

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

December 14, 2016 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Doug Smith, Audrey Lemieux, Mike Cartier, Cindy Arpin, Cheryl Hull, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder; Student Representative, Arrianna Landry

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Smith 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. Lemieux moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2016.
- The minutes of the Workshop of November 28, 2016.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Mr. Smith informed the members of the Board that there would be a Legislative Breakfast on January 23, 2017 at Brooklyn Middle School for those that would like to attend. He also said that there would be a Regional Cooperation meeting at EastConn on January 9th.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: None presented.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- A. CAPSS Student Awards Recognition: Mr. DiPietro said that each year eight of our students are recognized by the CT Association of Public School Superintendents. This year the board recognized the following students:

Lawrence Smith, Grade 5, Plainfield Memorial School: Lawrence (AJ) Smith is a fifth grader at Plainfield Memorial School. He brings much to our learning community. He is always ready to volunteer an idea or a kind word with his classmates. If a classmate needs help, he jumps right in without a second thought. He is intuitive and always thinks of other people's feelings. AJ gives 100% of himself at whatever task he attempts. AJ takes his school responsibilities seriously. He achieved honor roll status each marking period last year and is on track to do so

again this year. He was elected as our class student council representative. AJ takes his role as representative very seriously, and comes back to class after each and every student council meeting and reports out to keep us informed. His classmates look up to him. He quickly rises as a leader in any role he assumes. Not only does AJ excel in the classroom, he does so on the soccer pitch as well, playing on the town's recreation league.

AJ's commitment to learning and serving his school community is admirable and commendable. He strives to always do his best and is a kind, considerate, and caring young man. AJ represents the best of the best that Plainfield has to offer!

Michaella Tetrault, Grade 5, Plainfield Memorial School: Michaella Tetrault, a fifth grade student at Plainfield Memorial School, is an amazing young lady! She is an exceptional student and an active participant in the community. Michaella was on the high honor roll all three marking periods in the fourth grade, and has continued her academic excellence in the fifth grade. She always gives her best effort and works diligently, constantly seeking excellence. She is a wonderful friend, showing patience and guidance to her peers, while encouraging others and letting them know that she believes in them. Michaella is active in the school and is a leader in the classroom. She was elected as our classroom student council representative and plays the trumpet in the school band. In the community, Michaella is involved in many activities. She is active in her church and this year she has the role as the narrator for the church Christmas play. She participates yearly to raise money to help those suffering from Huntington's disease, a cause that she holds near and dear to her heart. She also volunteers her time in nursing homes, visiting with patients, and helping to run recreation activities. On top of all of these activities, Michaella finds the time to play sports. She can be found on the court in the winter playing basketball and on the softball field in the spring. Michaella is a girl wise beyond her years. Her drive and determination for excellence is compelling. Her sweet smile and warm personality is contagious. She has the ability to understand what others need, and exemplifies personal excellence both in and out of school.

Lindsay Haukom, Grade 8, Plainfield Central School: Lindsay excels academically, earning numerous awards and honors. She plays the harp for our school band as well as for a prestigious orchestra outside of school. She also enjoys participating in dance and playing the piano. Lindsay is a member of National Junior Honor Society at PCS and actively participates in outside volunteer efforts. Without hesitation, Lindsay routinely volunteers to assist her peers and teachers. She is dedicated and focused on her academic efforts and never shy's away from an academic challenge. Lindsay is a true role model for our school community.

Riley Martin, Grade 8, Plainfield Central School: Riley is a high achieving academic student, who consistently participates in classes and exhibits leadership qualities. Riley is a very intelligent, polite young man with wonderful character attributes. His motivation and devotion to education stands out among his peers. Riley is a dedicated member of the National Junior Honor Society, volunteering in our school and local community. Riley also participates in the school's Cross Country team, where he has consistently improved on his personal record. Outside of school, Riley devotes much of his time to his engineering aspirations on a computer program creating and testing roller coasters. Engineering is his future career choice. He is also a member of All Hallows Church and is currently attending CCD classes. Riley represents our school as a well-balanced, caring school community member.

Julia Waidler , Grade 12, Plainfield High School: Julia Waidler is a senior at Plainfield High school. She has spent the last four years as a member of the band program including marching band and a second chair marimba player in the Eastern Region Music Festival. She also manages the baseball team and takes pride in her academic successes. She hopes to continue her education at the University Of Florida and pursue a career in anesthesiology. She is thankful for those in her life who have gotten her this far and for this opportunity to receive this award.

Morgan Sauvageau, Grade 12, Plainfield High School: Morgan Sauvageau, is the daughter of Jeff and Uriko Sauvageau. She has lived in Sterling her entire life and has been actively involved in the Plainfield community through soccer programs such as QVSA and Plainfield Recreation. She was a recipient of the Superintendent's Award her 8th grade year in 2013 from Sterling Community School. She has been playing soccer since she was 4 years old and is currently a captain on the Plainfield Girls' Varsity Soccer team. She has been an honors student her whole life and plan to graduate Plainfield High School with the same status. She enjoys playing soccer year round, being with friends, and listening to music. Her future plans are to attend a 4 year college with a major in business management or cognitive science.

Seth Barr, Grade 12, Plainfield High School: Seth Barr is the son of Shawn Barr, Susan Lavallee and step-son of Daniel Lavallee. He has lived in Sterling, Connecticut for nearly his whole life with his two sisters, Shawna and Shannon Barr, both whom have attended Plainfield High School. Seth made honor roll for most of his high school career and has been starting varsity on the boys' soccer team since freshman year. He was also a part of the Plainfield-Moosup District Champion baseball team in 2015. During his free time, Seth likes to be with friends, read, practice soccer and attempt playing piano. Seth plans to attend a four year college and major in either nuclear, chemical, electrical or aerospace engineering.

Sandor Lorange, Grade 12, Plainfield High School: Sandor Lorange is the son of John and Erika Lorange, who have lived in Plainfield for eleven years. He has four sisters and one brother, all of whom have attended Plainfield High School. Sandor has made honor roll throughout the entirety of his high school career. Sandor is the Captain of Plainfield's Debate Team, and has received two citations from the Connecticut State Assembly while in this position. He also serves as the Vice President of the National Honor Society and Rotary Interact clubs. Additionally, Sandor belongs to the high school Student Council, Natural Helpers, Yearbook Committee, and Safe School Climate Committee. He worked as the school news anchor during his junior year. He plans to attend college in Boston or New York, hoping to succeed in television and broadcasting journalism.

- B. MES Report on the Time Capsules: Mrs. Lugauskas informed the board that the time capsule that was buried in the library 25 years ago when the new addition as constructed was opened on November 18th. She showed the Board a video that was made of the ceremony that they had at Moosup Elementary School. She stated that a new capsule was buried and will be opened in 25 years.
- C. Public Forum/Agenda Items: Mrs. Kelly St. Onge, PHS Music Booster President, spoke to the Board about the wonderful year that the marching band has had. She said that they were very successful at the state level and went on the Delaware to compete in Bands

America and came home with the Championship. She presented the Board with the medal that was given to the band.

- D. PHS Student Liaison Report: Arrianna Landry presented a brief video of the activities at the Pep Rally prior to the Thanksgiving Day Game. She said that Plainfield finally came home with the trophy for the game this year.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated there were no unusual expenses this past month. Some of the accounts are looking like they may be in the red by the end of the year but he is looking into explanations from Dattco and Special Education.

Facilities:

- ECC and SHE have no current issues to report.
- MES – The reroofing reimbursement request has been accepted.
- PMS – The retaining wall project has been put on hold until the spring. He also said that there are 4 or 5 light poles out on the property that need to be replaced.
- PCS – The new sander/spreader has been installed.
- PHS – The ceiling in the library has been repaired.
- District – A minivan has been purchased to transport students to and from their work study programs.

- B. Future Funding Workshop Report: Mr. Di Pietro said that the Board held a workshop on November 28th to discuss their priorities for the new budget. They are in agreement that all day kindergarten is their main priority for next year.

- C. Meeting with Sterling BOE: The Sterling Board will be meeting and will forward some acceptable dates for the meeting.

- D. BOF Meeting – 12/15/16: The Board of Finance will meet tomorrow evening at 6:00 at the Town Hall. The Board of Education will be there to request that \$50,000 in appropriation that they are requesting be sent to a town meeting for approval.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Paraprofessional Contract Ratification: Not presented.

- B. BOE Meeting Calendar: Mr. Smith said that each year a calendar of the meeting dates for the BOE must be sent to the Town Clerk. He presented the calendar to the members of the Board and indicated that the meetings are all on the second Wednesday of the month expect for November. As there is an election this year, the meeting will need to be moved to the third Wednesday to allow for new members to be sworn in.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the 2017 meeting calendar.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. Curriculum Adoptions: Ms. Lemieux said that there are two new courses that are up for approval. Film as Literature will explore the many aspect of film making and plots. The student must have taken English 1 & 2 to be eligible for this course.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the Film as Literature course.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Manufacturing Math is also a new course that will teach students the applications needed when working in a production environment such as fractions, reading a ruler, micrometer, etc.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the Manufacturing Math curriculum.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- D. Revisions to Policies: 7010 Accidents Reports, 7042 Employee Safety Belt Requirements, 7045 Food Services Management: Mr. Di Pietro stated that all of these policies are just minor revisions to correct grammar.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the revisions to the policies.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- E. First Reading of Policies 7013 Safety, and 7004 Indoor Air Quality: Due to the large changes in these policies, they will be placed on the website for viewing and approved at the next meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Hull moved to forgo the reading at the meeting and post the policies on the district website for review.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the first reading of the two policies.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro gave a brief review of the CAFE/CAPSS convention. He said that there were many workshops provided for the members of the Board and lots of new things to learn.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Board of Education would like to improve the engagement of parents at their meetings. In order to do this, the question was asked if the members would like to form a subgroup that would go out each month to visit a school at the invitation of their PTO and be available to answer questions or concerns.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.