

**PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**September 12, 2018 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Cheryl Hull, Christi Haskell, Audrey Lemieux, Cindy Arpin, Steve Boettcher, Matthew Radant, Peggy Bourey, Michael Cartier, Kathleen Barry, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Sterling Representative; Marissa Flores, Student Representative

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Haskell 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:**

A. Minutes of the meeting of August 8, 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the minutes of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed with Abstentions by Mr. Cartier and Ms. Barry.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Ms. Haskell stated that the Children's Champion Award is being presented to Mrs. Colleen Lugauskas this year. She expressed her congratulations and appreciation for all the Ms. Lugauskas has done for the families in Plainfield.

Opening of School:

PHS: Mr. Worth said that the opening went very well this year. The freshmen class attended the first day without the upper classmen and it was very beneficial for them. The NHS was also present to help those in need. He said that this year they will be focusing on the absenteeism at PHS.

PCS: Mr. Gagnon said that it was a smooth beginning at PCS. The buses are running very well. He said that they had students in on curriculum day this year and they had their Kindness Kickoff.

MES: Mr. Nagel said that it was a good opening. They are fully staffed in the office for this school year. Bus dismissal is going well and Mrs. Pye is working in the Maker Space. The PTO will have movie night on Friday.

SHE: Ms. Trahan said that it was a great start at Shepard Hill. She said that there is a Super Hero theme at SHE this year and they are in the process of developing a proactive movement space.

PMS: Ms. Hutchinson said that the school opened two days later than the others this year. The opening seemed to go well. There has been a lot of help and support from the community. Killingly also did their welcome back wave for our children on their first day of school.

## 5. PERSONNEL:

- A. Resignations & Appointments: Mr. Di Pietro stated that he received a letter of resignation from Jennifer Crary, science teacher at PHS. Ms. Crary has accepted a position teaching at UCONN.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation from Jennifer Crary.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation was also received from Mariah Harrington, Speech Pathologist.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation from Mariah Harrington.

SECOND: Ms. Bourey

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Appointments & Transfers:

Ms. Anita Japp has been hired to fill the science position vacated by Ms. Crary.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the appointment of Anita Japp to the science position at PHS for the at Plainfield High School.

SECOND: Mr. Radant

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

## 6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A. Public Forum/Agenda Items: Ms. Mary Landry expressed her concerns with the employment of an interim Director of Student Services. She said that this employee will not have any knowledge of the students being serviced and their needs.

Ms. Renee Toper spoke to the board to ask for their diligence in making sure that the students in the district receive the services that they need to learn and grow in our district.

Mr. Sean Peterson asked if there was a determination as to what caused the fire at PMS. He was informed that the Fire Marshal determined that it was caused by a faulty light or fan in the ceiling.

- B. Student Representatives: Mr. Worth said that this year we have Marissa Flores. She is a National Honor Society Student and an athlete at PHS. She will be joined by Vincent Valenti. Mr. Valenti will be representing the students from Sterling.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. FY19 Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier said that the total budget expenditures will be reconciled for the October meeting. It will also include all of the latest staff changes. He noted that outside of the expenditures to renovate our PMS/Killingly school, there were no unusual or excessive charges posted in the month of August.

Facilities:

ECC – The Pathways program is up and running.

SHE: A new part-time custodian has been put on staff.

MES: No issues to report.

PMS: Insurance claim adjuster will give a brief report.

PCS: No issue to report.

PHS: Some leaks have been discovered in the library area.

Transportation: PMS/Killingly routing has proven to be a challenge. Regional support has helped get us through the first week of school. Efficiencies are still be pursued.

- FY 18 Close Out: Mr. Lussier said that the budget for the 2018 school year ended with \$1,683 under plan. He said that the State ED001 report was submitted on August 29<sup>th</sup> and the audit will begin during the first week of October.

- B. Status of Plainfield Memorial School: Mr. Al Suprin from CIRMA addressed the Board with an update of the status of the Memorial School. He said that they are looking to be finished with the work by the end of November. This will allow the staff to get the building ready and move back in to start back after the Christmas break. He said that CIRMA has set a \$500,000 limit for work on the Killingly site.

Ms. Haskell said that the community has been very generous. The district has received over \$25,000 in miscellaneous donations. She stated that she wished to thank the community, the staff, administration, custodians, paraprofessionals and the school community for the enormous amount of work that they were able to complete in a month's time.

- C. School Walkthrough Schedule: Mr. Lussier reviewed the schedule for the building walkthroughs that will take place.

October 9 – 9:00 at PCS

9:50 at ECC

October 11 - 10:30 at PHS

11:45 at MES

October 12 - 9:00 at SHE

- D. Report on Plainfield Pathways: Mr. Di Pietro said that program is up and running. There are currently 8 students enrolled and two more will be returning from outside placements. He said that they follow a procedure of being wand for weapons as they come in and rotate their scheduled approximately every 30 minutes.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Grant Approvals – GAP Assistance: Mrs. Cadro explained that the district has been receiving this grant for many years. It is used to help students that need a little extra support or assistance with self-confidence and coping with issues that may be bothering them. The grant is in the amount of \$20,000.

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to approve the application of the GAP Grant.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. State Testing Results: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the testing results with the Board. He said that compared to the district close to us, we are achieving average results. We are not in first place, but we are in the middle of the scores. The results are attached below:

State SBAC Testing			Percentage Level 3 or 4 (Met or Exceeded)%								
District	District Code	Subject	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Rank ELA	Rank Math	SAT/ELA	SAT/Math	Rank ELA	Rank Math
Brooklyn School District	0190011	ELA	69.4	63.6	63.5	1					
Brooklyn School District	0190011	Math	39	43.8	47.1		2				
Canterbury School District	0220011	ELA	55.1	52.6	57.5	2					
Canterbury School District	0220011	Math	38.6	42.6	42.1		5				
Griswold School District	0580011	ELA	58.7	56.4	56.7	3		487		5-ELA	
Griswold School District	0580011	Math	48.1	55.8	56.3		1		478		3-Math
Killingly School District	0690011	ELA	58.4	52.1	56	5		506		2-ELA	
Killingly School District	0690011	Math	35.3	29.2	37.8		6		477		4-Math
Plainfield School District	1090011	ELA	57.2	57.7	56.5	4		489		4-ELA	
Plainfield School District	1090011	Math	42.3	44.3	45.8		4		462		5-Math
Putnam School District	1160011	ELA	49	51.3	53.4	7		478		6-ELA	
Putnam School District	1160011	Math	36.3	37.9	39		7		458		6-Math
Sterling School District	1360011	ELA	55.6	49.6	47.7	8					
Sterling School District	1360011	Math	27.2	27.1	28.7		9				
Thompson School District	1410011	ELA	36.1	44.1	41.9	9		496		3-ELA	
Thompson School District	1410011	Math	26	30.5	31.4		8		484		2-Math
State ELA Average		ELA	55.6	54.1	55.3	6		516		1-ELA	
State Math Average		Math	44	45.7	46.8	3			503		1-Math

C. TEAM Approvals: Mrs. Cadro said that there are currently three teachers that have chosen to take the training to become mentors. They are:

- Savannah Marrish – PHS
- Jamie Weber – PCS
- Kevin Mariano - PHS

MOTION: Ms. Bourey moved to approve the applications of the three teachers for mentor training.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed Unanimously.

D. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro said that they are preparing for annual Recognition Dinner. He said that based on the unfortunate incidents that have happened recently, he would like to recognize the Killingly Schools, the Fire Departments and also Mr. Paul Kudelsky as employee of the year for his work coordinating the clean-up of the Killingly site in preparation for the opening of school.

## 9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Curriculum Committee will meet on September 26, 2018 at 6:00 at the ECC.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.