



MISSION STATEMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 20, 2023
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Board of Education Members in Attendance: Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Richard Foote, Karen Kulesa, Patrick Perugino, Walter Seaman (Chair), Gregory Showers, Kelly Tilton, Louis Zbuska

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on Monday, March 20, 2023 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Seaman.

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II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD HEARING PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 10-151*

Attorney Stephen Sedor stated he is the procedural advisor pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.

Attorney Sedor asked the Board Members to state their name and identify themselves: Gregory Showers, Board of Education; Kelly Tilton, Board of Education; Richard Foote, Board of Education; Stephen Sedor, Attorney for the Board of Education; Walter Seaman, Board of Education Chair; Karen Kulesa, Board of Education; Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Board of Education; Patrick Perugino, Board of Education; Lou Zbuska, Board of Education.

Attorney Sedor asked names be stated for the Administration: Brian Falcone, Superintendent of Schools; Sarah Boxer, Attorney for the Superintendent, Shipman and Goodwin; Richard Mills, counsel for the Superintendent, Shipman and Goodwin.

Attorney Sedor asked those to identify themselves for the Teacher: Attorney Baldwin for the teacher; teacher, Rebecca Holleran.

Attorney Sedor stated this is the first night of hearings and preliminaries have already been discussed and he called for opening remarks.

Attorney Mills presented a notebook containing exhibits K1-J22 which were presented to board members and Attorney Baldwin. Attorney Mills gave his opening remarks with recommendations on termination in accordance with CGS 10-151.

Attorney Baldwin stated he will wait on his opening remarks.

Attorney Sedor stated Attorney Mills may begin.

Attorney Mills presented a binder that contains 6 exhibits which will be addressed during the testimony of his first witness. Attorney Baldwin asked to first review this binder; Attorney Sedor stated S1-S6 are for identification and not full exhibits at this time.

Attorney Mills stated the first witness of Administration is Brian Falcone.

Mr. Falcone was sworn in as a witness by Attorney Sedor.

Attorney Mills proceeded with questions to, and testimony heard of, the witness, Brian Falcone.

Procedural issues discussed on request for executive session and reviewed by Attorneys on need for executive session, open public session, confidentiality of DCF records, FIRPA, CT General Statutes and obligation of the Board. Discussion held. Attorney Sedor stated he will advise the Board to go into executive session and he will determine when to come out of executive session and so advise the Board.

MOTION: To enter into Executive Session in order to discuss a series of matters that may identify a particular student within Plymouth Public Schools and/or that may review of documents related to a particular student which is exempt from disclosure under Connecticut General Statutes sections 1-210-E17 by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers. Discussion: none. Vote unanimous at 6:54 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 7:05 p.m.

Attorney Mills requested an executive session; discussion held by Attorneys with Attorney Sedor stating based on testimony they will not know if student is identifiable until during testimony and if it does not belong in private session he will advise the Board to go back into public session. Attorney Sedor advised the Board to make the same motion as before to go into Executive Session.

MOTION: To go into Executive Session for reason stated by Attorney Sedor by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 7:29p.m.

Attorney Mills continued questioning of the witness. Discussion held among attorneys on Exhibit with Attorney Sedor requesting a five to ten-minute recess for review of the document before making a decision on an executive session.

Chair Seaman called a 10-minute recess at 7:39 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 7:49p.m.

Attorney Sedor held discussion with Attorneys on document. Attorney Baldwin requested further discussion be held off the record. Attorney Sedor requested the Board go into executive session in order to discuss the performance employment of a public employee within Plymouth Public Schools.

MOTION: To enter into executive at 7:54 for the reasons stated by Board's counsel by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Attorney Sedor stated back in session at 8:09 p.m.

Attorney Mills continued questioning of the witness, Brian Falcone. Discussion held on request by Attorney Mills to go into executive session regarding testimony on a specific student. Attorney Sedor advised the Board enter into executive session for the same reasons as previously made to go for the privacy of students.

MOTION: To enter into executive session at 8:21 for the previous reasons stated by Council by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous and motion carries.

Meeting called back to order at 8:58 p.m.

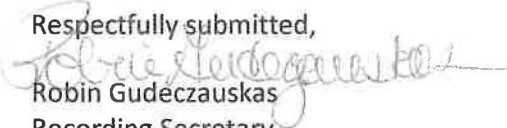
Attorney Mills continued questioning of the witness. With no further questions by Attorney Mills, Attorney Sedor requested of the court reporter that for the next hearing she relay to the agency that they send someone who can stay an extended time as the first hearing no one showed and there is limited time to do this. Start time next Monday is 6:30 pm. and at least for 4 hours.

Attorney Sedor noted request for witnesses out of order and discussion held. Attorney Sedor stated will begin next Monday with cross examination of the witness. He stated for the next hearings at least 10 p.m. will be the earliest stop time.

III. ADJOURN

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:09 p.m. by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Foote. Discussion: none. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Robin Gudczauskas

Recording Secretary

Plymouth Board of Education