

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 9, 2016
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MINUTES

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

Absent: Mr. Goodwin

Others Present: Dr. Semmel, Superintendent, Mr. Penn, Business Manager, Mrs. Trinks, Director of Pupil Personnel and Special Education and Mr. Trudeau, Director of Technology

Absent: Dr. Tenney, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

1. Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag

Mrs. Johnson 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 Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Orsini, motion passes.

3. Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 10, 2016 to reflect a typographical error regarding the approval of Policy Series 0000 which was incorrectly typed as Policy Series 9000. Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, seconded Ms. McCann, motion passes.

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4. Superintendent's Update

(a) A lapel pin "Together We Can" was placed at each Board Member's seat in honor of Board Appreciation Month.

(b) A Day on the Hill took place on March 2, 2016 and was attended by Dr. Semmel, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. McCann, Mrs. Kremmel, Mr. Bourbonniere and Mr. Orsini. Some topics that were discussed: unfunded mandates the State is considering placing on local authorities and possible reductions to mandates.

Mrs. Johnson suggested possibly students attending this event next year. She indicated items discussed were: the Special Education Bill; Seatbelts on busses for 2017 – 2018; Public Health Committee – Vending Machines and Student Data Privacy.

(c) The Superintendent's Brown Bag Lunch is scheduled for March 16 at 12 noon. Topics for discussion are: PreK; 2016 – 2017 budget; Input regarding the website; and to provide answers to any questions about the Eli Terry Jr. Middle School Rear Access Project (Charles St. Project)

(d) The Public Hearing will take place on April 21st regarding the budget in the Community Room at Town Hall.

(e) On March 17th at 7 p.m. the Board of Education will present its 2016 – 2017 Budget to the Plymouth Board of Finance in the Community Room at Town Hall.

(f) The Plymouth Public Schools will be participating in the State-Wide Paraprofessional of the Year process.

(g) State Testing

CMT Science will take place on March 22nd for Harry S. Fisher and Plymouth Center Elementary Schools and for Eli Terry Jr. Middle School.

The make-up date for SAT's April 27th. 93% of our high school students participated in the first round of testing.

Mrs. Trinks – Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education

Pre-School

- * Applications for pre-school for the 2016-2017 school year are available.
- * a.m. & p.m. sessions are located at Plymouth Center School and is open to 3 & 4 year olds. Children must turn 3 on or before January 1st 2017.
- * There will be no tuition for this program next year, however, parents will need to provide their own transportation.
- * This will be an integrated pre-school program that includes typically developing pre-school students with students with special needs.
- * For more information please call 860 314-8003
- * Deadline for applications is April 8th
- * Lottery takes place on April 15th (details to follow)

Mr. Trudeau – Director of Technology

- * Thank you to Mr. Perkins and his students and the Board Technology Staff for tonight's live broadcast.
- * An official letter was received for High Quality Schools and Common Core Implementation Technology Grant in the amount of \$33,600.00.
- * The Technology Committee is in the process of updating the District Technology Plan for 2016 – 2019. Links to on-line surveys were sent to parents and staff and are posted on the web-site for the community to participate and give their input regarding technology in the district.

5. Student Representatives – Halley King, Catherine Gullotta, and Nora Samih

Halley King

- * The PTSA Paint Fundraiser was a success.
- * The seniors attended a financial reality workshop, sponsored by Thomaston Savings Bank
- * Some of the upcoming senior events: Prom and Graduation Practice.
- * Retail 101 was held on February 27, 28 and 29 and was very successful.

Nora Samih

- * Testing Day was March 2nd. The 9th graders took the PSATs; 10th graders took the Science CAPT and the 11th graders took the SATs. Some of the 12th graders took the AP test prep while other received a financial presentation.
- * March 4th, Red Cross Blood Drive took place at the high school. A total of 31 pints of blood were collected. The Red Cross will present seniors, who donate blood 3 times during their senior year, an honor cord to wear at graduation.
- * The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will take place on March 10th at 7:30 a.m. in the auditorium at Terryville High School.
- * The Drama Club will present the school play, "Little Shop of Horrors" on March 17, 18, 19.
- * The Leo Club Pasta Supper and Craft Fair will take place on March 19 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Craft Fair is hosted by the Junior Class of 2017.
- * The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on March 20th with a snow date of March 26th and is sponsored by the Lions and Leos.

Catherine Gullotta

- * Spring sports will begin at the end of March
- * Free sports physicals were held on March 8th after school
- * March 13th is the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New Haven
- * March 31st there will be a fundraiser at Chute Gates and the high school band will be performing.

6. Presentation

Members of students in the Terryville High School's SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) will be reporting on their visit to National Harbor Maryland and Washington, D.C. where they attended the National Youth Leadership Institute and Capitol Hill Legislator Meeting Day Events.

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

Chris Simo-Kinzer, 52 Old Farm Road

- Vote "no" on unfunded mandates
- Consider using the electronic signs at the high school and outside of town hall to post stats for the public to see

Dan Gentile, 236 Mt. Tobe Road

- Great Presentation
- Considering bringing back Plymouth 16 as a communication device to keep the public informed and involved
- CABE's #1 priority should be Unfunded Mandates

8. Communications

None

9. Unfinished Business

None

10. New Business

A. Resignation(s)

Dr. Semmel accepted the resignation of **David Alarcon**, Middle School Girls' Track Coach.

B. New Hire(s) (Part-Time Hire(s))

MOTION: To approve **Kimberly Lemoine**, part-time paraprofessional at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

C. Appointments

MOTION: To approve the following spring coaching assignments for 2016 for Terryville High School:

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| • Peter Veleas | Varsity Baseball |
| • Jeffrey Foulds | Boys' Track |
| • Stephanie Konopaske | Varsity Softball |
| • Patrick Norton | Jr. Varsity Softball |

- Christopher Perkins Girls' Track
- Mark Fowler & Dean Martin Golf
- Brian Rosano Jr. Varsity Baseball (pending proof of certification prior to the beginning of the spring season)

Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mr. Orsini, motion passes.

MOTION: To approve the following spring coaching assignments for 2016 for Eli Terry Jr. Middle School:

- Paul Schwanka Boys' Track
- Matthew Brintle Baseball

Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Mr. Melchionna, motion passes.

MOTION: To appoint **Lindsay Aronheim** as the Extended School Year Coordinator for the summer of 2016.

Motion Mrs. Kremmel, seconded Ms. McCann, motion passes.

B. Childrearing Leave

MOTION: To approve the request for a childrearing leave for **Shana Hagan**, School Psychologist at Plymouth Center School from on or about March 11 to April 22, 2016.
Motion Ms. McCann, seconded Mrs. Kremmel, motion passes.

MOTION: To approve a request for an extension of a childrearing leave for **Rebecca Fusco**, grade 4 teacher at Plymouth Center School for the remainder of the 2015 – 2016 School year. Motion Mr. Melchionna, seconded Ms. McCann, motion passes.

11. Board Member / Committee Reports

A. Curriculum – Mrs. Lucian, Chair – The Curriculum Subcommittee met on February 16, 2016. Some highlights from the meeting are:

- Power Point Presentation on the Wellness Program

SPARK Curriculum is a hands on program; research based and incorporates physical activity.

Healthy Lifestyle Program includes role playing practicing healthy skills. The fitness lab focuses on middle school students.

- Dr. Tenney drafted a Cursive Writing Plan and will have a final draft by the next subcommittee meeting

B. Facilities – The Facilities Subcommittee did not meet this month due to a lack of a quorum. The next regular meeting is on April 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

- C. Finance – Mrs. Kulesa, Chair - The Finance Subcommittee met prior to the Board Meeting.

The subcommittee was informed about a transfer in the amount of \$41.98 which were funds needed to make reparations for an order for Plymouth Center School Library

The subcommittee reviewed the Accounts-by-Facilities Report for the month of February and will forward the same to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance.

- D. Negotiations – No Meeting in February Due to a Lack of Business. However, there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education Offices.
- E. Personnel – Mr. Melchionna, Vice- Chair - All items discussed in subcommittee were addressed under new business.
- F. Policy – Ms. McCann - Meeting February 16 at 6:30 p.m. - The group continued reviewing the Policy Series 1000 and was presented with Series 2000 to begin reviewing.
- G. Safety/Transportation – Mr. Orsini, Chair – A special meeting was held on February 23, 2016 at 7 p.m. with respect to response to subcommittee request regarding a bus stop. The matter was resolved.

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

None

13. Board Liaisons to Schools

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Mr. Bourbonniere

The following individuals received grants from the PTA Enrichment Committee:

Mrs. DeMichiel	To carpet the music room
Mrs. Dunn & Mrs. Platt (grade 3)	Reading & Writing Workshop
	Global Friends Rugs (8x12) for each Classroom
Mrs. Andrade, Mrs. Battisto & Mrs. Curtiss (grade 1)	Reader's Workshop Books, \$400 for each classroom

The Fisher Elementary School PTA recently purchased ten additional book carts (\$300 each), requested by teachers.

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Kindergarten Registration
Wednesday, March 2nd
Thursday, March 3rd

Plymouth Center School	Mr. Melchionna
No Report	
Eli Terry Jr. Middle School	Mrs. McCann
March 1	Meeting
March 30	Spring Pictures
March 18	Thomaston Savings Bank speaking with 8 th graders regarding financial literacy.
March 22	Presentation from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. on course selection for 8 th grade students and parents to sit with teachers and staff to discuss options and to choose their 9 th grade classes.
Terryville High School	Mrs. Kulesa
No Report	
SEPTA (Special Education PTA)	Mrs. Kremmel
Transition 101 Workshop	
Next Meeting Wednesday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. Lucky Cup	
Education Connection	Mrs. Lucian
A grant was passed for Plymouth Family Center FRC Preschool of \$5,000 for 5 families.	
WAMOGO	Mr. Goodwin
Absent – No Report	
CABE	VACANT
Mrs. Johnson – next meeting is March 30 th at 5 p.m. Meeting dates to be discussed with Board Members.	

14. Board Comments

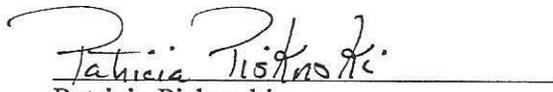
Mr. Bourbonniere - If students could vote some U.S. Senators and Congress Members would not be in office as students were very displeased.

15. Next Regular Board Meeting – April 13, 2016

16. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion Mr. Orsini, seconded Ms. McCann, motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Patricia Piskorski", is written over a horizontal line.

Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary