

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

October 10, 2018 7:00 P.M.

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

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 September 12, 2018.

Ms. Haskell stated that the meeting was held in the auditorium rather than the library last month and that should be changed.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the corrected minutes of the September 12th meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Radant

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None Presented.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

A. Resignations & Retirements: None Presented.

B. Appointments & Transfers:

Ms. Carolyn Michener has been hired as a speech/language pathologist. She has full certification and began on September 14.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the appointment of Carolyn Michener to the speech/language position.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

C. Request of Leave of Absence: Ms. Olivia Tyszkiewicz has requested a leave of absence. She plans to begin her maternity leave on or about December 10th and wishes to take an unpaid leave of absence after her maternity leave for the remainder of the school year.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the request for an unpaid leave for Olivia Tyszkiewicz.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- A. District Website Demonstration: Christine Oberdorf and Christopher Bitgood walked through the new website. They showed all of the different features and each of the schools' individual web pages. Ms. Oberdorf said that it will be live tomorrow morning. She also stated that in a few weeks we will also have an App that will connect with the webpage.
- B. Public Forum/Agenda Items: As no one came forward, the chair moved to the next item on the agenda.
- C. Student Representatives: Marissa Flores said that girls' soccer team is 8 and 1 and the football team is doing very well. She said that Madison Kelley, Izzy Newbury and Kyle Hull are all named ECC Athlete of the Week. The National Honor Society hosted a movie night to benefit Plainfield Memorial School. There will also be a Paint Night and Trunk or Treat this month. Vincent Valenti said that the Blood Drive went really well. Homecoming will be on October 20th and there is a starry night theme. The marching band will be starting competitions soon. They will also be holding their annual Cow Patty Bingo. He noted that the Chamber Choir will be going to Carnegie Hall.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. FY19 Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier said that the budget expenditures have been reconciled for all staffing changes to date. He noted that there were no excessive charges posted in the month of September. Other cost overruns were the result of PMS-Killingly transition costs and property loss. A request has been submitted to the claims adjuster asking for an initial release of \$100,000 to offset these costs.

Facilities:

ECC – No issues to report.

SHE: Heavy rains caused some leaks to occur. A roofing contractor was called in to review the matter. The roof integrity is good and our staff will handle the fix.

MES: No issues to report.

PMS: See Agenda Item 7B.

PCS: No issue to report.

PHS: Heavy rains caused some leaks to occur. The facility team has been inspecting the areas for the root cause, and a roofing professional will be called in to assess it.

Transportation: Routing has improved and regional support continues.

- FY2019 Budget Transfers: Mr. Lussier said that the budget has been reconciled. He said that there were some transfers need to balance the salaries accounts now that positions are filled and staff are in place. He said that only three accounts need to be changed: Certified Salaries, Non-Certified Salaries and Tuitions. Once these transfers are made, the budget will be balanced.

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to approve the transfer requested from Mr. Lussier.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- B. Status of Plainfield Memorial School: Mr. Di Pietro said that there are four different phases to the Memorial School. The first stage was containment, which was taken care of within days of the fire. The

second phase was the transition to the Killingly site. The demolition phase is third, which is at this point in the completion stages. The final phase is the reconstruction of the damages to the building. He said that Mrs. Hutchinson is working with them to determine how they will reconstruct the damaged area of the building.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Family Support Specialist: Mrs. Lugauskas spoke to the Board regarding her new position as the Family Support Specialist. She said this position will provide assistance to families as they go through the PPT process. She will meet with those families that are new to the process and review what will happen. She said that if the families asks, she will attend the PPT meeting. She will not speak at the meeting but simply be there for support and guidance.
- B. Special Education Report: Mrs. Gilberti said that we are still in need of five para-educators, but otherwise the Pupil Services staff is complete. She said that there are presently 371 students that have IEPs in place, and 27 Plainfield students are in outside placements. She noted that six of our students have returned to district and are going to the Pathways program housed at the Early Childhood Center. She said that this year they are working to improve student voice at the PPT and improving the assistive technology that is needed.
- C. Agreement to participate in the Child Nutrition Program: Mr. Lussier said that this is our annual approval and submission to the state department so that the district can participate in the Child Nutrition program and receive reimbursement for school lunches.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to authorize the participation in the Child Nutrition Program.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed Unanimously.

- D. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro reviewed the October enrollment with the members of the Board. He said that we were anticipating 2,350 students, however, we are presently at 2,241. He said that some of the decrease is due to the fact that students are choosing to go to Technical or Magnet schools for specific training.

He mentioned that even though the Board is not a member of CABA this year, they can still participate in the CABA/CAPSS Conference if they would like to attend.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Curriculum Committee set a tentative meeting for November 15th at 5:45 at the ECC.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

SECOND: Mr. Boettcher

VOTE: Passed unanimously.