

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 23, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Early Childhood Center Workroom

**PRESENT:** Shirley Farrell, Audrey Lemieux, Gary LaBonte, Angie Kwasny, Cheryl Hull, Angela Spino, Kevin Cunningham, Doug Smith, Peter Roche, Business Manager; David LeClair, B&G Supervisor; Mary Conway, Superintendent; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Custodial Contract**

Dr. Conway reviewed the changes that were made to the contract for the custodians.

- They are now a union and no longer an association.
- There is a new clause allowing the administration to approve requests for the custodians to work during the day in the summer.
- Insurance co-pay will increase to 17% and 17.5%.
- Board will give notification of reasons why there was a denial for a position.
- Shoes may be purchased from any vendor.
- 5 long sleeve and 5 short sleeve shirts will be issued each year.
- Salary – 3% - 2% - 2.5%
- Shift differential up 5 cents this year and next.

MOTION: Mr. Smith moved to approve the custodian contract.

SECOND: Mr. LaBonte

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

**Food Service Contract**

Mr. Roche indicated that two companies put in a bid for the cafeteria service. The companies were Chartwells and Aramark. Mr. Roche said that Point of Service is necessary in each school and both companies agreed to provide that service. Both companies promote healthy food. He did state that he thought that the numbers from Aramark were slightly elevated and were not based on the information that was provided in the bid. When comparing the two companies, he felt that Chartwells is doing an excellent job for us and the Coordinator, Linda Shultz, is always willing to help the district whenever necessary. He recommended that the Board award the bid to Chartwells.

MOTION: Mr. LaBonte moved to award the Food Service Bid to Chartwells.

SECOND: Mr. Cunningham

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

**Supervisor's Contract**

Dr. Conway said that the following changes were made to the Supervisors' contract:

- Sick leave has increased from 15 to 18 days.
- Insurance co-pay will be 16% - 16% - 18%
- Salary increase – 1.5% - 2.5% - 2.75%

- Now includes a lay off/recall clause – 18 months to same position.

MOTION: Ms. Kwasny moved to accept the supervisor's contract.

SECOND: Mr. Smith

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

### **Skate Park**

Dr. Conway explained that the town has received a grant to put in a skate park in Plainfield. They are looking to use the small piece of land to the right of the exit at the Plainfield Central School. Members of the board asked if there would be a liability issue if someone were to be hurt on the property. The board discussed the option of turning over that particular piece of property back to the town. There was also a suggestion of having some security cameras installed around the school. Since there will be more activities on the grounds it would help deter the vandalism.

MOTION: Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the donation of the property at Plainfield Central School to the Town for a skate park.

SECOND: Ms. Kwansy

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

### **Purchase of Truck**

Mr. Roche informed the board that there is an approximately \$250,000 surplus in the budget for this year. He stated that most of the money has been saved due to the decrease in the cost of utilities. He asked the board for permission to purchase a new truck for the maintenance department. This truck would include a sander and a plow. He noted that we presently pay a fee for outside vendors to help plow the parking lots in the winter. This truck would eliminate the need to use the vendors. Mr. LeClair said that the truck is needed and has been in the budget for seven years, but is always eliminated in the process.

Mr. LaBonte said that he does not feel that this is the right time to purchase a truck. If there is a surplus in the budget, then we should purchase the items that were put on hold throughout the school year, such as textbooks, library books, or computers.

No motion was made on this topic.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy St. Amour  
Recording Secretary