peter Veleas	Varsity Wrestling
Mark Fowler	Varsity Boys' Basketball
David Alarcon	JV Boys' Basketball
Tom Morgan	Varsity Girls' Basketball
Jeff Foulds	Indoor Track

B. Resignations

- Sara Stetson – Recess Monitor at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School, effective 10/24/2016
- Thomas Morgan – JV Girls' Basketball Coach, effective 10/13/2016
- Nicole Putnam – Tutor at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School, effective September 30, 2016
- Elizabeth Abbatello – Lunch Monitor at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School, effective 10/21/2016

- Jennifer Lowell – Paraprofessional 29.5 hours per week, effective 11/04/2016

C. Childbearing/Childrearing Leave

Cayla O’Connell, grade 4 teacher at Plymouth Center School for on or about January 20, 2017.

MOTION: Mrs. Kulesa, I move to approve the consent agenda, seconded Mr. Bourbonniere

Mrs. Johnson, Chair: There is a motion and a second to approve the consent agenda. All in favor signify by saying “Aye.” Motion passes.

After a brief introduction by Dr. Semmel and a few brief words from the new School-to-Career Coordinator, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To recess at 7:48 p.m. in order for the Board Members and others to congratulate Mr. Perkins, the district’s new School-to-Career Coordinator. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Ms. Kulesa, motion passes.

MOTION: To resume regular session at 7:55 p.m. Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Lucian, motion passes.

10. New Business  
None

11. Board Member/Committee Reports

A. Curriculum Mrs. Lucian, Chair

The Curriculum Subcommittee met on October 18, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office. The subcommittee received an update on the K – 12 Language Arts Curriculum.

B. Facilities Mr. Orsini, Chair

Due to a lack of business, the Facilities Subcommittee did not meet on Wednesday, November 8, 2016 at 7 p.m.

C. Finance Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

The Finance Subcommittee met in the library at 6 p.m. at Terryville High School prior to the Board Meeting and reviewed the accounts-by-facilities report for the month of October and will forward the same to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

MOTION: To approve transfers as reviewed by the Finance Subcommittee.  
Motion Mrs. Kulesa, motion passes.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Finance Subcommittee is Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6 p.m. in the library at Terryville High School.

D. Negotiations Ms. McCann, Chair

Due to a lack of business, the Negotiations Subcommittee did not meet on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Personnel Mr. Goodwin, Chair

Dr. Semmel indicated that all matters were addressed under the Consent Agenda.

F. Policy Ms. McCann, Chair

The Policy Subcommittee met on October 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at Central Office and continued reviewing Policy Series 3000 – Business/Non Instructional Operations.

The next regular scheduled meeting of the Policy Subcommittee is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room at Central Office. The subcommittee will continue reviewing Policy Series 3000.

G. Safety/Transportation Mr. Orsini, Chair

Due to a lack of business, the Safety/Transportation Subcommittee did not meet on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 6 p.m.

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

None

13. Board Liaisons to Schools

<u>Mrs. Johnson</u>	--	Harry S. Fisher Elementary School
November 3		Corey The Dribbler, a former Globetrotter spoke to the students about good character, being respectful and what to do and say to help stop bullying
November 4		Fall Festival which included a magic show and a ventriloquist
November 18		Fundraiser pick up from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The PTA is in the middle of a spirit wear fundraiser and an ornament fundraiser for the holidays. As always, the PTA is seeking members.

<u>Mr. Melchionna</u>	--	Plymouth Center School
No meeting		

<u>Ms. McCann</u>	--	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Fundraisers – If you are a business owner, please contact the middle school PTA. A handful of businesses will have their name placed on the back of a shirt which will be distributed at basketball games. A great way to advertise your business. Coupon books are on sale for \$25 and as always, the PTA is looking for members.		

Mrs. Kulesa -- Terryville High School  
November 16 After grad Meeting from 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Mrs. Kremmel -- SEPTA

In lieu of Mrs. Kremmel's absence, Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

November 10 Greenery Orders for the fundraisers are due and orders will be in on November 29  
November 16 Meeting Lucky Cup at 9:30 a.m.  
November 17 Hosting autism training at 7 p.m. in the upper level of the library at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School  
December 10 Hosting a community discussion about children's health services (tentative pending facilities approval) for the Plymouth Community (7 p.m.)

Mrs. Lucian -- EdAdvance  
Joint Committee with the Family Resource and the EdAdvance Center. Parents completed the ages and stages of developing screening for each of their children; Lean Together; and Friends of FRC Social event was held at Plymouth Center School.

Mr. Goodwin -- WAMOGO

November 14 Next Meeting

Mr. Bourbonniere -- CABE

No Meeting

Reminder: CABE/CAPSS Convention will be held on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 at the Mystic Marriott.

14. Board Comments

Mrs. Johnson read the following note from Mr. Orsini who is recuperating from open heart surgery.

Plymouth Board of Education Members,  
Thank you for your thoughtfulness following my recent open heart surgery. The Edible Arrangement you sent was filled with a variety of delicious fruit. Barb and I enjoyed it immensely. I am now resting and recuperating at home. I am on the road to recovery.

Tony

On behalf of the Board, we all miss Tony, hope you're coming back soon, we're all thinking about you and please get well.

Chris Perkins, congratulations and welcome aboard.

Mr. Hults, thank you for a wonderful presentation.

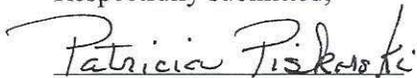
Happy 24<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Mr. Goodwin.

15. Next Board Meeting – The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will take place on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

16. Adjournment

MOTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Motion Mr. Perkins, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Piskorski  
Recording Secretary