

**PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LIVE STREAMING VIDEO MEETING  
July 8, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: Christi Haskell, Peggy Bourey, Mike Broughton, Cindy Arpin, Kathleen Barry, Audrey Lemieux, Steve Boettcher, Nick Easton, Kenneth Di Pietro, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Tammy St. Amour, Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Haskell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL (taken silently by Board secretary)**

3. **PERSONNEL:**

A. Resignations & Retirements & Leaves: Ms. Sarah Jarmon, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at MES, has requested a one year leave of absence due to health reasons.

MOTION: Mr. Easton moved to approve the one year leave of absence for Sarah Jarmon.

SECOND: Ms. Arpin

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

A letter of resignation was received from Ms. Barbara Jean Toth. Ms. Toth will leave her position as a Special Education teacher at Shepard Hill Elementary.

MOTION: Mr. Easton moved to accept the letter of resignation from Barbara Jean Toth, with regret.

SECOND: Mr. Broughton

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

B. Appointments:

Mr. Di Pietro said that Mr. Mark Bauer has been hired to fill the vacated Science position at PHS.

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the appointment of Mark Bauer to the open Science position at Plainfield High School.

SECOND: Mr. Easton

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Mr. Di Pietro said that Mrs. Jessica Fitch has been appointed to the position of Special Education Supervisor. Mrs. Fitch is presently the guidance counselor at PMS and will fill the position vacated by Mrs. Gilberti.

MOTION: Ms. Bourey moved to approve the appointment of Jessica Fitch as the Supervisor of Special Education.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. 2018-2019 Audit Review: Mr. Kyle Connors of Marcum, LLP spoke to the Board with regard to the Town Audit that was completed. He said that presently the Town and School are in good shape, and there is a health fund balance.
- B. 2019-2020 End of Year Budget: Mr. Lussier said that the latest projection for the end of this fiscal year is \$512,372 under plan. This is an improvement over the prior month report. He said that there are still a couple of months of charges and potential releases of encumbrances that could affect this latest projection but for the most part we should end the year at or near \$500,000 under plan.
- C. Solar/LED Update: Mr. Lussier said that the contractor is in receipt of the information for the LED project, but this is no start date for the project yet. He said that there may be an issue with the roof at PHS which would require an update to be completed for the solar panels are put up.
- D. 2020-2021 Reopening of School Year: Mr. Di Pietro said that all schools will reopen for the 20-21 school year. He said that they are presently working on completing the template for the State Department outlining our plan for reopening. He said that the plan needs to meet Department of Health and State safety requirements. He showed the Board an example of a student/staff safety desk divider. These dividers would allow for student desks to face one another to maximize classroom space. He said that the Preschool program will be moving to the ECC building this school year the eliminate the change of AM & PM classes exchanging students. The move also reduces the number of students and classes used to allow more distancing at Shepard Hill Elementary. He noted that it may be necessary to adopt an interim 6-hour instructional day to address new requirements for staggered dismissals and cohorting which may require special area teachers and lunches all brought to the classroom to avoid exchanges.

The Board will meet again on July 22 to review the plan.

#### 5. **ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

SECOND: Mr. Easton

VOTE: Passed unanimously.