

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

January 13, 2016 7:00 P.M.

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

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- A. Minutes of the Meeting of December 9, 2015.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. Report on Athletic Programs:

PCS –Mr. Gagnon reported on the sports activities at Plainfield Central. He said that the Girls Soccer Team was undefeated - 14-0. The Boys Soccer Team finished in the top 4 in their division. The Cross Country team placed 3rd in the QVJC Championships and the Boys Basketball team is currently 10-3. The Girls Basketball team is doing well, currently 8-4.

PHS - Brooke Rouillard won at the ECC for Cross Country and was named an All Star for the conference. She was also named to the All Area Team by the Norwich Bulletin. The Boys Soccer Team ended the season at 5-16. The Girls Soccer Team made it to the ECC tournament quarterfinals. The Volleyball team was 11-9 and went to state tournament. PHS hosted the first ECC Coffeehouse. Nine schools were in attendance. Mr. Worth said that over 100 students participated in athletic events this year and over 200 participated in other extracurricular activities.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

- A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro stated that a letter of resignation was received from Mr. Anthony Gervase. Mr. Gervase was the reading specialist at SHE.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to accept the letter of resignation.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Ms. Anna Horr- Huguenin was appointed to the position of Special Education teacher at Plainfield Memorial School to replace a teacher on leave for the remainder of the year.

MOTION: Ms. Haskell moved to approve the appointment of Anna Horr-Huguenin as a special education teacher.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

A. Public Forum/Agenda Items: Mrs. Jen Lussier spoke to the Board and thanked them for allowing her to be part of the development of this year's Strategic Plan. She asked that the Board look at staffing and determine if three psychologists are sufficient to services all of the students in the district that have issues and need that staff member to talk to.

B. Student Liaison:

Haylie Bergeron, PCS Student Representative said that student art work from Miss Lema's classes is currently on display at the Norwich Arts Council through January 30th. The display features a mixed media collage of tiles, ceramics, drawings and paintings. Sasha Bosker, a grade 8 student was selected as the Lions Club Peace Poster Winner. Her poster has been forwarded for judging at the state competition. Mrs. Harakaly's Health and Wellness Club hosted Red Ribbon Week at PCS. Activities were held promoting healthy lifestyle choices and the importance of individuals and communities uniting to take a stand against drugs. The Band and Chorus students recently participated in the United States Coast Guard Concert and the Quinebaug Valley Music Festival. Locally, they performed for the ECC students, the residents of Villa Maria and Colonial Health and at the town's Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony. Mr. Gladue and Ms. Weber are exceptionally pleased to announce that students have achieved the highest level of physical fitness that they have seen in the past several years, with 60 % of students attaining achievement on the Fitness test. Mr. Tingle and the PCS morning news team have begun live announcements at our school and are currently in their first full week of production.

Arrianna Landry spoke for the high school and informed the board of the following events taking place at PHS: Final exams will be on the 20th and 21st. The second semester will begin on January 25th. Practice for the upcoming production of the Addams Family has begun. Indoor percussion has started, and the new band uniforms have arrived.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Monthly Budget Report & Facilities Update: Mr. Lussier stated that the budget is currently on target for the end of the year. The transfers that were approved at the last meeting have been completed.
CIRMA: Mr. Lussier said that the district met with CIRMA to discuss the rates that were set for the district this year. They were able to give us a \$50,000 savings between the school and town. He also said that there should be a small rebate coming to us for the 14/15 school year.
ADA Health Changes: Mr. Lussier stated that the tax that was going to be imposed on Cadillac plans in Connecticut has gone before state legislators that they have voted to delay this for two years.
Food Service Bid: Mr. Lussier said that the state department is allowing the district to continue to use the food services that we currently have, however, we need to rebid the service and when doing so, it will be for another five year contract.
- B. FY 17 Budget Development: The Board and administration will meet on Saturday, January 30th to review the budget that has been drafted. It is presently at an increase of 1.5 million. No significant staffing changes have been made for next year.
- C. Capital Improvement Five-Year Plan: There is some custodial equipment that has been added to the plan along with the cafeteria roof at Moosup Elementary, walkways, and removal of carpet. Plainfield Central School is in need of new bathroom sinks, the track needs repair at the high school and Moosup Elementary would like to get new cafeteria tables.

MOTION: Mr. Migneault moved approve the Five-Year Capital Plan.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- D. Strategic Plan Update FY 16: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the plan that was in place for this school year. He said that that we now have full-day Preschool and kindergarten in the district. The middle school has arranged to begin a World Language Program for next year. The Teaching and Learning Committee is now managed by the teaching staff and supported by the administration. Our community Recognition Program is in its second year. Pilot technology projects are in progress, a parent portal in the Aspen system has been instituted and the freshmen at PHS now have 1:1 technology by providing each student with a Chromebook.
- E. Strategic Plan Survey: Mr. Di Pietro combined the information that received from the Administration, the Board, and the community to form a survey of the areas that were designated as priorities for the district. He has asked the Board and Administration to complete the survey ranking the areas that they feel are most important and has provided the Board with those results. He asked that everyone review the results for a later discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. TEAM Approvals: Mrs. Cadro said that there are two teachers that would like to be trained as mentors for the TEAM program. Mrs. Rachel Wlodarczyk from Moosup Elementary and Ms. Jerusha Morrisette from Plainfield Central School.

MOTION: Ms. Arpin moved to approve the two teachers to train as TEAM mentors.

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Superintendent's Report: None was provided.

9. COMMITTEE AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

There will be a budget workshop on January 30th at 9:00 a.m. in the ECC Conference Room.

There will be a Policy Committee meeting on January 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the ECC.

Community Liaison: Ms. Haskell said that she will be meeting with the Lions Club and she has heard that there may be some money available from the state department for the Discovery Bus.

Ms. Barry said that she attended the concert at Plainfield Memorial School. She said that it was very well organized. Mr. Salisbury did a wonderful job and there is a lot of talent among the students.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

SECOND: Ms. Haskell

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour
Recorder