

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PHS LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER
JANUARY 14, 2015
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Douglas Smith, Chair; Kathleen Barry; Vice Chair; Audrey Lemieux, Secretary; Cindy Arpin, Christi Haskell, Mike O'Neil, Mike Cartier, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ron Lussier, Business Manager; Kendra Curran & Alexandra Thomas, Student Reps; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 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 secretary.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The Minutes of the Meeting of December 10, 2014.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

5. **PERSONNEL:**

A. Resignations & Appointments: Ms. Terri Rodgers, Special Education Teacher, has submitted her letter of resignation for the purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2015.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation from Ms. Terri Rodgers, with regret.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

A. Public Forum: As no one came forward, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

B. Student Presentation: Postponed until next month.

C. Student Liaison Report: Miss Curran stated that the last classes of the semester will be held on January 20th. The library will be having an exam cram to help students

study for their tests. Miss Thomas said that there will be a Cabaret tomorrow evening at the high school, and wanted the Board to know that the students are not letting the recent earthquakes interfere with their studies.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Monthly Budget & Facilities/Bond Report: Mr. Lussier stated that there are no extraordinary expenditures this month and the budget is on track. The legal services are well under budget this year.

Facilities: An agreement has been signed to install a new phone system and PA at Moosup Elementary School. This work should begin in April.

Bond Report: The architect has completed a walk around on the roof to decide where he will perform test cuts to determine if there are any hazardous materials present. There will also be an engineering study completed to resolve the heating issues and determine what the best course of action will be to replace the systems.

B. Policy Revisions - Second Reading - School Lunch Charging Policy: The policy was read at the previous Board meeting and placed on the website for public review. There were no revisions that needed to be made to the policy.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the School Lunch Charging Policy.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

C. School Safety Officer Confirmation: Mr. Di Pietro stated that two guards have been hired. One will begin on Tuesday and the other will start in February.

D. Capital Improvement Plan: Mr. Lussier reviewed the current five-year capital improvement plan that is currently in place. He said that this will be submitted to the town as we do each year. He asked the Board for approval of the plan.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

E. Special Education Report: Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that are continuing to provide professional learning opportunities for the staff. They most recently were engaged in quality behavioral support. He said that this approach is more intensive and works more with de-escalation procedures and the district will be moving toward this format. He said that the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services will be more involved at the high school level. They will be working with students and their families as they move beyond high school and begin to work in the community.

8. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Budget Issues: There is approximately \$19,000 in savings in our liability insurance due to the fact that the buses are no longer under our policy, along with approximately \$128,000 for workers' compensation with the elimination of the buses.

Transfers: Mr. Lussier stated that he would like to move some of these savings to cover the security officers salaries and also place some of it in the transportation line. There are a couple of items that were not included in the transportation bid, that need to be covered.

MOTiON: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the budget transfers.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Technology Grant Application: Ms. Cadro stated that this grant would provide chromebooks and additional bandwidth for the district.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the application for the technology grant.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

C. New Policy - Non-Discrimination and Harassment - First Reading: Mr. Smith stated that the Board will forgo the public reading of the policy and place it on the website for review. Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that there were changes made to the following policies as well:

- Non- resident - involving nexxus.
- Late arrival - Early release
- Extra Curricular Eligibility
- Smoking
- Restraint & Seclusion

Mr. Klimkiewicz also stated that they will be eliminating Policy 5035 Distribution of Medication.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to accept the revisions and eliminations

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to forgo the public reading of the sexual harassment policy and post it on website.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

D. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the calendar he provided reflects events involving the arts in the schools for the remainder of the year. He will make updates to them as necessary.

Strategic Goals - Mr. Di Pietro reviewed what has been completed of the Strategic Plan to this point and what the board set for their goals this year.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Board will meet to review the budget on January 24th at 8:00 a.m. in the ECC Conference Room.

There will be a Legislative Breakfast on January 28th at Plainfield High School.

The Policy Committee will meet on February 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the ECC Conference Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour
Recording Secretary