

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Plainfield High School Library

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. ROLL CALL: Kathleen Barry, Audrey Lemieux, Cindy Arpin, Mike O'Neil, Mike Cartier, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ron Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following:

- The minutes of the Meeting of September 9, 2015.
- The record of the Expulsion Hearing of September 8, 2015.

4. COMMUNICATIONS: None Presented.

5. PERSONNEL:

- A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro stated that the district has hired two new reading specialists. They are part time positions to assist with reading intervention at both Moosup and Shepard Hill Elementary. The two new teachers are Karen Castlevetro and Elizabeth McLaughlin.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the appointments of Karen Castlevetro and Elizabeth McLaughlin.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A. PHS Student Liaisons: The Student Liaisons were not present for the meeting.
- B. PHS Fall Drama Production: Several students from the production were present at the meeting. They stated that the fall show will be Anne Frank. The production is under the charge of Mr. Nichols with the

help of several students. This show will be different as it will have the audience on the stage with the cast so that they can be more involved in the performance. The show will open on November 20th and there will be two showings on November 21st.

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

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier stated that there are no unusual expenditures. He said that the e-rate monies that were due to us from last year should be issued by the end of the month. It should be approximately \$57,000 that will be received. The auditors said that we can use the money this year even though it was due to us during the 14/15 budget. He said that he is still in the process of making the changes to the budget now that the school year has started and staff are situated in their buildings.

Facilities - Mr. Lussier said the the roof repairs are complete. There were a few leaks and the contractors came out and made any necessary repairs. They seems to be resolved at this point. There was an issue with a gas leak at SHE and professionals were called in to analyze the area. There was a sweep of the school and there were no levels of gas in the building, just the order from the gas. The fire company also checked the building with their meters and there were no gas readings in any of the rooms. During the situation, students and staff were outside the building until the all clear was given and it was safe to return to the classrooms.

B. Building Committee Status Report: The committee will meet tomorrow and complete the punch list and close the project. Bond Improvements status report - Mr. Di Pietro said that we originally requested 4 million and the work was estimated at 2.3 million. There is still a little work at MES but the rest of the projects are complete.

C. Strategic Plan: Mr. Di Pietro said that this is the end of the five year process. When the new members come on the board, the new plan will be developed. He said that as part of the plan, PCS will institute a World Language course and a health services course will be put in place at PHS.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Administrators' Contract Ratification: Mr. Di Pietro said that the administrators have ratified the contract on their behalf. There are only two substantial areas of change which include salary and the excise tax on the insurance. He said that it is comparable to area contracts and fair to both parties.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to ratify the Plainfield Administrators' Contract.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Special Education Report: Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that parents can now request that a paraprofessional that is working with their child to be present at PPT meetings. He said that there are new regulation with regard to restraint & seclusion but we are already in compliance with the new regulations. He also stated that we will now be required to have staff training in dyslexia. State Systemic Improvement Plan - the focus this year will be on grade 3 literacy. The purpose of this is to try and close the gap between regular education and special education students. He closed his report by stating that there are presently 30 students that are outplaced in 10 locations.
  
- C. Policies: Mr. Klimkiewicz stated that he had originally planned to eliminate policy 5055, but that has changed and the policy will be revised when new state requirements are received. The criminal history policies has a few minor changes that need approval and the Search & Seizure policy had some significant changes that will require a first reading. This policy will be posted on the webpage for review.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the changes to the criminal history policy #4073 and place policy #5145 Search & Seizure on the webpage for a first reading.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to remove the search and seizure regulation out of the policy book and amend the act to reflect 10-221d.

SECOND: Mr. O'Neil

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

D. Facility Walkthrough Proposed Dates: Mr. Lussier stated that the walkthroughs of the buildings will be as follows:

October 27	PCS at 9:00	PMS at 10:10
October 29	SHE at 9:15	MES at 10:30
November 2	PHS at 8:00	ECC at 10:30

E. Approval of Honors Biology Curriculum: Ms. Tandy Carignan stated that they are trying to close the achievement gap and give a higher level of rigor in the biology curriculum. She said that this course will provided an advanced workload and homework. She noted that there are many students interested in the medical field and want to pursue science as a career. This advanced level of work will help them in this pursuit.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the honors biology course.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

F. 2015-16 Grants Report: Ms. Cadro stated that she needs approval from the Board to request the entitlement money from Title I, Title II and Title III. She also noted that she is applying for a \$25,000

professional development grant to help develop a comprehensive development plan that will provide a model for other towns in the state.

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to approve the grants as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

G. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro presented the Board the new video message that he has put on the website to give information to parents, staff, students, etc. He also presented the Board with the CABA Recognition Award packet that he would like to submit this week. He asked the members to review the information that he is sending with the packet and add their signature to the form for submission.

He said that the Discovery Library Bus is still running. It has been presented to the Lions' Club and on October 18th there is a fundraiser for Wonderland Park and the bus will be for storytelling.

#### 9. STANDING COMMITTEES:

Curriculum meeting - Thursday Nov. 5th. 6:00 p.m. at the ECC.

Ms. Barry expressed her thanks to Mr. O'Neil for his service on the Board.

Executive session:

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to go into executive session at 8:48 p.m. with regard to a contractual issue.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed with abstention from Ms. Lemieux.

#### 10: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Cartier moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.