

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

**August 10, 2016 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Doug Smith, Audrey Lemieux, Christi Haskell, Mike Cartier, Cindy Arpin, Steve Boettcher, Cheryl Hull, Peter Migneault, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder; Student Representative; Arrianna Landry

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Smith 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:**

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of:

- The minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2016.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. CSDE Recognition of PHS Band: Mr. Di Pietro took this time to recognize the Plainfield High School Band. He said that the State Department recognized them their arts newsletter for the success that they have had over the past couple years. Mr. Di Pietro said that despite a lot of financial strain we continue to support the arts.
- B. BOE Recognition Letters: Mr. Di Pietro stated that he has sent letters to both the Rotary Club and Plainfield Big Y to invite them to the recognition dinner that they will hold again this year.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro said that he received resignations from the following certified staff members over this summer:

Erin Sochor - SHE Sp. Ed.

Noreen Halbrook - PHS Counselor

Ryan Clair - PHS Science

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to accept the resignations of Ms. Sochor, Ms. Halbrooks and Mr. Clair.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Report on New Hires: Mr. Di Pietro said that there were several new hires that joined the certified staff at Plainfield Public Schools this summer. He asked the Board to approve the superintendent's appointments of the following new staff members:

Jillian Lecy – Grade 1 @ MES  
Kayla Smolen – Grade 3 @ SHE  
Barbara Jean Toth – Special Education @ SHE  
Julie Hemeon – World Languages @ PCS  
Jill Pirie – Science @ PHS  
James Ryan – Tech. Ed. @ PHS  
Kathleen Silva – Special Education @ SHE  
Julie Sumner – Kindergarten .5 @ SHE  
Michelle Godaire – Guidance Counselor @ PHS

MOTION: Ms. Arpin moved to approve the appointments of the Superintendent for the new certified staff members.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. Individual Contracts: Mr. Di Pietro provided the board with the information that was requested at the previous meeting. He stated that the rate of pay increase is 2% for the non-union contracts.

MOTION: Mr. Boettcher moved to approve the increase of the non-union contracts.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- D. Paraprofessional Contract Status: Mr. Di Pietro informed the Board that August 30<sup>th</sup> will be the next meeting to continue negotiations with the Paraprofessional Union.

## 6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A. Public Forum/Agenda Items: As no one came forward, the Chair moved on to the next item on the agenda.
- B. PHS Student Liaison Report: Arrianna Landry stated that PHS Band Camp is taking place this week and the football team will begin practice for the fall season next week.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated that the budget expenditures for 2015/2016 came in at \$4,000 under plan at the close of the year. He said that he is currently putting together the ED001 report for the state. He noted that we were \$93,000 off in revenue due to the amount that we received from the state for in Special Education along with a lower amount of tuition costs coming in. The 16/17 budget remains as

planned. He said that it will be a tight year due to lack of retirements from last year and more student taking advantage of magnet schools.

Facilities:

- ECC now has a new access ramp and fencing in the upper playground.
- SHE is painting in the 500 & 600 wings and cafeteria. They are also removing carpet and installing tile.
- MES – The reroofing project is just about completed. It is sealed and watertight. It will be done by August 16th. The carpet has removed from the final classroom.
- PMS – Has new cement walkways, landscaping was done at the front entrance and hallways have been repainted.
- PCS - Replaced water fountains and installed additional soundproofing in auditorium.
- District - The IT team has been busy replacing computers and installing windows 10 throughout the district.
- Transp. - DATTCO and our data manager are working to align our student information system and Dattco's system so that they talk to each other.

B. Bond/Building Committee Report: Mr. Lussier stated that the district finally received \$320,000 from the State for project reimbursement, however, he was expecting a larger refund check and will be contacting the state to get more information.

C. Report on BOE Summer Retreat Workshop: Mr. Di Pietro said that the Board met to review their goals for the district and also develop the following mission statement:

To Prepare All Students to Lead Safe and Healthy Lives with Skills to Become Productive Members of the Community and Workforce.

D. Carl Perkins Grant Award: Ms. Cadro said that we have received the Innovations Grant. This will provide the district with \$27,000 to purchase supplies for the CNA program that will be instituted next school year.

MOTION: Ms. Arpin moved to accept the award of \$27,000 from the Carl Perkins Innovations Grant.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Superintendent Authorization for Contract: Ms. Cadro said that the Board needs to give authorization for the Superintendent to approve any and all contracts for the attendance grant.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to give the Superintendent authorization to approve any and all contracts needed for the attendance grant.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SAT State Testing Results: Mr. Di Pietro said that they have received the results of the students that took the SAT test last school year. He said that the scores for Plainfield were very comparable to the other districts in our area.
- B. Summer School Report: Mrs. Cadro said that the summer program ran this year for students in grades PK-5. She noted that there were many more 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students this year than in the past. This year there were 91 regular education students and 40 special education students in attendance.
- C. PEA Negotiations: Mr. Di Pietro said that the committee will meet on August 22 to begin the negotiation process with the teachers' union.
- D. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro said that our class size projections have been pretty good. The enrollment at the high school had decreased slightly more than we were expecting. This can be attributed to more students attending Tech and Magnet schools.

Opening of school: Mr. Di Pietro said that the Staff Orientation Day will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Board members are welcome to attend. He said that concerns of mental health issues will be a topic along with presentations of the Teacher and Paraprofessional of the Year. Caring to Learn is the theme this year.

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The CABE/CAPSS convention will once again be held in November. Anyone wishing to attend should let the Superintendent's Office know as soon as possible for a reduced registration fee.

Policy Meeting - Sept. 7th. @ 6:00 p.m. at the ECC.

Plainfield Pride Day was held last Saturday. The library bus was busy the entire time it was there. Ms. Haskell said that many of the parents would like the bus available the entire summer. NHS and NJHS students attended and were guest readers along with Christine Randall. Congressman Courtney visited the bus several times while he was there.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.