

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

January 9, 2019 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Christi Haskell, Audrey Lemieux, Matthew Radant, Peggy Bourey, Cindy Arpin, Mike Cartier, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Marissa Flores & Vincent Valenti, Student Representatives; Sterling Representative; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Haskell called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 December 12, 2018.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the minutes of the December 12th meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Radant

VOTE: Passed with abstention from Ms. Arpin.

B. Decision of the Expulsion Committee: The members of the Expulsion panel took action on the minutes from the previous hearings.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the minutes from the Expulsion Hearings.

SECOND: Ms. Bourey

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

4. **COMMUNICATIONS:** None presented.

5. **PERSONNEL:**

A. Resignations & Retirements:

A letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2019 school year was received from Mrs. Kathy Farland. Ms. Farland is presently a social studies teacher at Plainfield Central School.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to accept Mrs. Farland's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, with regret.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2019 school year was received from Mr. David Gladue. Mr. Gladue has been a P.E. teacher in the district for 34 years.

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to accept Mr. Gladue's letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement, with regret.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Appointments & Transfers: None presented.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

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

B. Student Representatives: Marissa said track and basketball have started. They will holding basket raffles at the basketball game to raise money for the senior class.

Vincent said that the choir will be going to the Berkley Jazz Festival and the theater group has been practicing for the upcoming play. The Debate Club is having their annual Salsa fundraiser and the Winter Guard is starting their season.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES & INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

The Policy Committee will meet on January 14th at the ECC.

The Budget Workshop will be on January 26th. Breakfast will be provided at 8:00 and the meeting will begin at 8:30.

The Curriculum Committee will meet on January 22 at the ECC.

Ms. Haskell said that the NSBA Conference is coming up. It is being held in Philadelphia this year. She noted that the last time that the conference was on the East coast, several members attended and it was very beneficial. She asked if any members would be interested in attending this year. The cost would be paid for through grants and would not be taking from the general budget. Ms. Lemieux and Ms. Bourey indicated that they are both interested in attending.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY19 Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier said that there no significant issues with the budget for December. He has been working to offset the tuition overruns that have occurred. He also stated that a check for \$200,000 has been received to help compensate for the expenditures that were incurred due to the fire at PMS.

Facilities:

Early Childhood Center	No Issues to report.
	The practice of closing all doors at end of day and weekends is in place.
Shepard Hill Elementary School	The "eyebrow" gutter system has been temporarily sealed by our building and grounds staff.
	Servpro has removed the mold in the music wing. Ceiling tile replacement is under way.
	Approval to move forward with a permanent gutter repair has been given.
	Only remaining carpet is in the upper library and area of refuge. No quotes at this time for remove / replace with tile.
	The district energy conservation project (LED Lighting) has been delayed until 01/03/19. Lighting concerns required review and resolution before proceeding.
	The practice of shutting doors is in place at SHE.

Moosup Elementary School	Smoke detector testing took place over the holiday break. All units are operational. A few horns were replaced.
	Estimates for more outlets to classrooms are pending.
	Asbestos tile removal estimated at \$20,925.00. No quote yet for replacement tiles.
	The practice of shutting doors is in place at MES.
Plainfield Memorial School	Main domestic water heater need replacement. Unit is installed.
	Other discussion on Memorial School will be covered by the next agenda item (8B)
	The practice of shutting doors is in place at PMS.
Plainfield Central School	Heavy rains last month caused leaking in the stage area and art room. Silkton Roofing came out to remedy the situation.
	We will see how well the repair worked at the next heavy rain.
	The compressor which controls the heating system is showing signs of failure (noisy and running constantly). Our Building
	and grounds staff is closely monitoring the equipment and looking at prices to repair / replace.
	The practice of shutting doors is in place at PCS.
Plainfield High School	Lighting order sent to contractor on 12/4/18. Work schedule to be submitted by contractor upon receipt of light units.
	The was no report on the status of the Library roof repairs at the time of this writing.
	The practice of shutting doors is in place at PHS.

B. Re-Opening of Plainfield Memorial School: The members of the Board had the opportunity to tour the facility prior to this evening's meeting. It was noted that the building looks beautiful and there is no indication that there was ever a fire in the building. Ms. Lemieux stated that she would like to see a commemoration of the building as a thank you to the staff for all their hard work.

- LED Light Conversion: The building has been converted to LED lighting during the renovations. There will some issues with how the new lights were initially installed, however, those issues have been resolved and the lights are working well.

C. LED Lighting Conversion – MES Proposal: DEF Services has submitted the proposal to convert Moosup Elementary School over to LED lighting. The expected savings for this conversion will be approximately \$13,871 per year. It was noted that many of the fixtures at MES are quite old and in need of replacement. Ms. Haskell asked if the Board wished to table this approval until the fixtures can be evaluated as it would not be efficient to put in lights in fixtures that may need to be replaced.

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to table the approval in order to address the concerns of the Board with the lighting representative.

SECOND: Mr. Cartier

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

D. Capital Improvement 5-Year Plan: Mr. Di Pietro said that the Capital Plan must be presented to the Town each year in January. He said that the Capital Plan includes items that need to be addressed and this makes the Town aware that funding will be needed at some point to remediate the issues. If the items can be covered by the annual school budget, they are completed, however, most of these concerns are very costly.

MOTION: Mr. Radant moved to approve the 5-Year Capital Plan to be submitted to the Town.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. PEA Contract Ratification Consideration: Mr. Di Pietro stated that he provided the Board with a review of the changes to the contract. He asked that if the Board wished to discuss the contract, they would need to hold that discussion in executive session.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the PEA contract as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Bourey

VOTE: Passed with abstention from Mr. Radant.

Upon the approval of the contract, Mr. Di Pietro shared that this new 2-year contract included:

- An increase in the workday 2 days/week in year 1 and 3 days/week in year 2 for teachers to support students after school.
- 2.5% increase per year for the two year contract. State average is 2.9%.
- Teachers may purchase dental insurance for their family.

- B. FY20 Budget Development Process: The Board will meet with the administrative staff of January 26th in the Early Childhood Center Conference Room. There will be breakfast provided at 8:00 and the meeting will begin at 8:30. This meeting will give the members of the Board the opportunity to review the budgets that are submitted by the administrative staff and discuss the needs of each building.

- C. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Di Pietro provided the board with a copy of the message that he has posted on the Website. He said that he will continue to reach out to the public the keep them aware of things that are happening throughout the district via the webpage and the new app.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.