

**PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
January 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Mike Broughton, Audrey Lemieux, Kathleen Barry, Diane Summa, Roxanne Boisse, Arrianna Landry, Peggy Bourey, Heather Smith, Paul Brenton, Superintendent; Ronald Lussier, Business Manager; Allison Conger, Eeva-Liisa Stone, Olivia Digiacomio, Jack Pothier – Student Representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

a. Minutes of the Meeting of December 8, 2021:

MOTION: Ms. Lemieux moved to approve the minutes of the December 8th meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Bourey

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 21, 2021.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the minutes of the December 21st meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed with abstention from Dr. Summa

3. INDIVIDUAL STUDENT REPORTS:

a. BOE Student Representatives: The Student Representatives informed the public of the events that have recently taken place at the high school and any upcoming activities that would be of interest. They stated that the theater production this school year will be Legally Blonde, the basketball games will begin to be broadcast, college acceptances are starting to come in and the newspaper club will start tomorrow and they are hoping to produce a monthly school newspaper.

4. COMMUNICATIONS:

a. PMS School Government: Students from Plainfield Memorial School spoke to the Board regarding their student council and how they work to make the school a better place.

b. Building Reports: Each principal presented a report prior to the meeting and reviewed for the Board the activities that took place over the past month in their building.

- c. Gifted & Talented: Mr. Sugarman presented information to the Board with regard for identifying gifted and talented students. He said that by July 1, 2022 each Board of Education must adopt a policy for the equitable identification of gifted and talented students. He said a task group has been formed and met in November to discuss multiple ways of identifying a gifted student with means other than academics.

5. PERSONNEL:

- a. Resignation & Retirements: A letter of resignation was received from Laura Maher, English teacher at PHS. Ms. Maher's last day will be January 21st.

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to accept the letter of resignation from Laura Maher.

SECOND: Ms. Bourey

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- b. Appointments: None presented.

6. PUBLIC FORUM:

- a. Public Forum/Agenda Items: Ms. Carla Desjardens came forward. She stated that she would like to see the district continue to promote masking, vaccines and testing. She also suggested that the district hold weekly vaccination clinics to make getting vaccinated easier for those that wish to receive it.

7. STANDING COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL REPORTS:

- a. Superintendent's Report:
 - Mr. Brenton reviewed some of the recent COVID numbers for the state. He said that the district will be receiving masks and COVID test kits. The guidelines for quarantine are changing and will be based on symptoms and vaccination status.
- b. Policy Subcommittee Report: Mr. Sugarman stated that the policies from the November meeting have been posted for review. He is now asking for approval from the Board with regard to the revisions.

Policy 4111 Recruitment and Hiring of Staff

MOTION: Ms. Summa moved to approve the revision to Policy 4111 Recruitment and Hiring.

SECOND: Ms. Boisse

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Policy 4112 Personnel/Certified Staff Appointments

MOTION: Ms. Barry moved to approve the revisions to Policy 4112 Personnel, Certified Appointment.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Policy 4112.5 Security & Background Checks

MOTION: Ms. Bourey moved to approve the revisions to Policy 4112.5 Security & Background checks.

SECOND: Ms. Barry

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

Policy 4112.51 Employment/Reference Checks

MOTION: Ms. Smith moved to approve the revisions to Policy 4112.51 Employment/Reference Checks.

SECOND: Ms. Lemieux

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

- c. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Brenton stated that the Board will hold a Budget Presentation meeting on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Plainfield Central School.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. FY22 Budget & Facilities Report: Mr. Lussier said that the month of December, 2021 was a quiet month financially. There were no unusual or extraordinary expenditures. The fiscal position of the district remains the same as last month.

Cost overruns in Purchased Instructional Services and Purchased Pupil Services are due to additional required special education services. Additionally, unanticipated student participation in two special education programs is driving the cost overrun in the two Purchased Services accounts. Additionally, the budget in the Purchased Pupil Services account is created with the anticipation of receiving Special Education Excess Aid as a cost offset. Until the Excess Aid is received, the account will be over plan.

The district did receive additional America Rescue Plan (ARP) funding for special education. The five additional grants summed to \$188,507. The district continues to move forward with maintenance and repairs of equipment and building systems. While some of the repairs are routine in nature, the frequency and magnitude are increasing as our infrastructure ages.

Grants: In fiscal year 2021, Plainfield Public Schools received approximately \$2.7M from Federal and State grants. More than \$1.5M of these funds came to Plainfield Schools as part of the Americas Recovery Plan (ARP).

Some of the larger grants span two school years such as IDEA and Title I. The State requires that we draw down the majority of the funds in the first year, with the balance to be expended by September 30 of the second year. These grants are applied for annually and create sustainability of various programs.

There are currently 16 (sixteen) approved grants for the FY2021/22 school year totaling **\$1,934,561**. These are Title I, Title II, IDEA 611, IDEA 619, Perkins, Family Resource Center, Inter-district Cooperative, Primary Mental Health, School Readiness - Competitive, School Readiness - Competitive Quality Enhancement and Adult Education. Newly received grants include ARP IDEA 611 & 619, ESSER II SPED Recovery, Bonus Special Population and Bonus Dyslexia Recovery.

Title IV and ARP ESSER III are additional grants that Plainfield should receive this fiscal year.

For this fiscal year-to-date, the Plainfield Board of Education received grant revenues totaling **\$1,901,538**. Revenue receipts will increase as additional grants receive approval.

ECHIP: Preliminary November 2021 utilization moved in a slight upward direction and thereby eroding the year-end reserve by approximately \$37K. Plainfield BOE's current cash balance is **\$1.398M**, excluding the CD investment of \$801,254. Combining the cash reserve and CD results in a total reserve of **\$2.199M**. The year-end total reserve is projected to be **\$2.351M**. These values exclude the actual November administration and Stop-Loss fees, as well as any credits from rebates. The following table displays the detail activity for this fiscal year-to-date plus the year-end projection.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discussion and Approval of PASA Contract:

MOTION: Dr. Summa moved to enter executive session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

SECOND: Ms. Boisse

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Ms. Bourey moved to approve the contract for the Administrators.

SECOND: Ms. Smith

VOTE: Passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Ms. Bourey moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Boisse

VOTE: Passed unanimously.