



MISSION STATEMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 28, 2023
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
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TERRYVILLE, CT

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Board of Education Members in Attendance: Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Richard Foote, Karen Kulesa, Patrick Perugino, Walter Seaman (Remote), Gregory Showers, Kelly Tilton, Louis Zbuska

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on Tuesday, March 27, 2023 was called to order at 6:00 pm by Vice Chair Kulesa.

Pledge to the Flag

Vice Chair Kulesa turned the meeting over to Attorney Sedor.

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

Attorney Sedor asked all parties to identify themselves:

Attorney Sedor counsel on behalf of the Board of Education; Richard Foote, Board of Education; Kelly Tilton, Board of Education; Gregory Showers, Board of Education; Tyler Balding, Maya Murphy, Attorney for the Teacher; Rebecca Holleran, Teacher; Richard Mills, Attorney Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Sarah Boxer, Attorney with Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Brian Falcone, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Zbuska, Board of Education; Patrick Perugino, Board of Education; Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Board of Education; Karen Kulesa, Board of Education and on Google Meets is Chairman Walt Seaman, Board of Education

Attorney Stephen Sedor stated this is the 3rd night of the 10-151 hearing and at the end of the last meeting we finished with the officers' testimony and asked for any preliminary issues before continuing tonight. Attorney Mills stated the first witness will be a parent of a student who will be discussing matters related to her child and requested that testimony will need to be done in Executive Session. Attorney Sedor asked the Board to motion to go into executive session.

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MOTION: To go into executive session in order to discuss matters related to personally identifiable student or students within the Plymouth Public Schools and to possible review and or discuss documents that are exempt from public disclosure per Connecticut General Statute 1-210 (b)17 by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino. Discussion: none. Vote unanimous to go into executive session.

Meeting entered back into public session at 6:28 p.m.

Attorney Mills stated he had no further witnesses and request as case put on by Ms. Holleran and her counsel to have, as needed, rebuttal witnesses testify.

Attorney Balding stated he had reserved his opening remarks and requested to do so. Attorney Sedor stated to proceed.

Attorney Balding gave his opening remarks to the Board.

Attorney Balding stated the first witness will be DCF agent, Jose Soler. Discussion held among attorneys on nature of questions in investigation related to Ms. Holleran which may include references to students and concern while requested to be done in public session, DCF has many rules on record confidentiality by law. Attorney Sedor stated testimony should be done in executive session and if testimony as it come out as necessary and so advised the Board to go into executive session.

MOTION: To go into executive session for this witness also noting that if the testimony does appear to be that it is appropriate to be excused from executive session and be vigilant in monitoring that so that we take proper care in that regard and again err on side of caution by Mr. Perugino; second Mr. Showers and the vote unanimous.

Vice Chair Kulesa stated the Board is in executive session at 6:36 p.m.

Vice Chair Kulesa stated the Board is back in public session at 9:45 p.m.

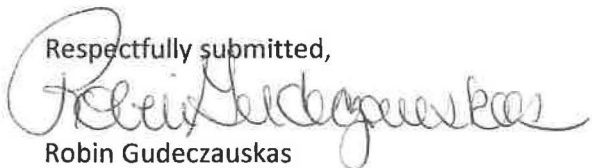
Attorney Balding stated the next witness will be Robin Giese.
Robin Giese was sworn in by Attorney Sedor.

Attorney Balding proceeded with questions to Robin Giese. Attorney Mills had no questions of cross examination for Robin Giese who was then excused.

Attorney Sedor stated the next meeting will be on Thursday at 6 p.m. and asked if the attorneys had any preliminary issues. Discussion held on schedule for planning purposes noting due to statutory timeline, a Saturday meeting might not be out of the question and will revisit the schedule on Thursday evening.

MOTION: To adjourn by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino. Vote: unanimous.
Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Gudczauskas
Recording Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education