

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

August 13, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Douglas Smith, Chair; Kathleen Barry; Vice Chair; Audrey Lemieux, Secretary; Cindy Arpin, Christi Haskell, Mike O'Neil, Peter Migneault, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ron Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL: Taken silently by the board secretary.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2014
- The minutes of the special meeting of July 9, 2014

5. PERSONNEL:

A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro stated that Ms. Norma Cote, PCS Secretary has submitted her letter of resignation. Ms. Cote has been employed here for 14 years. She has chosen to take another position in a district closer to her home.

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Cote with appreciation for her services.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Report on New Staff: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the following new staff have been appointed for the new school year. He asked the board to confirm the appointments.

Megan Longo	PHS	Science
Kimberley Speight	PCS	Science
Kathleen Goebel	MES	Grade 3
Amie Lavallee	MES	Grade 2
Kathryn Ledogar	MES	Grade 1
Danielle Marcoux	SHE	Grade 2
Beverly Mullen	PMS	Grade 5

Amanda Witham	PCS	Reading
Kayla Olenick	PCS	Grade 7 E/LA
Bethany Croxton	MES	Music (.2 FTE)
Lindsey Demuth (Pend.)	PHS	Art
David Willis	PHS	Guidance
Keith McLaren	PHS	Sp. Ed.
Marnie Ouelette*	PMS	Sp. Ed.
Kenneth Phaiah*	PCS	Math Lab
Kayla Fafard	PMS	Behav. Manag.
Savannah Lane*	PHS	English
Casandra Benoit (Pend.)	DIS	Speech/Language

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the appointments of the new staff.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Mr. Di Pietro stated that Jan Volland will now be the athletic director for the high school and James Tingle will take on the athletic support position at PCS.

#### 6. PUBLIC FORUM:

A. Public Forum/Agenda Items: As no one came forward, the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. End of Year Report - FY2014: Mr. Lussier stated that the year should end with a balance of \$33,866 remaining in the budget. This is due to Medicaid rebates, communications reimbursements and the efforts of the administration to keep costs down.

B. Monthly Budget Report & Facilities Update: Mr. Lussier stated that we are on target at this point with our expenditures. Facilities: Mr. Lussier informed the board that all of our schools will be ready for opening day. The Shepard Hill roof was completed on time and under budget. The removal of the carpet and installation of the tile in the schools have been completed. Moosup Elementary still has a few areas that remain carpeted due to asbestos in the tile under the carpet. An expansion to the parking at PCS took place this summer. Two new pavilions have been placed in the lower parking lot for parent pick up and drop off.

C. Update on Capital Projects: The Town Building Committee continues to meet regularly to review the projects that still need to be completed. They have reviewed the heating systems at four schools. A consultant may be needed to consider which schools may benefit from controls, which may be able to be maintained with spare parts, and which ones need new systems.

D. Transportation Update: Mr. Lussier said that DATTCO started on Monday. The bus routes have been defined and they should get the information to parents next week. Four of

our drivers did not come back to work for DATTCO. Both Eileen McKenna and Linda Grab will remain with DATTCO to oversee the plainfield office.

E. Policy Reaffirmations - 4000 Series: Ms. Barry suggested that in policy 4025 Employment Physical, the term medical examiner should be changed to medical practitioner.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the 4000 series policies with the revision by Ms. Barry.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Grant Approvals & Report: Ms. Cadro stated that there are three grants that she would like approval for:

The State Department of Education will grant up to \$95,000 to update the facility in which the readiness program is housed. She said that the program would like to get a permanent pavilion for the playground along with some handicapped playground equipment. They would also like to install new fencing around the back playground and handicapped access to get to the area. In addition, it would be helpful to have handicapped buttons at the door for easier access into the building.

School Security Grant - The Connecticut Juvenile Justice Committee is accepting applications for their 2014/15 Competitive Grant. She stated that this grant will be in collaboration with the Plainfield Police and address the issue of how to help children with disruptive behaviors at PHS. She said that United Services would also be involved. The grant is for up to \$30,000.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve submission for the Juvenile Justice grant.

SECOND: Mr. Migneault

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Ms. Cadro stated that the Board needed to sign a resolution giving the superintendent permission to sign. Ms. Lemieux read the resolution into record.

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to approve the signed resolution.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Recognition Dinner: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the district would like to recognize the Paraprofessional of the Year nominees, the Teacher of the Year nominees, along with the Town DPW department, the Police Department and Lowes for their corporate support to the schools. The Board decided to hold a dinner on September 29th at 6:00 in the PHS Cafeteria.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to plan the recognition dinner for September 29th.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

C. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the opening day for staff will be on August 25th. There will be a breakfast from 7:30 - 8:30 and the Orientation meeting will begin at 8:30. He said that all members of the Board are welcome to attend.

Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the current Strategic Plan that is place. He provided the Board with a copy of the accomplishments that have taken place over the past year. He asked the Board to set a date for a retreat to review the plan and make any changes for the upcoming school year. The Board determined that they would meet on September 18th at 5:00 at the ECC.

#### 9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

The Policy Committee will meet on September 3rd at the ECC.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

SECOND: Mr. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour  
Recorder