

MISSION STATEMENT

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PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026

5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mrs. Kulesa, Mr. Foote, Mr. Bourbonniere, Mr. Showers, Mr. Perugino, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Tilton, Mrs. Corry

Also Present: Mr. Falcone (superintendent), Mrs. Melillo (assistant superintendent), Mr. Tencza (business manager), Richard Mills (Shipman and Goodwin)

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Kulesa, Chair called the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on January 7, 2026 to order at 5:12 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education dated January 7, 2026 as presented. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Bourbonniere, any discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries

3. Topics of the Board of Education Retreat

Attorney Mills presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Board Members. Topics covered:

(a) Responsibilities of the Board

- Agent of the State
- Policy Maker for the District
- Board Acts through the Superintendent A

(b) Respective Roles of the Board and Administration

- Administration retains responsibility for district operations and the day-to-day activities
- Board concentrates on policy and goal setting

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- Board concerns itself with questions of educational policy

(c) Board-Superintendent Communications

- The Board operates as a whole
- To individually speak with the Superintendent must be coordinated through the Chair
- Requests to visit a school is coordinated through the Chair and the Superintendent
- Questions and/or requests of information from the Superintendent, are copies to all Board members

(d) Rights and Authority of Board Members

- Authority at Meeting Only
- No independent Authority
- Board members have the same rights as other citizens (no greater, no less)

(e) Role of Committees

(f) Duties of Board Members Duties of Board Members

- Due Process Hearings

(g) Code of Conduct

(h) Types of Meetings

- Special
- Regular
- Emergency

(i) Executive Session

(k) Construction of the Agenda

- Requirements
- Posting Requirement
- Minutes - verbatim not required

(l) FOIA and Electronic Communications

(m) Texting During Meetings

Additionally, Board Members participated in a variety of scenarios.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino all in favor, motion carries.



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education