

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
September 10, 2014
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge.

II. ROLL CALL: Taken silently by the secretary.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Minutes of the meeting of August 13, 2014.

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

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Board Member Resignation/Appointment: Mr. Smith stated that he had received a letter from Mr. Benoit resigning his position from the Board effective September 1, 2014.

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Benoit.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Ms. Barry stated that there is a person interested in being appointed to the Board. Mr. Mike Cartier. He lives in Moosup and is an attorney in Norwich. He has two children that went through the district. Mr. Smith stated that the request will need to be sent to the Democratic Committee for their endorsement.

V. RESIGNATIONS & APPOINTMENTS: None presented.

VI. 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: Ms. Curran informed the Board that the high school would be putting on two productions this year. The first will be Alice in Wonderland and the main production will be the Wizard of Oz. She said that the fall sports are in full swing and the first football game will be on Friday evening.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Lussier stated that the budget is still on course. He said that with all staff now at their proper locations, he will need to make some transfers to the budget and will present those to the Board at the next meeting.
- B. Facilities Update & Building Committee Update: Presently, there are no issues with the buildings. Mr. Lussier asked Ms. Barry to convey the progress of the building committee to the Board. She stated that the committee has interviewed architects and a roofing consultant. They are meeting this evening to determine which architect will be awarded the position.
- C. ECHIP Report: Mr. Lussier stated that the insurance program is doing well and has a fund balance of just over \$900,000. He said that they are hoping for 1.5 million by next year.
- D. Bussing Report: Mr. Di Pietro said that it was a very good start to the school year. The busses were on time with minimal delays. The supervisor and dispatcher have notified DATTCO that they will not be remaining in their service. He stated that one of our drivers retired and five others decided not to stay on with DATTCO. All others have remained. At this point in time, there are two new buses added to the fleet and by January there should be an entirely new fleet.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. TEAM Approvals: Mrs. Cadro stated that both Kacey Howard and Alice Sumner from the high school have applied to become TEAM mentors. She asks for the Boards' approval of the two applicants.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve Ms. Howard and Ms. Sumner as TEAM mentors.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. School Security Grant Approval: Ms. Cadro stated that the district would like to apply for the school security grant to help with improvements to the buildings. The grant is for \$241,629 and will allow for security cameras, handicapped access buttons to the building

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the application of the security grant.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. Summer Program Report: Ms. Cadro stated that the regular education summer program serviced student up through grade 5. Over 100 students were served breakfast and lunch on a daily basis. The staff for the program consisted of

regular, special education and remedial teachers. Mr. Klimkiewicz thanked everyone for their hard work during the summer. He stated that the Camp Q program was wonderful for the special education students that require year round services.

- D. Policy Approvals: Mr. Klimkiewicz presented the board with revisions and eliminations to the 4000 and 5000 series policies. New attendance policies were presented to the Board along with sexual harassment, family & medical leave, non-discrimination and protected health information. Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that this would be the first reading of the new policies and they would be presented for adoption at the next meeting. Mr. Di Pietro stated that the policies will be posted on the website for review.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to forgo the reading of the policies.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- E. School Drug and Safety Inspection: Mr. Di Pietro informed the Board that a series of students were discovered to be in possession of drugs in the first week of school. A few of them are going before the expulsion board. Mr. Di Pietro requested of the board to endorse the action of involving the police in a school inspection. The students, parents and staff would be notified by letter and the school information system to let them know that drugs have been found in district and a safety inspection will take place. This notification will be given a week prior to the inspection. The consensus of the Board is that notification is okay for the first time but if there is another inspection, there should not be any prior notice.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro stated that for the most part, our enrollment projections have been very accurate. He stated that we did lose approximately 30 children in the kindergarten program this year. All other grades are aligning with the projections. He stated that the opening of the school year went very well. He showed the members of the board a brief video of the opening meeting where the students from all grades sang to the Americana theme.

IX. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

There will be a recognition dinner on September 29th at the Plainfield High School in honor of our teachers and paraprofessionals of the year along with recognition to our DPW, police department and Lowes for their support to our schools.

The Honor Roll breakfast will be held on September 23 at 7:45 a.m. at PHS.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on October 29th at 5:30 at the ECC.

The next Policy Committee meeting will be held on October 1st at 6:00 at the ECC.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour