

**PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

**March 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Audrey Lemieux, Mike Cartier, Kathleen Barry, Steve Boettcher, Cheryl Hull, Cindy Arpin, Christi Haskell, Peter Migneault, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder; Student Representative, Arrianna Landry

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Haskell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL (taken silently by Board secretary)**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The minutes of the meeting of February 8, 2017.
- Policy Revision: 4252.6 – Family and Medical Leave

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Board Member Appreciation: Each Board member was presented with a package of Thank You notes that were written by students in our elementary schools. Each member of the Board read into the record one of the notes that they received.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: A letter of resignation was received from Ms. Julie Sumner, K teacher at MES. Ms. Sumner will be leaving at the end of the school year.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Sumner.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- A. Public Forum/Agenda Items: Mr. Peter Boyer spoke to the Board about a retirement incentive for the teachers that he has developed. He gave the board a copy of his proposal.

Ms. Margaret Martin, Paraprofessional Union President, thanked the Board for all that they do for the education of students in Plainfield.

- B. PHS Student Liaison Report: Arrianna Landry said that the winter sports are coming to a close. The trip to NYC for National Honor Society and AP History is this weekend. The spring blood drive was held last week and the Boys' basketball team just won the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the state competition.

## 7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated there has been some slight savings that will help to offset the budget at the end of the year. He noted that the administration has worked very hard to maintain costs and stay under budget.

Mr. Lussier said that there is an issue with the heating system at SHE and they are looking into the issue. He also said that they were notified that the Discovery Bus did not have reverse. It was found to be a chaffed wired and the problem has been resolved.

- B. Sterling CoOp Meeting: Mr. Di Pietro said that they had a productive meeting with Sterling. He said that they discussed the reductions in numbers at the High School. He noted that some of the reduction is due partly by the newly renovated facility at Ellis Tech.
- C. FY 2018 Budget Adoption: The Board reviewed the numbers for the 2017-18 Budget showing an operating budget of \$36,280,776. This is an increase of \$1,083,894 over this present years' budget.

MOTION: Mr. Boettcher moved to adopt the budget as presented to be submitted to the Town.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Calendar 2017-18 Approval: Mr. Di Pietro said that he would like the Board to approve a revised calendar for the current school year to include the three snow days that were used this year. This will make the final day of school set for June 20.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the amended calendar setting the last day of school for June 20.

SECOND: Ms. Hull

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Mr. Di Pietro also presented the 2017-18 calendar for next school year. He said that it has been presented to the TLC Committee, the PEA and Administration and has been set in accordance with the Regional Calendar. The calendar includes 182 school days with

the first day of school for students on August 30 and the last day of school set for June 14.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the 2017-18 School Calendar as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Grant Updates: Mrs. Cadro presented the Board with a report of the grants that have been received by the district this year. The total of the grants for this year is \$1,649,907.

C. Outdoor Performing Ensemble Curriculum: Ms. Lemieux said that this curriculum was developed for Juniors and Seniors that are participating in Marching Band. The focus of the curriculum will be on field show performance.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the Outdoor Performing Ensemble Curriculum.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously

D. Policy First Readings: 7005 Asbestos Awareness & Hazardous Communications, 3541.1 Bus Camera Policy, 6172.1 Title I Parent Complaint Procedure, 6172 Use of Title I Funds: Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that the policies have been reviewed by the committee and he is asking the members of the board to dispense with the reading of the policies at the meeting and to have them posted on the website for public review.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to waive the first reading of the policies and post them to the school website for public review.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

E. Early Retirement Incentive:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to discuss this item in executive session.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the Next Generation Accountability Report with the members of the Board. He said that overall we did very well as district. One of our areas of concern is with attendance. There needs to be more concentration placed on the attendance of our high needs students.

## 9. **STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:**

Ms. Haskell said that she recently spoke with Senator Summers and spent the afternoon today with state representatives at the State House. She said that she relayed to them our extensive challenges with the budget and the issues that are before us. They assured her

that they will do their best to convey our concerns and try to assist us with this very difficult budget issue.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to go into executive session at 8:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a PEA retirement incentive.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to come out of executive session at 8:50.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to authorize the Superintendent to discuss a one-time retirement incentive with the PEA.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.