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PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018
Plainville High School Cafeteria
Plainville, Connecticut

Order of Business

6:30 p.m.

I. Board Training Session: Access to Board E-Mails

6:45 p.m.

II. CONVENE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Andrea Saunders called the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Kathy Wells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Hardy, Palmieri, Peterson, Saunders, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, Wells and Messrs. Giuliano and White

Also Present: Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Steven LePage, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Nathan Michalek, Student Representative

Absent: None

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ADD “INDOOR TRACK DISCUSSION WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER FARRELL” TO THE AGENDA UNDER ITEM IV.B. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. This month's **Everyday Hero** Awards were presented to Tom Arcari and Stephanie Gagne.

IV. A) SRO Discussion with Chief Matthew Catania

Dr. Brummett introduced Chief Matthew Catania who will say a few words about the benefit of a School Resource Officer (SRO).

Chief Catania began by telling the audience a little about himself. He served on the police force in Simsbury prior to coming to Plainville. In the 1990's he was a part of a series of actions to introduce an SRO into the Simsbury School system. An officer was then chosen to participate in the SRO program (National Association of School Resource Officers) but had to meet certain criteria, i.e., the SRO should be a person of character to

build trust among students/families; he/she should be community oriented; he/she should be a role model; he/she should be in tune with a real world perspective; he/she should bring about an unspoken sense of safety (reassurance to all); this person should be a problem solver and a trust builder; and he/she should be a protector/guardian.

Chief Catania said that it is imperative that this person work closely with administrators and school faculty and must reflect the needs of the specific schools. This officer could be teaching a class, serve as a counselor, or offering a student another individual who they could turn to in a time of need. He also stated that social media is a constant source of turmoil for some students. An SRO could intervene and create a sense of security for that student. An SRO wears many hats and the responsibilities are endless.

Chief Catania understands that cost is a factor in the addition of this new position and that we are in hard economic times. In turn, stress leads to an increase in crime and domestic violence. Now is the best time to introduce an SRO to the school system and the community. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Brummett thanked Chief Catania for giving of his time this evening to discuss the benefits of adding an SRO to the school system.

B) Indoor Track Discussion with Athletic Director Christopher Farrell

Dr. Brummett called upon Chris Farrell, the district's Athletic Director, to give the Board information on the proposed indoor track team.

Mr. Farrell stated that 29 out of 31 schools in the Central Connecticut Conference have an Indoor Track program. Plainville currently has three students running as a "team of one" at Bristol Eastern High School. Mr. Farrell stated that Indoor track is one of the most cost effective athletic programs in a school. In addition, Plainville had over 100 student athletes participate in October track in 2016-17 and had over 40 student athletes participate in Cross Country in the fall. He stated that Indoor track also allows for a continuation from Cross Country to Outdoor track. It gives student athletes another option to participate in other activities during the winter. Mr. Farrell continued with a slide show referencing the many benefits of Indoor track.

In conclusion, Mr. Farrell stated that a head coach and Assistant Coach would need to be hired at a total cost of \$10,781.75 for both individuals (per the Teachers' contract). Transportation costs would come to approximately \$2,000 and dues and fees would come to \$768. He stated that the district would be able to offset costs by reducing allowed games, allowed scrimmages, and equipment costs. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Brummett thanked Mr. Farrell for his indepth report.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE) OF JANUARY 8, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

C) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (ORIENTATION SESSION) OF JANUARY 18, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

D) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET SESSION) OF JANUARY 22, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

E) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET SESSION) OF JANUARY 24, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barbara Siani, 92 Ledge Road

Mrs. Siani stated that because Plainville does not have an Indoor track program, her son who is runner, could not compete in Plainville but was accepted into Bristol Eastern's program (team of one). Although he has had a wonderful experience in Bristol and is doing very well, she would love to have him compete in Plainville with his classmates. She asks that the Board reconsider by putting Indoor track in the budget.

Bethel Hairston, 4 Maxine Road

Mrs. Hairston thanked the Board for all they do. She attended this evening's meeting to represent Toffolon School's Wellness Program. She stated that the program is very important to parents, students and the community. It is a huge part of a child's day. She asks that the Board reconsidering placing the Wellness program back in the budget.

Anke Behrans-Cooke, 55 Redstone Hill

Mrs. Behrans-Cooke stated that she is Toffolon's PTO President and is here to represent parents at Toffolon School. She stated that this program was implemented due to children's lack of activity and is a truly valued program at Toffolon. Although she understands that the Board is forced to make reductions, this is sometimes the only activity of the day for some students. Please reconsider putting the Wellness Program back in the budget.

Candace Kochosky, 69 Northwest Drive

Mrs. Kochosky stated that her son, a third grader at Toffolon School, was recently diagnosed as having ADHD. She stated that the Wellness program has been her son's release valve. His ability to move within the classroom allows him to release energy. Although he is treated with medication, the exercising helps him tremendously. She is afraid that if the program is cut, he will go back to an active 504 plan. Please reconsider bringing back the Wellness program.

Krista Hagan, 127 Northwest Drive

Mrs. Hagan and her family moved to Plainville in April, 2016. She states that Plainville is a great community and loves Toffolon School's Wellness Program. She hopes the Board will reinstate the Wellness program.

Benjamin Gediman, 5 Dickman Road

He stated that he has two children both fall and spring athletes. Having an Indoor track team in winter would help them tremendously. He stated that the Board has hired a Superintendent and administrators to do what is best for the students of Plainville, please allow them to do so. He stated that he has letters from five other families asking that the Indoor Track team be reinstated. The cost is minimal. Please put the Indoor track program in the budget.

Kristi Chambrello-Ramsey, 223 Farmington Avenue

Mrs. Chambrello-Ramsey stated that her daughter is very interested in the Indoor track program. She is very impressed with Mr. Farrell who has increased the number of students participating in sports. She stated that if the program is instituted, her daughter could become a three season athlete. She asks the Board of reconsider.

Rob Tanner, 11 Orchard Lane

Mr. Tanner stated that all three of his children have graduated from Plainville High School. His daughter participated in sports and would have loved this program. He stated that a lot of kids would love to run in the winter, to improve their own time, and support each other. He asks the Board to reconsider.

Cheryl Provost, 6 Overlook Drive

Ms. Provost thanked the Board for all of the work they have done during this budget season. As a former Board Member she understands the time and effort put into the budget process. As a homeowner she is not concerned about the bottom line, but what is best for the school system. She stated that quality of life is the most important thing. She is concerned that by devaluing our school system, property values will decrease as well. She stated that the school system has always had a positive learning environment and we must continue to move forward.

She also stated that having a link with an SRO only strengthens the community. It is only a win-win situation. She asks the Board to look at the value in having an SRO, not the dollar amount. She commented that trained professionals have offered their expertise and the Board must listen to them in order to move forward. Also, bringing back the Indoor track program (a team sport) offers so much more to students. She asks that the Board do what is in the best interest of public education.

Rebecca Martinez, 8 Irving Street

Mrs. Martinez stated that an SRO would be a huge asset in many respects. She stated that a physical presence of the officer reduces negative actions on the part of students, which would help reduce the number of expulsions. The resource officer would also provide educational benefits to students and would provide counseling. Mrs. Martinez stated that online issues are becoming more and more serious. Bullying of a child follows him/her home with social media. She stated that as High School Principal, Mr. Medic knows what the school needs. She hopes the Board will reconsider

Michelle Belanger, 2 Jude Road

Mrs. Belanger is a Wellness teacher in another town. She stated that students not only participate in physical activity but are taught how to maintain a healthy lifestyle. She stated that this is an engaging program with many benefits to young people and gave an example of a student in her class who became involved in the program, lost 40 pounds and is thinking of coming a nutritionist. She asks that the Board reconsider reinstituting the Wellness Program.

Susan Lacombe, 204 West Main Street

Mrs. Lacombe stated that she too supports the Indoor Track Program and is sad that students have to go to another town of participate. She asks that the Board go all in and give the kids this program.

Allie Chambrello, 223 Farmington Avenue

Ms. Chambrello is a sophomore at Plainville High School who runs cross country and track. She stated that she has been running since she was 6 years old and that Indoor track in the winter is a great way to get ready for spring sports. She feels it is very beneficial to the school and the students. She asks the Board to reconsider.

Theresa Harper, 245 Farmington Avenue

Mrs. Harper stated that she doesn't have children in school anymore but feels that the Wellness program is very beneficial to students. She has seen first-hand how amazing this program is and how children love it. She wishes it were in place when her children were young. She asks the Board to reconsider their decision of both the Wellness Program and the School Resource Officer.

Letters regarding the Wellness Program have also been written by the following individuals who could not attend this evening's meeting:

Kim Cooney—Please reinstate the Wellness Program

Sue Clark—Please reinstate the Wellness Program

Laura Montana—Proud of this initiative and the benefit to children are great. Please reinstate the Wellness Program

Kristin Campbell—Please reinstate the Wellness Program and re-visit other options

Rebecca Simpson—Please reinstate the Wellness Program

A) RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Response to Citizen's Comments

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Pugliese was pleased to hear the comments of parents. She stated that budgets have become more and more difficult but the Town Council is trying to tackle every issue.

Mrs. Pugliese reported on the following items:

The Water Pollution Control Phosphorus Project referendum was approved with 193 voting yes and 31 voting no. The next step is to finalize a Construction Administration Contract with Tighe & Bond and go out to bid for the project. Formal construction is anticipated to take approximately two years.

The October 1, 2017 Grand List report has now been completed. There is an increase of \$7,821,477 from the previous year's grand list. The 0.56% increase includes real estate increases; personal property increases, and motor vehicle increases. This Grand List would generate approximately \$203,000 under the current mill rate of 33.43.

The DOT recently sent a letter confirming that grant funding is in place to proceed with repaving a portion of Northwest Drive. The project is set to bid in March with construction taking place during the summer months.

The Town Council heard public comments regarding the proposed draft Gap Closure Study Report. The meeting was well attended. Mrs. Pugliese thanked the Board of

Education for the use of the Middle School Auditorium. She also thanked Kevin Ross, Director of IT, and his staff for setting up the technology and sound system.

The Town Council will begin budget worksessions from March 12-22. All meetings will be posted and the public is invited to attend.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. State of Middle School of Plainville

Dr. Brummett introduced Mr. Matthew Guarino, Middle School Principal, who gave a full comprehensive report on the state of the Middle School. Mr. Guarino began with photos of various happenings at the Middle School. He then reviewed statistics for the Middle School, i.e., there are 548 students (holding steady); 48 classroom teachers; three administrators; one psychologist and one library information teacher. The Middle School also shares five part-time faculty service providers. He also showed a matrix of how the amount of office referrals have decreased over the years, 2005-06 saw 1,849 office referrals and the 2016-17 school year saw 265. A matrix showing referrals by location was also presented. Mr. Guarino then discussed results of SBAC testing and Attendance/Absenteeism. Mr. Guarino then called upon Elise Scafuri, Instruction Leader for Language Arts, 6-8 and Robin Newport, Instructional Leader for Math, 6-8, who gave a presentation on the Road to Mastery Based Learning. Both Ms. Scafuri and Ms. Newport discussed Mastery Based Learning, gave an overview of Common Core State Standards, Smarter Balanced Assessment, and discussed the challenges that students face and the way to move forward.

Dr. Brummett thanked Mr. Guarino, Ms. Scafuri and Ms. Newport for their indepth report on the Middle School.

B. Recap: Class Size Report & Enrollment Projections

Dr. Brummett called upon Steve LePage, Assistant Superintendent, to recap this year's Class Size Report & Enrollment Projections. Mr. LePage stated that this report usually takes place in January but due to the number of High School course proposals this report was moved to February. He thanked Karel Zettergren, Tina Gryguc and Marilyn Nelson for their help with the collection of data. He began with the Enrollment Forecast, stating that enrollment has really leveled off more than anticipated in the original study. Mr. Adlerstein's recent projections have been more true to reality and show leveling off from an anticipated drop. However, the impact of full day preschool, the improving real estate market, the ability to add Choice students and the declining trend in magnet students also adds to the potential to offset the declining enrollment.

Certified Elementary Staff Summary 17-18:

Certified teachers were broken out by elementary school and grade level during the current school year totaling 61.

Proposed Elementary Staffing 18-19:

The proposed number of elementary teachers for next year (60) is down from 61 last year and 62 in the prior school year. There was a reduction of three elementary teachers over the last two years and several class size averages were impacted.

District Elementary Class Size Averages:

Despite some fluctuations, yearly efforts by Elementary Principals in coordination with Dr. Brummett have held class sizes relatively constant.

Additional 2018-19 Enrollment Projects:

These projections provide further information about class size and enrollment figures. The district is looking to maintain or increase Open Choice enrollment based on class size and availability of seats in our schools. Magnet schools have been on a slow decline. The cost of magnet schools to the district is \$5,000 per student.

Middle School Class Size Averages:

Due to a decrease of two content area teachers at the Middle School over the last two years, ELA instructional time has decreased from 90 minutes to 56 minutes per day. In addition, some class sizes have increased significantly.

Grade 6 Math: 3 Pre-Algebra classes 25, 27 and 27 students

Grade 7 Math: 3 Pre-Algebra classes 25, 26 and 26 students

Grade 8 Math: 1 Grade 8 Algebra class of 26

Grade 7 Science: 1 class of 25

All Middle School specials are a very good size, and this has been maintained over the years, providing valuable outcomes and experiences to Middle School students.

Secondary Staff Summary 17-18:

In the proposed Superintendent's budget, the Unified Arts department would decrease by one teacher and the science department would also decrease by one teacher as well. Math would gain one position to meet graduation requirements and to allow for newly approved math courses. This would result in a more balanced total of eight math teachers and nine science teachers at Plainville High School.

2017-18 Certified System Summary:

Anotates the time split between Mrs. Trzcinski, Director of Special Services, who splits her time between all three elementary schools and Mrs. Gmeindl, Supervisor of Special Education, who splits time between the Middle School and High School.

Specialist Area Staff Summary:

Anotates the way teachers split their time between all schools.

Non-Certified System Summary:

Anotates the number of Office Professionals, Custodians, Maintainers, Paraprofessionals, Nurses, Director of IT, Technology Support Staff, Facilities Director, Custodial Manager, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Bradley.

2017-18 Reductions in Staff:

Staffing decisions and reductions are held as a last line action because we hire carefully and work hard to improve and get the best performance from all staff.

Dr. Brummett thanked Mr. LePage for the recap of class sizes and enrollment projections.

C. Recap: Review FY2018-19 BOE Operating Budget

Dr. Brummett thanked families who came to this evening's meeting and for taking the time to advocate on behalf of their children.

She reminded everyone that this budget directly aligns to the district's vision statement. She then reviewed the reduction areas as follows:

Items for reduction put forth at January 24th BOE meeting:

- One Elementary classroom teacher

- ▶ CCJEF annual dues (no payment)
- ▶ Reduce RAMP summer school (serve fewer students and grade levels, i.e., grades 1, 2 & 3)
- ▶ Reduce length of special education summer program from 6 weeks to 5

Further items for reduction put forth at February 8th BOE meeting*:

- ▶ Adjust FTE amount by one teacher, salary sub-totals and offset from CREC rental income in addition to YMCA rental income
- ▶ Reduce 7% increase to 3% increase in Workers' Compensation based on CIRMA analysis
- ▶ Reduce one high capacity color copier in Central Office (coming off lease)
- ▶ Further reduce phone expense including wireless hotspots, in addition to reductions already made for new phone system
- ▶ Reduce matching Adult Education printing as required by grant, reduced Central Office printing

*This new proposal is an additional savings of \$71,900 or 0.20% from original proposal.

Program Enhancements for 2018-19 Achieved through Resource Reallocation includes:

- ▶ Add a School Resource Officer for PHS (in kind service)
- ▶ Add additional Math teacher at PHS to support College Prep course (offset by elimination of Science position)
- ▶ Add Indoor Track Team

Dr. Brummett stated that the Wellness Program will not go away completely as students will still have one additional wellness period for 20 minutes of specials activities.

She then reviewed job reductions and non-replacement areas, then discussed the adjustments to date. She gave three scenarios for which the Board could choose and stated that the Health Insurance item creates an unprecedented shortfall. The Board will be asked to vote on a budget under New Business.

IX. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student Representative Report

Nathan Michalek, Student Liaison, reported on the following:

- The Boys' Swim Team qualified for States
- Girls' Basketball had 10 wins 5 losses and are now going to playoffs
- The Boys' Basketball team gave it their all
- The Wrestling team will compete in the Class S State Championship Tournament at Windham High School on February 16 & 17
- Cheerleaders won two major championships this year
- Semester 1 has ended, report cards were sent out on February 5
- SAT's will be taken on March 21
- The Project Graduation Dodgeball Tournament will be held on February 15 at 6:00 PM in the PHS Kegal Gym
- This year's Curriculum Showcase will be held on February 13. It will also be an Open House for Grade 8 students and their families
- The PHS Jazz Band placed 3rd at the Berklee Jazz Festival in Boston, MA on February 9 & 10
- The play *Marvin's Room* will take place on March 15-17 in the PHS Auditorium at 7:30 PM
- The Winter Athletes Awards Banquet will be held on March 14 at 6 PM in the PHS Cafeteria

- B. Facilities Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- C. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- D. Finance Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- E. Advocacy Update—No Report**
- F. Turf Committee Report—No Report**
- G. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report—No Report**
PAC members met on Wednesday, January 10 at 7 PM in the PHS Learning Commons. Mr. White reported on the following:
▶ The PHS PAC raised \$144.21 on one of their fundraisers
▶ The PAC is sponsoring a Comedy Night on March 19th @ VFW at 7 PM. Proceeds will go to Project Graduation.
▶ Discussion of High School Course Proposals
The PAC is tentatively set to meet again on March 14 at 7 PM in the PHS Learning Commons.
- H. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report**
Ms. Palmieri reported on the following:
▶ At their last PTO meeting members discussed fund raising possibilities along with programming plans.
▶ The PTO held a Sweetheart BINGO night on February 9.
▶ The Toffolon Book Fair will be held from March 15-23
▶ Toffolon continues to collect box tops and sends out a big thank you to all who keep sending them in.
The next meeting is set for Thursday, March 8 at 7 PM in the Toffolon Cafeteria.
- I. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report**
Mrs. Hardy reported on the following:
▶ Linden's lolligram event for Valentine's Day was a big hit
▶ The Snowflake Sway family dance was a success with many families in attendance. Elsa, Anna and Olaf were there, as well as Lindy. Most of the scholars were dressed to impress—so lovely and handsome.
▶ The Kidathon is coming up on Friday, February 23. This is Linden's annual exercise and obstacle course through the halls. This is a popular and healthy event.
▶ The next PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th at 7PM in the Linden Library
- J. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report—No Report**
Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:
▶ The PTC will sponsor a Talent Show sometime in March. More information is forthcoming.
▶ Winter BINGO Night was a big success
▶ The Middle School is ready to hand out Valentine carnations
The PTC will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 PM in the MSP Library
- K. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report**
Mrs. Saunders reported on the following:

- ▶ Valentine's BINGO Night took place last Thursday evening
- ▶ The PTO will sponsor Jump Rope for Life sponsored by the Heart Association
All three elementary schools will participate in the Jump Rope event on Valentine's Day
- ▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at 6 PM in the Wheeler Library

L. CREC Council Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that CREC Council was cancelled due to a recent snow storm. However, CREC will sponsor a Legislative Breakfast on February 15th at the State Capitol. They will also sponsor four meetings regarding magnet school funding on March 6, 7, 8, and 9 (State is not funding to the degree that they should). CREC is looking for Board Members to participate. Mrs. Tyrrell asked fellow members to lend their voices.

M. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Saunders thanked all of those who funded various programs and events as listed under the Consent Agenda.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Becky Tyrrell thanked Chief Catania for coming this evening to discuss the benefits of an SRO. She also thanked the many parents who came out to advocate for their children. She stated that after the Board votes on a budget, this will be the end of the budget process for a while. Things could be adjusted down the road.

She also stated that she went to Washington DC with members of CABA recently to lobby with legislative aides regarding IDEA funding. The subject and ideas were discussed on a national level.

Crystal St. Lawrence stated that she is grateful for the Plainville School district as it does so much for kids. She stated that her son went to the Ocean Science Bowl recently and competed against 16 other school districts. Plainville did very well and her son enjoyed the experience. She also reported that she attended the Berklee Jazz Festival in Boston with the High School Jazz Band. She said Plainville was awesome and did a great job placing 3rd in the competition.

Michael Giuliano stated that he is very impressed with the *Everyday Hero* presentations each week. He understands why kids love their teachers, administrators, paras, etc. It puts everything in focus.

B) Quarterly Special Education Cost Report (October, January, March and June)—No Report

As of today (February 12th) there are currently 21 out-placements, plus 10 transition services and support placements and 5 magnet and tech support placements. The original budget for tuitions is as follows: \$851,452. Budgeted Excess Cost Payments: \$650,000. Excess Cost grant change: \$(114,000); Revised budget for tuitions: \$1,387,452. Expenditures to date: \$1,900,000. Expected Choice Reimbursement: (\$588,000). Potential deficit: \$0.

C) School Calendars—1st Reading

Dr. Brummett stated that the policy regarding school calendars will be reviewed and revised. Most schools in the area are starting school prior to Labor Day. Dr. Brummett stated that the CREC-RESC calendar will not be followed as most districts did not comply, so it is no longer enforced.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR FY2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 AS PRESENTED. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO POSTPONE THE VOTE OF SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR FY2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 FOR A SECOND READING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

D) Request Approval of FY2018-19 BOE Operating Budget

Dr. Brummett brought forth three Proposed Budget scenarios for the Board to discuss and decide upon. They are as follows:

Proposal A: Would include the addition of a Math Teacher, Indoor track program and School Resource Officer.

2018-19 Proposed BOE Budget as of 2/8/18:	\$36,060,351
Dollar Increase	\$ 557,255
Percentage Increase before Health Insurance	1.57%
Health Insurance	\$1,326,561
Percentage Increase after Health Insurance	5.31%
Total:	\$37,386,912

Proposal B: Would include the Math Teacher and Indoor track program, but not the School Resource Officer

2018-19 Proposed BOE Budget as of 2/8/18:	\$36,010,351
Dollar Increase	\$ 507,255
Percentage Increase before Health Insurance	1.43%
Health Insurance	\$1,326,561
Percentage Increase after Health Insurance	5.17%
Total:	\$37,336,912

Proposal C: Would include the Math Teacher only, not the Indoor Track Program or the School Resource Officer

2018-19 Proposed BOE Budget as of 2/8/18:	\$35,996,351
Dollar Increase	\$ 493,255
Percentage Increase before Health Insurance	1.39%
Health Insurance	\$1,326,561
Percentage Increase after Health Insurance	5.13%
Total:	\$37,322,912

Mrs. Saunders asked for a motion and a roll call vote:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE PROPOSAL A WITH A BUDGET OF \$36,060,351, A DOLLAR INCREASE OF \$557,255 (1.57%) WITH THE ADDITION OF \$1,326,561 IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, A

TOTAL INCREASE OF 5.31%, TOTALING THE BUDGET AT \$37,386,912. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED, 4 VOTES YES AND 5 VOTES NO.

Becky Tyrrell: Yes to Proposal A

Foster White: Yes to Proposal A –Feels that the SRO and Indoor track presentations were adequately addressed by Chief Catania and Chris Farrell. The district should continue following the three R's Re-evaluate, Reallocate and Reinvest. He sincerely hopes the Board will endorse Proposal A.

Nicole Palmieri—No to Proposal A—Not the right time to implement these programs. Must keep taxpayers in mind.

Michael Giuliano—No to Proposal A—Incredulous to support SRO when people are being laid off

Deborah Hardy—No to Proposal A—Kids have been given a lot over the past six years. Things are too unstable right now

Laurie Peterson—No to Proposal A

Crystal St. Lawrence—Yes to Proposal A—Indoor track is very important to kids

Kathy Wells—Yes to Proposal A—Math Teacher, SRO, Indoor track will impact 100% of the children

Andrea Saunders—No to Proposal A—The town lost \$1.8 million in ECS money, eight positions have been cut. Feels the Math position is needed. Wants to acknowledge what has been instituted over the last few years, Chromebooks, STEAM Lab, STEM Lab, All Day Kindergarten. She stated that it is not fair to ask for things that aren't needed.

THE MOTION FAILED.

Mrs. Saunders asked for another motion and a roll call vote:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE PROPOSAL B WITH A BUDGET OF \$36,010,351, A DOLLAR INCREASE OF \$507,255 (1.43%) WITH THE ADDITION OF \$1,326,561 IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, A TOTAL INCREASE OF 5.17%, TOTALING THE BUDGET AT \$37,336,912. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED, 4 VOTES YES AND 5 VOTES NO.

Becky Tyrrell: Yes to Proposal B—Feels the Board is setting a dangerous precedent. This item (Indoor track) is not an increase cost. Many people will advocate for tax cuts. The board is the only body that can advocate for this program. She implores the Board to approve.

Foster White: Yes to Proposal B –Feels this is better than nothing. Students can partake in indoor track in Plainville at no cost, instead of only three students who need to participate elsewhere.

Nicole Palmieri—No to Proposal B—Cannot support

Michael Giuliano—No to Proposal B

Deborah Hardy—No to Proposal B

Laurie Peterson—No to Proposal B

Crystal St. Lawrence—Yes to Proposal B

Kathy Wells—Yes to Proposal B

Andrea Saunders—No to Proposal B—Referenced a letter whereby parent is upset that a Special Education teacher will be cut. Cannot justify and cannot count on State funding

THE MOTION FAILED

Mrs. Saunders asked for another motion and a roll call vote:

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Becky Tyrrell: No to Proposal C
Foster White: Abstained from voting
Nicole Palmieri—Yes to Proposal C
Michael Giuliano—Yes to Proposal C
Deborah Hardy—Yes to Proposal C
Laurie Peterson—Yes to Proposal C
Crystal St. Lawrence—No to Proposal C
Kathy Wells—No to Proposal C
Andrea Saunders—Yes to Proposal C

THE MOTION PASSED

XII. CONSENT AGENDA--Board Approval

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Calistro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "C".

Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

2110. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ADD “INDOOR TRACK DISCUSSION WITH ATHLETIC DIRECTOR CHRISTOPHER FARRELL” TO THE AGENDA UNDER ITEM IV.B. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes

2111. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD’S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
2112. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD’S SPECIAL MEETING (FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE) OF JANUARY 8, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
2113. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD’S SPECIAL MEETING (ORIENTATION SESSION) OF JANUARY 18, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
2114. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD’S SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET SESSION) OF JANUARY 22, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
2115. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD’S SPECIAL MEETING (BUDGET SESSION) OF JANUARY 24, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MICHAEL GIULIANO. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

School Calendars—1st Reading

2116. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR FY2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 AS PRESENTED. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
2117. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO POSTPONE THE VOTE OF SCHOOL CALENDARS FOR FY2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 AND 2021-22 FOR A SECOND READING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Request Approval of FY2018-19 BOE Operating Budget

2118. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE PROPOSAL A WITH A BUDGET OF \$36,060,351, A DOLLAR INCREASE OF \$557,255 (1.57%) WITH THE ADDITION OF \$1,326,561 IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, A TOTAL INCREASE OF 5.31%, *TOTALING THE BUDGET AT \$37,386,912*. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED, 4 VOTES YES AND 5 VOTES NO.
2119. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE PROPOSAL B WITH A BUDGET OF \$36,010,351, A DOLLAR INCREASE OF \$507,255 (1.43%) WITH THE ADDITION OF \$1,326,561 IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, A TOTAL INCREASE OF 5.17%, *TOTALING THE BUDGET AT \$37,336,912*. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION FAILED, 4 VOTES YES AND 5 VOTES NO.
2120. A MOTION WAS MADE BY NICOLE PALMIERI TO APPROVE PROPOSAL C WITH A BUDGET OF \$35,996,351, A DOLLAR INCREASE OF \$493,255 (1.39%) WITH THE ADDITION OF \$1,326,561 IN HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS, A TOTAL INCREASE OF 5.13%, *TOTALING THE BUDGET AT \$37,322,912*. DEBORAH HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 VOTES YES, 4 VOTES NO AND 1 ABSTENTION (Mr. White abstained from voting).

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2122. Adjournment

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