

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 8, 2014

7:00 P.M.

Plainfield High School Library

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge.
2. ROLL CALL: Douglas Smith, Chair; Kathleen Barry; Vice Chair; Audrey Lemieux, Secretary; Cindy Arpin, Christi Haskell, Mike O'Neil, Peter Migneault, Michael Cartier; Cheryl Hull; Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ron Lussier, Business Manager; Kendra Curran & Alexandra Thomas; Student Reps; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder
3. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Mr. O'Neil moved to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2014.
 - Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 29, 2014.
4. COMMUNICATIONS:
 - a. Recognition of New Board Member: Mr. Smith welcomed Mr. Michael Cartier to the Board. He stated that Mr. Cartier was recommended by the Democratic Town Committee and appointed to the Board on September 29th.
 - b. Recognition Dinner: The members of the board all agreed that the Recognition Dinner was an outstanding evening. Chartwells did a wonderful job with the food. Ms. Haskell stated that she would like to continue this every year.
 5. PERSONNEL:
 - a. Resignations & Appointments: None presented.
 6. PUBLIC FORUM:
 - a. Public Forum/Agenda Items: As no one came forward the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.
 - b. Student Liaison Report: Alexandra stated that Alice in Wonderland will be presented on November 7th and 8th. There was a very good turnout for parent conferences, and

some testing will begin next week. Kendra informed the Board that there was a college planning workshop for parents last evening and a College Fair today. She said that 96 colleges came to Plainfield. There will be a financial aid night in early December at QVCC.

- c. PK & Kindergarten Discussion: The PK teachers indicated that by adding an additional staff member, they have been able to provide the four day PK program to more children. They said that the FUNdations program that they have chosen to working well. It is also great to be able to collaborate with the other PK teachers since they are all in the same building. The kindergarten teachers feel that the students are much better prepared when they come back in the fall after completed the PK program. They asked that the Board consider the idea of putting all of the kindergarten teachers in the same building to allow for collaboration as the preschool does.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Monthly Budget & Facilities Update: Mr. Lussier stated that the budget is on schedule and running on plan. He will discuss some transfers later in the meeting. Legal services are well under budget for this school year. He stated that a new fire panel had been installed at the ECC building. He noted that SHE had some leakage problems near the music rooms. He said that the cause of the leaking was the gutters. They have been repaired and no leaks are present.
- b. Policy Approvals Relating to: Sexual Harassment, Family & Medical Leave, Non-Discrimination, Disclosure of Health Information, and Student Attendance: Mr. Di Pietro stated that this is the second reading of the policies. He noted that since the Board decided not to read the lengthy policies at the last meeting, they were posted on the webpage for review.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the policies.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- c. Grant Reports - Title I, II & III: Mrs. Cadro state that the these are government grants that are entitlements to the district. No motion is necessary.
- d. Capital Improvement Projects - Update: Mr. Lussier stated that they are trying to reduce the traffic issues on Shepard Hill Road by relocating the soccer and JV baseball fields and expand the gravel parking lot.

Facility walkthroughs - MES & SHE - Oct. 22 at 11:00 & 2:30; PMS/PCS Oct. 29 from 9:00 to 11:00; PHS, Nov. 4 at 8:00; ECC Nov. 4 at 9:30.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Budget Transfers: Mr. Lussier stated that there are some transfers needed to the privatizing of the buses. The money that was originally set in our budget to cover expenses, needs to be moved to the budget account for DATTCO.

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

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- b. Chromebook Pilot Projects: Mr. Di Pietro stated that based on proposal that were sent it, several teachers have been awarded Chromebooks to use for their projects. He said that a pilot project was awarded at each school level.
- c. School Safety Officer: Mr. Di Pietro asked the members of the Board their input on providing a safety officer for the district. He stated that it could possibly be a retired officer or there may be a way to reinstate a school resource officer as we had in the past. The Board would like to know what the cost and responsibilities of the position would be. They asked the superintendent to investigate the proposal further and let report back.
- d. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro stated that on November 25th, the Shepard Hill PTO would like to have the board attend their forum. It will begin at 6:30. Mr. Di Pietro informed the board regarding the incident that took place during the New London football game. He said that Mr. Worth delivered an apology to the New London principal to ensure that although it was not our students that were involved, they would take the matter seriously.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Policy Committee will meet on October 15th at 6:00 at the ECC.

The Curriculum Committee will meet on October 29th at 5:30 at the ECC.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour