

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

June 14, 2017 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mike Cartier, Kathleen Barry, Cheryl Hull, Christi Haskell, Audrey Lemieux, Stephen Boettcher, Jennifer Lussier, Cindy Arpin, 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:**

A. Minutes of the Meeting of May 10, 2017.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- None presented.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro said that five letters were received from staff that have decided to resign or retire at the end of this school year.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to accept the letter of resignation from Angela St. George effective at the end of the school year.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Mary Cotter with regret and appreciation for her years of service.

SECOND: Ms. Lussier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Carolyn Galligan with regret and appreciation for her years of service.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement from Lloyd Salisbury with regret and deep appreciation for his years of service.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A. Eagle Scout Project: William Hammond returned this month to get official approval from the Board of Education so that he may begin his project at the high school.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the Eagle Scout Project that Mr. Hammond presented at the May meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- 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 all of the students are in the process of taking final exams. Graduation will be held on the 20th at 6:00 and class night will be on the 19th. Ms. Landry said that she had a gift for each of the BOE members as a thank you for allowing her to be a part of the Board for the past two years. She said that her brother is fundraising so that he can go to camp this summer. She has purchased one item for each member and asked that they choose what they would like. Ms. Haskell also said that the BOE had a small token of appreciation for her as well. Ms. Haskell presented Arrianna with a certificate for her service and some small items as mementos of her service to Plainfield Schools.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated his projections show that the district should end this school year with approximately \$25,000 to \$60,000 remaining in the budget. He said that the administration has done a great job with cutting back on their expenditures for the year.

Mr. Lussier said that there are no significant issues with the facilities to report at this time.

- B. FY 2018 Budget Status: The taxpayers for the town have approved an operating budget for the 2018 fiscal year. Mr. Di Pietro said that prior to the Town Meeting, the BOF requested an additional \$80,000 in cuts. He said that after reviewing all costs and revenues they were able to cut four areas that would not jeopardize the All-Day Kindergarten program. Ms. Haskell stated that if some money were returned to the town

from the state department, she would like to see the CABE membership put back into the budget.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the 2018 budget as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Boettcher

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. BOE Authorization of Superintendent for Summer Approvals: Since the BOE does not meet during the month of July, it has been a practice of the board to authorize the Superintendent to hire new certified staff during the summer. This allows contracts to be signed so that desired candidates do not accept offers from other district.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to authorize the Superintendent to make summer appointment.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Individual Contracts: Mr. Di Pietro said that he spoke with those people that hold individual contracts with the Board. He said that they were in agreement to take a 1.5% increase for next year. He also noted that the BCBA employees were also reduced in hours for next year as well.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the individual contract for non-union employees as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously

Nurses' Contract: Mr. Di Pietro said that the nurses association has agreed to extend their contract for an additional year.

MOTION: Mr. Boettcher moved to approve the one year extension to the nurses' contract.

SECOND: Audrey

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. Staff Evaluations: Tabled until August.

- D. Policy Revisions and Reaffirmations:

8020 School Visitors – Two readings

8003 Community Use of Facilities – Two readings

0000 The People and their School District – Reaffirm

0210 Board of Education Goals – Reaffirm

0200 Educational Goal Statement – Revision

0521 Equal Educational Opportunities – Reaffirm

MOTION: Mr. Boettcher moved to approve the policy revision and reaffirmations as presented.
SECOND: Ms. Lemieux
VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to forgo the public reading of policies and post on the website.
SECOND: Ms. Barry
VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- E. Community Recognition: Mr. Di Pietro said that each year the Board holds a recognition dinner to honor our teachers and paraprofessionals of the year along with one or two civic organizations or corporations that have been supportive of the school district. He asked if the Board had any suggestions for who they would like to recognize this year. Some suggestions were: Aldrich library, local scouting groups and the First Selectman. The members did not feel that they were ready to make a decision at this time.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to table a decision until the August meeting.
SECOND: Ms. Lemieux
VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the schedule for the end of the year activities:

June 19th at 6:00 at PHS – Honor Cord/Class Night
June 20th at 6:00 at PHS – Graduation
June 21st at 5:00 at PHS – 8th Grade Promotion

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

Ms. Haskell urged the members of the Board to try and attend the end of the year ceremonies. She said that the Discovery Bus will be running on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this summer and will be at Lions Park on Thursday evenings for 2 hours to participate in Stories in the Park. Plainfield Pride Day will be held on the first Sunday in August at the Town Hall.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.
SECOND: Mr. Boettcher
VOTE: Passed unanimously.