



PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CENTRAL OFFICE
27 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CONNECTICUT 06786

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
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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Present: Mr. Seaman, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Mrs. Fusco, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Candrea-Florenciani, Mr. Perugino and Mr. Zbuska

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, Superintendent, Mrs. Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Melillo, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services, Mr. Tencza, Business Manager,

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Seaman called the regular meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education to order at 7 p.m. The group joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To entertain a motion to move Item #7 to 4(a) before Item #5. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

Item #7: Student Representatives changed to 4(a)

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Negotiations Committee of May 8, 2023. Motion Mrs. Lucian, second Mr. Showers, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Finance Committee of May 10, 2023. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, Mr. Perugino abstains, motion carries.

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on May 10, 2023. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Zbuska, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, Mr. Perugino and Mr. Foote abstain, motion carries.

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4. **Presentation**

* **Paraeducator of the Year** – Darlene Oakes, Plymouth Center School, introduced by
Mrs. Melillo, Director of Pupil Personnel & Special Education Services

* **Teacher of the Year** – Tammy Card, Special Education Teacher, Terryville High School, introduced by
Mrs. Mozak-Pezza, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

* **Recognition of Retiring Teachers** – Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

Corinne Johnson	Special Education Teacher	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
Gina Ritchie	Art Teacher	Terryville High School
Wayne Prescott	Library Media Specialist	Eli Terry Jr. Middle School & Terryville High School

4.(a) **Student Representatives** – Final Reports (was originally Item #7)

Robert Pedersen

All sports concluded; Baseball made it to the first round in the States; Recognition of student who competed at the State for the high jump (name inaudible); Sports Awards; and Holiday Hill Sr. Class Trip.

Introduction of Jacob Darrell, President of the Student Council – BOE Student Representative for the 2023 – 2024 school year

Robert will be attending UHart – Mechanical Engineering

Emily Ieronimo

June 1, Awards Ceremony; Finals began on June 6 and will run through the end of the year.

Introduced Mark Lussier, Secretary/Treasurer of the Student Council – BOE Student Representative for the 2023 – 2024 school year. (Not in attendance)

Emily will attend UConn, Storres (course of study inaudible)

Anna Greene

Graduation, Tuesday, June 13; After Grad Party, hosted by PTSA; Sr. Night – June 8 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Prom June 2; Scholarship Night; Class Advisors.

Introduced Kristian Kwoczala, Vice President of the Student Council – BOE Student Representative for the 2023 – 2024 school year.

Anna will be attending the University of Delaware – International Business

5. **Recess**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to recess at 7:21 p.m. in recognition of Paraeducator of the Year, Teacher of the Year, Retiring Teachers and Graduating Student Representatives. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Foote, all in favor, motion carries.

6. **Resume Regular Session**

Mr. Seaman resumed regular session at 7:37 p.m.

8. **Public Comment** (limited to 3-minutes per speaker)

None

9. **Superintendent's Update**

* Terryville High School Annual Scholarship Night – May 25. Seniors received a total of approximately \$274,00 in one time renewable scholarships. Thank you to local businesses; community members and various organizations for their generous support and investment in our children.

Superintendent's Update (continued)

- * Last three days of school, June 12, 13 and 14 are early dismissal days.
 - * Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Promotion Ceremony, Friday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m.
 - * Terryville High School Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, June 13, 6 p.m. (rain or shine either outside or in the auditorium)
 - * Eli Terry Jr. Middle School Step Up Program – Wednesday, June 14, 9 a.m.
 - * Last day of school, Wednesday, June 14.
- * Thanked the entire faculty, staff and administration.
- * New Engaging Classes for the 2022 – 2023 school year:
 - * Library Media at Plymouth Center School
 - * STEM classes in both elementary schools
 - * Family & Consumer Science and Technology Education at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School
 - * Enhancement of the School to Career Program at Terryville High School

The district continues to move forward with other Board initiatives that will have a positive impact on teaching and learning. Again, all the progress that has been made could not be possible without the guidance and vision of the Board of Education and the support of the community.

In conclusion, Mr. Falcone was thankful to all for the commitment to our schools and school community. Wishes for a nice and relaxing summer.

10. New Business

- (a) Two (2) New Course Offerings – EMT and Introduction to the Fire Service

After a brief presentation by Mr. Seaman, Board Chair and discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve two (2) new course offerings EMT and Introduction to the Fire Service beginning with the 2023 – 2024 school year as presented. Motion Mr. Foote, second Mr. Zbuska, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

11. Board Member/Committee Reports

- A. Finance/Operations - Mr. Tencza, Business Manager

Mr. Tencza, Business Manager reviewed the following with the Board:

- Included in the packet are the following; Accounts by Facilities Report for May 2023 and 6 different submissions; (1) Business Office Activity Report; (2) Board of Education Budget Summary through May, 2023 Report; (3) Cumulative Total Board of Education Budget % by Month; (4) Food Service Report; (5) Capital Improvement Plan 2021 – 2030 and (6) Monthly Budget Report for May 2023.

Some Items Addressed:

- * Sinking Fund – the district will not touch any of the sinking fund money. The district will come in with what the Town allocated.
- * No money is being returned to the Town
- * No longer will there be free/reduced lunch. However, there will not be an increase in price for the breakfast and lunch programs.
- * Food Service – good operational year.

Items Addressed on the Accounts by Facilities Report

- * Page 3 – Harry S. Fisher Gas
 - * Page 9 – Substitute Nurses
 - * Page 10 - Magnet School Transportation (payment of \$62,000 just received)
 - * Page 12 – District Consulting Expense – money for technology directors
- The Accounts by Facilities Reports will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

B. Personnel Report

No questions.

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

None

13. Board Liaison Reports

Mr. Perugino

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Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

- * Promotion Ceremony, Friday, June 9 at 9:30 a.m.
- * Book Fair was successful
- * Field Day – June 8 inside
- * Last day of school, June 14

Mr. Zbuska

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Plymouth Center School

- * June 6 meeting – voting in new officers
- * Great Time working with first and second grade teachers and students

Mrs. Candrea-Floresciani

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Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

- * New officers were announced
- * Volunteers (parent involvement) needed for i.e. promotion ceremony set up and cleanup; help with fundraisers

Mrs. Candrea-Floresciani

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Booster Club

- * Ditto – Need more parent involvement, i.e. awards dinner, fundraisers (Fair which is biggest fundraiser)

Mrs. Kulesa

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Terryville High School

PTSA is wrapping up for this year, scholarship recipients, scholarship night, mother's day flower sale and finalizing aftergrad night.

Mrs. Kulesa

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No Report

14. Board Comments (as a whole)

Congratulations to everyone, i.e. Paraeducator of the Year; Teacher of the Year; Retirees. Best wishes to students and staff for a nice, healthy and safe summer. Acknowledgement of graduates and parents. There is a need not only for women participation in the PTA but also male participation. Thank you to those individuals for their contributions to scholarships for our students.

The Board had a very productive, enjoyable and busy year.

Thank you to the administrative team, business manager, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, etc. for a successful year and to the Board as well.

15. Next Board Meeting –The next regular meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education will be on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 (which is the 3rd Wednesday of the month) at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

16. Possible Executive Session – Personnel-Related Matters

MOTION: To entertain a motion to enter into executive session at 8:02 p.m. to discuss personnel related matters inviting Mr. Falcone, Superintendent and Mr. Tencza, Business Manager;

- (a) Contract with the UAW, Local 376.
- and

- (b) Other personnel positions within the Plymouth Public School System.

Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

17. Resume Regular Session

Mr. Seaman resumed regular session at 9:14 p.m.

18. Possible Action on Personnel-Related Matters

(a) Contract with the UAW, Local 376
(No Action Taken)

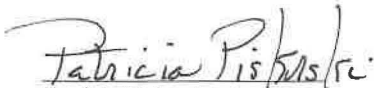
and

(b) Other personnel positions within the Plymouth Public School System

MOTION: To entertain a motion to appoint Beth Melillo as the Assistant Superintendent as discussed in executive session. Motion Mr. Foote, second Mr. Perugino, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

19. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn 9:15 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion carries.


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education