



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
SPECIAL MEETING
RETREAT
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mr. Seaman, Mrs. Kulesa, Mrs. Lucian, Mr. Showers, Ms. Tilton, Mr. Foote, Mrs. Candrea-Floresciani, Mr. Perugino and Mr. Zbuska

Also Present: Mr. Falcone, Superintendent, Mrs. Melillo, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Tencza, Business Manager

1. **Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag**

Mr. Seaman called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mr. Perugino, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

3. **Superintendent's Update**

Mr. Falcone briefly reviewed the following:

* **Board of Education and Superintendent Roles & Responsibilities, Processes, Protocols and Procedures.**

Board of Education – Represents the residents of Plymouth. Main job is to set policies; approve curriculum; adopt a budget for the school year, accept the budget and run the district and create the rules.

Superintendent – Carry out Board of Education Policies, i.e. expulsions, student and/or faculty and/or staff discipline issues; personnel issues; and the Board of Education authorizes the superintendent to run the day to day practices.

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* Board of Education Goals for 2023 – 2024

DISTRICT GOALS

Student Achievement Goal

Support all students in achieving their best possible learning outcomes.

Strategies:

- Expand the instructional capacity of certified and non-certified staff.
- Update and enrich the Pre-K through Grade 12 curriculum and common assessments.
- Enhance special education programs and student supports.
- Revise and align the MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) process Pre-K through Grade 12.

Engagement Goal

Engage students in the learning process by providing authentic learning experiences.

Strategies:

- Establish learning opportunities for students to grow and explore academically, both in and out of school.
- Develop performance based learning opportunities Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Create authentic and relevant learning opportunities for students in Pre-K through Grade 12.

Well-Being Goal

Create an environment and opportunities that support well-being for all students.

Strategies:

- Enhance wellness supports and services Pre-K through Grade 12.
- Expand safety measures and establish security drill schedules at each building.
- Increase extracurricular offerings to foster student engagement in the school community.

Fiscal Oversight

Align budgetary spending with district goals and strategies.

Strategies:

- Evaluate and revise the capital improvement plan to address the district's infrastructure needs.
- Refine our zero base budgeting system.
- Analyze, assess, and implement various strategies to use budget funding more efficiently and effectively.

* Organization Chart – New chart with revisions due to Mrs. Melillo appointment as Assistant Superintendent.

* Future Initiatives

1. Engaging classes at both the middle and high schools.
2. Creating Best Buddies and Unified Programs in all of the schools.
3. Career Center at Terryville High School (i.e. van will be utilized this school year).
4. Develop an alternative path to education program at the high school.
5. Put clubs in place that are aligned to students and help bolster after school programs for students.
6. Chemical Hygiene Specialist.
7. Examine strategies to utilize the operating budget.

Policies – At their seats, Board Members were given a copy of Current Policies; Proposed Policy Revision and New Policies for a First Read.

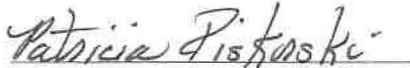
Every September, Shipman & Goodwin updates and revises policies from the previous year which need to be revised or eliminated based on summer legislative changes and adjustments along with New Policies to be considered.

Ninety percent of the revisions are minor, based on legislation. Two new policies from Shipman & Goodman pertain to: (1 & 2) Heat and having a plan for heat as it pertains to athletics and emergency situation and emergency plan for athletics. (3) New policy recommend by the Superintendent and Business Manager addresses dormant club activity accounts (i.e. students raised money for the end of the year prom). After three years of no activity and every attempt has been made to contact individuals, funds would be placed in accounts for students (i.e. freshman class).

Removal of Policy – Policy pertaining to COVID 19 – In Person Learning 2022 – 2023 school year.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Lucian, all in favor, motion carries.


Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education