

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

December 9, 2015 7:00 P.M.

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

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: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Minutes of the Meeting of November 18, 2015.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None Presented.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: None Presented.

- B. Requests for Leave: Ms. Megan Nelson will be taking 12 weeks of FMLA for maternity/childrearing leave. She is requesting the remainder of the school year upon the completion of her 12 weeks.

Ms. Marion Ouellette is presently out on FMLA. She is also looking to take the remainder of the school year off upon the completion of her 12 weeks of leave.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve both requests for leave.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC FORUM:**

- A. CAPSS Student Awards Recognition: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the official award ceremony took place on December 3rd at Killingly High School. Each of the students was presented with their award at that time. He introduced each student and those that were present came forward to be congratulated by the Board of Education. Those receiving awards this year were:

Plainfield Memorial School	-	Brayden LaRose & Lainey Buffington
Plainfield Central School	-	Rachel Charron & Griffin Bellavance
Plainfield High School	-	Madeline Lorange & Kyle Coady Kelly Etheridge & Elijah Fontenault

- B. Student Liaison: Arrianna Landry spoke for the high school and informed the board of the following events taking place at PHS: The seniors are beginning to send in college applications; Career Day went very well; the football team ended the season on Thanksgiving Day with a loss against Griswold; the winter sports are beginning; the spring production of the Addams Family is beginning their rehearsals; over 200 students attended the Winter Ball last Saturday; and there is a financial workshop at QVC this evening. Mr. Di Pietro stated that beginning next month, the board will have a student representative from Plainfield Central that will sit at the table. Mr. Gagnon said that her name is Haily Bergeron.

- C. Public Forum: As no one came forward, the chair moved on to the next item on the agenda.

7. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Monthly Budget Report & Facilities Update: Mr. Lussier stated that he has received the addition \$10,000 of appropriation from the Town in support of the new band uniforms. He has also made transfer to the budget to reflect and staffing changes that have occurred since the start of the school year.
Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated that there are no concerns with the buildings at this time. It was noted that there were no roof leaks in the buildings after the last rain that we had. He said that he will be presenting a capital plan next month now that all of the walkthroughs have been completed.
- B. Building Committee Status Report: Mr. Lussier said that the Building Committee will meet next week. The site profile has been submitted to the state and the Request for Reimbursement is still in the process of being submitted.
- C. Middle School World Language: Mr. Gagnon stated that the World Language program is now ready to be implemented at Plainfield Central School. He said that it will begin with the 6th grade taking a World Cultures class, the 7th grade will explore both Spanish and French and then in the 8th grade they will chose which of the two languages they wish to pursue.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to adopt World Language at Plainfield Central School.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- D. PHS Scheduling Options: Mr. Worth said that the teachers presented a schedule to him and Mr. Di Pietro. It was reviewed and is a good compromise. It is a 4 day cycle where students will attend each class three days in a row out of the four day cycle. Classes would be 55 minutes long and students can take eight classes per year. He said that this schedule would also allow for classes to be group in pairs if there is a need to block two periods together.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the new schedule for the high school.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- E. Special Education Report – PreK: Ms. Gilberti said that this year we have universal preschool. This is the first year that we have a full day program. In addition, we have seven half day programs. She noted that the full day program consists of both special education and regular education students. The typical peers in this program were chosen by lottery. The classes range in size from 12 to 15 students.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. FY 16 Budget Reconciliation & Transfers: Mr. Lussier provided the Board with a listing of the budget line items and those that need to be adjusted for deficits. He asked the board for permission to make the transfer in order to balance the budget. He said that a majority of the transfers are needed due to staffing and movement that has taken place since the start of the school year.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the transfers.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Budget Calendar: The Board was provided a listing by the Town of the upcoming dates for meetings and budget submissions for the 2016/17 budget information. Mr. Di Pietro also provided the Board with a copy of the budget priorities that have been used in the past to create the budget. He asked if there should be any changes or additions to the priorities. The Board agreed that they wish to continue with the established priorities.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to adopt the budget priorities as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- C. NSBA Conference: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the Annual School Board Association Conference will be held in Boston this year. He said that it is an opportunity to meet with

other boards from across the country. He asked if anyone were interested in attending to please let his office know.

- D. Superintendent Report: Mr. Di Pietro said that he had a new message recorded for the website to inform the public about the Strategic Dialog that will happen on Saturday morning.

9. COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Mr. Smith stated that the new committees have been assembled. If there are any changes needed, please let him know.

Those that attended the CABA Conference said that it was very good. They would like to see it at a different venue next year as it has become too big for the hotel they presently use.

The Board would like to schedule a Cooperative Meeting with Sterling. As there was a member of the Sterling Board present, the Board asked that they provided some suggested dates.

There will be a Policy Committee meeting on January 6th at 6:30 p.m. at the ECC.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour
Recorder