



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 10, 2026

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
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Christine Kulesa
TOWN CLERK

Present: Mrs. Kulesa, Board Chair; Mr. Bourbonniere, Board Vice Chair; Mr. Perugino; Board Secretary and Board Members: Mr. Showers, Mrs. Tilton, Mr. Foote (left meeting at approximately 6:32 p.m.), Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Corry (arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m. and Mrs. Allen.

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

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

Mrs. Kulesa, Chair, calls the Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education of June 10, 2026, to order at 6:01 p.m. The group joins in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to amend the agenda by adding the following to New Business:

8. (b) **Connecticut State Supplemental Aid Grant**

Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, second Mr. Perugino, any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the following minutes

(a) The minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 13, 2026.

Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Tilton, any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

(b) The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting of May 7, 2026. Motion Mrs. Tilton, second Mr. Foote, any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

(c) The minutes of the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Finance & Operations Committee of May 11, 2026. Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino, any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

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4. Student Representatives

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School – Final Reports

Sebastian Pianka – Reported on the following:

- (a) Spring Spirit Week
May 26th through May 29th featured fun themes, i.e. Emo vs. Preppy and Dress for a Zoom Meeting. Final Pep Rally of the year. Celebrated Spring Sports Teams.
- (b) 8th Grade Trip & 8th Grade Dance
June 4th 8th grade class went to Lake Compounce.
June 11th 8th grade dance.
- (c) 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony
June 19th.

Sebastian thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent Falcone for inviting them to share their experiences.

Julia Matuszczak - Reported on the following: (Julia will be returning for the 2026 – 2027 SY

- (a) Grit 'N Wit & Water Balloons
May 19th – Grit 'N Whit returned to ETJMS – Thank you to the PTA for once again bringing ETJMS this event.
May 27th Water Balloons thrown at Principal Vigliotti. Attempted water dump By Mrs. Steves and Mr. Coer.
- (b) 6th and 7th Grade Trip
June 8th – 6th grades to Mystic Aquarium.
June 16th – 7th grade trip to Adventure Park.
- (c) Spring Band & Chorus Concert & Halo Awards
June 2nd – Band & Chorus Spring Concert.
Halo Awards attended by ETJMS and THS students and performed “Whose House Is this?” from Mean Girls. Nominated for a Halo Award for Best Lighting. Special award was presented to Mr. Tencza, Business Manager, for helping to get the auditorium lights up and running.

Terryville High School – Final Reports

Names of the Student Representatives for 2026 – 2027
Tianna Avallone and Aria Roth-Perreault

Tianna Avallone

- (a) Tianna thanked the Board of Education on behalf of the Student Council and the entire student body for their continued support and dedication throughout the school year.

Fallon Roth-Perreault

- (a) Reintroduced Tianna Avallone as remaining as Student Representative for the Board of Education. Fallon gave a brief description of Tianna's accomplishments.

5. Presentation

(a) Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Satow, Principal Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Casey DeSocio – Grade 4 Teacher

(b) Paraeducator of the Year – Mr. Vigliotti, Principal Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

John Christiana

(c) Retirees – Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

* Diane Boylan – Art Teacher, Plymouth Center School

* Robert Nave – Social Studies Teacher, Terryville High School

(d) Student Representatives – Mrs. Kulesa, Board Chair will present a small gift in appreciation for the student representatives from Terryville High School and Eli Terry Jr. Middle School who have served on the Board during the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School - Sebastian Pianka and Julia Matuszczak

Terryville High School - Tianna Avallone
Fallon Roth-Perreault

Recess and Resume Regular Session – Mrs. Kulesa, Chair

MOTION: To entertain a motion to recess at 6:32 p.m. in recognition of Teacher of the Year; Paraeducator of the Year; Retirees; and Student Representatives. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Bourbonniere all in favor, motion carries.

Mrs. Kulesa, Chair resumes regular session at 6:44 p.m.

(e) Building Administrative Presentation and Update

Each building principal presented a PowerPoint presentation of their 2025 – 2026 School Year Summary.

2025 – 2026 Priorities

- Goals

School Climate Plan Results and Focus Areas

- Strengths and Areas of Growth.

Assessment Data Overview

- Highlights – Dibels & Next Steps
- Highlights – IXL & Next Steps

Highlights of Student Programs, Events, and Accomplishments

- Student Programs
- Events
- Accomplishments

Areas of Focus for 2026 – 2027

6. **Public Comment**

- (a) In-person public comment (limited to 2-minutes per speaker) - None
- (b) Remote public comment (please go to www.plymouth.k12.ct.us for instructions on how to participate) - None

7. **Superintendent's Update**

- Low participation numbers in a few of the varsity sports.
 - ❖ In Girls' Soccer the district will be co-oping with Gilbert. This will not be a traditional co-op. It will be a split program with half of the practices and games occurring at Terryville High School and the other half being scheduled at Gilbert.
 - ❖ Wrestling – the district is exploring a co-op with Lewis Mills. In this co-op agreement, the students from Lewis Mills would pay to participate in our program to offset cost.
 - ❖ Softball, we are just starting the process of looking for a co-op partner.

In order to qualify for a co-op with other schools, we have to follow the guidelines set by the CIAC which are unique and based individual sports.

- As part of the Board Goal to increase opportunities for our students. Mr. Falcone and Mrs. Corry have been discussing opportunities the district can provide for students without creating significant costs to the district.
 - ❖ Through these discussions, 2 potential programs were identified:
 - (1) Developing a Drama Club Summer Workshop. This is for students Entering grades 6 – 12 and is free. The program runs from July 6, through July 29. We will be utilizing the existing Middle School Drama Club stipend to compensate the Advisor for the program. The Drama Club will now officially be a combined Middle and High School Program. The existing High School Drama Club stipend will be utilized to compensate the advisor for that club.
 - ❖ (2) Second opportunity is a Co-Ed Intramural Flag Football Club from student ages 6 – 12 and will take place on Sundays in the fall. This will allow students to participate without interfering with Middle School or High School athletic schedules. Currently, 14 students have signed up. It is hoped that this club will create another avenue for students to become involved and connected to the school community.
- Terryville High School Annual Scholarship Night took place on May 21st. All totaled, seniors received over \$390,000 in one time and renewable scholarships. This amount is the most ever. Mr. Falcone thanked: Local Businesses, the Community Members and various organizations for their generous support and the investment they have made in our children.
- In partnership with EdAdvance and the Plymouth Food Pantry the district will be offering free weekly summer meal pickup for all children ages 18 and under, regardless of eligibility status. This is similar to the meal distribution program offered during COVID. Participants will receive 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches each week. The program will run from July 3rd – August 14th. Meals may be picked up each week between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Plymouth Food Pantry.
- Reminder: This is the last Board of Education Meeting of the 2025 – 2026 school year. Typically, the Board does not meet in the month of July unless there is a specific reason to meet. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for August 12th.
- In closing, Mr. Falcone congratulated all the THS graduates and hopes everyone has a nice relaxing summer.

8. **New Business**

(a) **End of the Year Transfers**

MOTION: To entertain a motion to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to work with the Business Manager in order to make the necessary transfers and expenditures to close the books as of June 30, 2026, and to expend funds for the fiscal year 2025 – 2026 and also to be able to utilize the budget 2026 – 2027 to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to expend those funds as needed until the August meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education.

Motion Mr. Showers, second Mr. Perugino any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

(b) **Connecticut State Supplemental Aid Grant** – Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

Plymouth will be receiving a Supplemental Grant from the State of Connecticut. In total we will be receiving \$392,084 over a two-year period. This equals \$196,042 additional in the 2026 – 2027 and 2027 – 2028 school year. The grant will be utilized for educational purposes as it is intended.

1. Add another Pre-K classroom at Plymouth Center School to assist with classroom capacity concerns.
 - Approximate Cost: Teacher Salary/Benefits/Supplies = \$130,000.00
2. Combine the 2 teacher aid position salaries in the current budget to hire the paraprofessional for the new Pre-K class.
3. Return \$65,000 to the Town for the Plymouth Center School sidewalk capital improvement project.
4. Use remaining \$66,000 of the Supplemental Aid Grant to complete the sidewalk repair instead.

Discussion: Use of Supplemental Grant Funds in the 2026 – 2027 School Year.

After discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the use of the Supplemental Grant Funds in the 2026 – 2027 School Year per recommendation by the Superintendent.

Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, second Mrs. Tilton, any further discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed any abstentions, motion carries.

9. **Business Manager's Report and Personnel Report**

(a) **Business Manager's Report-** Mr. Tencza, Business Manager

- Included in the packet are the following – Accounts by Facilities Report for April and 8 different submissions:
 - (1 & 2) Business Office Activity Report & Negative Balance Explanations
 - (3) Board of Education Summary through May 31, 2026
 - (4) Monthly Budget Report, May 31, 2026
 - (5) Cumulative Board of Education Budget Expenditures % by Month, May 2025 – 2026
 - (6) Food Services Financial Performance Year-to-Date (July 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026)
 - (7) Capital Improvement Needs/5 Year Plan Updated May 31, 2026
(Capital Projects Less Than \$50,000 to be addressed through School Budget Funds or Sinking Fund Allocations)
 - (8) Capital Improvement Needs/5 Year Plan Updated May 31, 2026
(Capital Projects in Excess of \$50,000 to be Submitted to the Town of Plymouth for Capital Expenditures Consideration)

- The Accounts by Facilities Report will be forwarded to the Town of Plymouth Board of Finance

(b) Personnel Report – Mr. Falcone, Superintendent

Mr. Falcone informed the Board that all certified positions have been filled. However, we are still looking for Building Substitutes.

10. Public Comment

(a) In-person public comment (limited to 2-minutes per speaker) - None

(b) Remote public comment (please go to www.plymouth.k12.ct.us for instructions on how to participate) - None

11. Committee Reports

(a) Finance and Operations – Mr. Bourbonniere, Chair

The Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Finance & Operations Committee met on Monday, June 8, 2026.

Mr. Bourbonniere, Chair, gave a brief report on the following topics:

1. Finance

(a) School Lunch

MOTION: To entertain a motion upon recommendation from the Finance and Operations Committee not to increase the School Breakfast Program; the School Lunch Program; the Specialty Lunch and/or the Adult Lunches for the 2026 – 2027 School. Motion, Mr. Perugino (coming out of committee this motion did not need a second), any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

(b) End of the Year Estimate

(c) Recommendations: Allocating end of the Year Surplus

2. Operations

(a) HVAC System at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

(b) Stairs at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School (Interior Stairs)

(c) Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Heat Pumps on Schedule

(d) Sidewalks at Plymouth Center School

Minutes of this meeting will be placed on the district website.

12. Board Liaison Reports

Mrs. Palmer

No Report

Plymouth Center School

Mrs. Allen

Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Mrs. Tilton/Mrs. Corry

Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Mr. Foote

No Report (absent during this section of the Board Meeting)

Terryville High School

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13. **Board Comments** - Summary

Congratulations to the Class of 2026; Good Luck to everyone on the promotion ceremonies.
Congratulations to the Teacher of the Year, Paraeducator of the Year, Retirees, another great year, presentations, much growth in our students.
Possibility of foreign exchange program. Mr. Falcone to have individual present to the Board in August or September. China may be an option.
Discussion regarding concerns over stress on the 2025 – 2026 school year summary and receiving more advanced notice. Some discomfort about sharing some of the information, assessment uncomfortable, produce a different way to ask for information. Possible Communication Committee Meeting was suggested to look into as to what the Board is looking to see, i.e. achievements. The Board is not trying to micromanage. The Board manages the superintendent who in turn manages his team.
Look into CMS, CMT, Jr. Corp Fire Department.
Grant from the state helpful
Pleased school lunch prices were not increased for the 2026 – 2027 school year.
\$158,00 surplus great.
Policy Committee to check on the dress code to see if we are in compliance.
Impressed and interesting Career Exploration Symposium.

Mrs. Kulesa thanked the public who attend and speak at Board Meetings, even if it is to criticize, bring up matters the Board does not agree with whether it be negative or positive. She thanked everyone at the table. Even though everyone may not always agree or disagree it is great to hear the different perspectives and be able to come to solutions that are in the best interest to everyone.

14. **Next Board Meeting** –The next Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education is on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria at Terryville High School.

15. **Executive Session** – (Items to be discussed in Executive Session)

MOTION: To entertain a motion to enter executive session at 9:13 p.m. to discuss the following, inviting Mr. Falcone, Superintendent, Mrs. Melillo, Assistant Superintendent and Mr. Tencza, Business Manager

(a) Memorandum of Understanding by and Between the Plymouth Board of Education and the Plymouth Education Association

(b) Payroll Contract – Informational Item

(c) Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Contract Discussion

Motion Mr. Bourbonniere, second Mr. Showers all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

16. **Resume Regular Session**

Mrs. Kulesa, Chair resumes regular session at 9:58 p.m.

17. Possible Action From Executive Session (if any)

(a) Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Plymouth Board of Education and the Plymouth Education Association

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Plymouth Board of Education and the Plymouth Education Association as discussed in executive session.

Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Tilton, all in favor, any opposed, any absentions motion carries.

(b) Payroll Contract – Informational Item Only

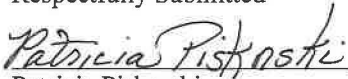
(c) Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Contract Discussion

MOTION: To entertain a motion to approve the contractual items discussed in executive session regarding the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Motion Mr. Showers, second Mrs. Palmer any further discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

18. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 9:59 p.m. Motion Mr. Showers, second, Mrs. Tilton all in favor, motion carries.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary
Plymouth Board of Education