

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

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

PRESENT: Doug Smith, Audrey Lemieux, Mike Cartier, Kathleen Barry, Steve Boettcher, Cheryl Hull, Cindy Arpin, Christi Haskell, 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. Barry moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2017.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Mr. Worth said that the Chamber Choir performed at Carnegie Hall over the MLK weekend. He said that everything went well and it was a great experience for all involved.
- Mr. Worth also informed the Board that Jon Zielinski was recognized as CT Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year. He was selected as a co-winner with one other coach in Connecticut.
- Finally, Mr. Worth stated that the Marching Band has been asked to perform at the CMEA Conference this spring. The conference is in Hartford and it is a great honor and achievement for the students.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: None presented.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- A. Shepard Hill Elementary School Presentation: Mr. Nagel spoke to the Board about the programs and activities that are taking place at Shepard Hill. He showed a brief video showing how the students are using technology to assist their learning throughout the day.

- B. Public Forum/Agenda Items: As no one came forward, the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.
- C. PHS Student Liaison Report: Arrianna Landry said that the winter sports are still in progress. Many of the seniors are still hearing from potential colleges with acceptance letters. This week at the High School is FBLA week. She also said that the National Honor Society will be going to Moosup Elementary School on Friday to help with the Father/Daughter Dance.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated the present year-end balance for the budget is at \$0 and the administration is holding down their spending. The board previously approved the transfers the balance the accounts and take care of the cost overruns. He also stated that there are no facilities issues to report at this time.
- B. School Construction Report: Mr. Lussier said that at this time he need BOE approval to finalize the three roofing projects. He said that the Town Hall has confirmed that the projects are complete and all reimbursement has been requested from the state. He noted that once the projects are approved by the Board, the State Dept. will do an audit of the projects before releasing the final payment.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the finalization of the roofing projects.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. Special Education Report: Mr. Klimkiewicz gave a brief report on the Special Education Audit that took place. He said that the audit will help us to realize if our resources are being used effectively and efficiently, and are the students are receiving educational benefits from the programs and services. He said that they reviewed random IEPs, observed classrooms, spoke with parent, staff and administration and conducted parent surveys. Upon completion they left a list of commendations and recommendations to help us improve on the services that we provide.
- D. Sterling CoOp Meeting – 2/15/17: There will be a joint meeting of the Plainfield and Sterling Boards of Education on February 15 at 7:00 at the Sterling Community School. Not all members of the board can attend, but a representation of the board will be there.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Grant Update: This report will be given at the March meeting.
- B. FY 2018 Budget Considerations: Mr. Di Pietro said that after the BOE meeting on Saturday, the administration met to continue to work on reducing the amount of the 2018 budget. He noted that they were able to reduce the increase to just under 1 million. He said that they anticipate a few more retirees than they previously thought, the all-day

kindergarten program will be offset by some grants and Medicaid will take in more money than they projected.

- C. Letter to Legislators: Mr. Di Pietro composed a letter to go to the legislators stating the top priorities that the BOE supports and wish to see funded. The members of the Board reviewed the letter and decided to table the topic until the next meeting so that the letter could be revised to reflect some additional concerns of the Board.

Day on the Hill: Mr. Smith said that the BOE is once again welcome to attend the Day on the Hill. This year it will be on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

- D. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the tests scores from Plainfield High School and Shepard Hill Elementary over the past five years. He said that we have made substantial gains due to the intervention that were put into place.

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

## 10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.