

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

6:00 p.m.

- I. Finance Subcommittee Meeting, PHS Administrative Suites**

6:30 p.m.

- II. Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, PHS Administrative Suites**

Order of Business

7:00 p.m.

Regular Business Meeting of the Plainville Board of Education

III. CONVENE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Deborah Hardy called the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:04 PM. Lori Consalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Steven LePage, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Allie Chambrello, Student Representative
Madeline Rund, Student Representative

Absent: None

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. The **Everyday Hero** Award was presented to Cheryl Michaud, Grade 4 Teacher, Wheeler School and Michele Morel-Tavernier, PHS Paraprofessional

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2018 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BECKY TYRRELL. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

THE MOTION WAS AMENDED BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE ITEMS A, B, AND C (BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2018; THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 9,

2018; AND THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 25, 2018) AS PRESENTED. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

VI. CITIZEN COMMENTS—There were no Citizen Comments

A) RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

No Response to Citizen's Comments

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON

Mrs. Pugliese stated that she attended today's Veteran's Day festivities at the Middle School and was very impressed. She commented that the students, faculty, and staff did an amazing job honoring all veterans. The program was outstanding. She thanked all who were a part of organizing and those who participated in this morning's festivities.

She then congratulated Carl Johnson, the High School's new Principal, and wished him well.

Mrs. Pugliese stated that the Bristol court currently overseeing Plainville's probate court cases will change as of January 1, 2019. The Farmington/Burlington Probate Court will now become Plainville's probate court system.

Roadwork is moving forward throughout the Town of Plainville. A \$5 million dollar bond was awarded to the town recently. \$1 million per year over the next five years will be used to pave roads in Plainville. A list of selected roads and timelines have been penned but are not yet finalized.

Upgrades have been done to three area railroad tracks in town. Mrs. Pugliese stated that some of the rails were in disrepair and in major need of attention. She thanked members of the DOT who were instrumental in working with the railroad in order to fix the rails.

Mrs. Pugliese attended this week's Grand Opening of the new Goodwill Store on New Britain Avenue. She stated that the Grand Opening had a huge turnout. She is happy to have them in town.

Mrs. Pugliese thanked the Town's two elections officers who did a wonderful job with last Tuesday's election. She stated that the election was run flawlessly and without incident.

Mrs. Pugliese concluded by wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Veteran's Day Activities

Dr. Brummett called upon Ms. Rosa Perez, the district's Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, who highlighted the many festivities/activities which took place throughout the district today in honor of Veteran's Day, and showed many photos of students honoring veterans.

Ms. Perez stated that the students helped prepare assemblies, musical performances, art work, and food for the day and participated in flag raising ceremonies. The celebrations honored and recognized the service and sacrifice of local veterans and gave students the opportunity to learn about what it means to be a veteran and how to help them integrate

back into the community. At the day's conclusion, students and staff were also inspired by stories of courage and valor.

B. Election Day/Professional Development Day Activities

This year's Professional Development Day included a Safety and Security Session with the Plainville Police Department at Plainville High School. Teachers and staff participated in this session to become more aware of what to do in various unsafe situations. In addition to the Safety and Security session at the High School, teachers at the Middle School participated in Standards Based Grading, the elementary teachers discussed Literacy/NGSS and the Special Education teachers discussed the Role of Service Providers. In the afternoon, the following sessions were provided: Ruler/Mindfulness Program; Legal Issues for Special Education/Special Education-School Counseling; English Learners/Culturally Responsive Education, and CPR/EpiPen training.

Dr. Brummett thanked the Police Department for their training prowess and positive feedback. The High School will participate in another training session later this month and the Middle school will participate sometime in March.

C. CABA Awards

Dr. Brummett highlighted the Board awards recognized by the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education. In particular, honorable mention status for the Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communication. In addition, the Plainville Community Schools received an award for their *Going Green* information as well as their Annual Report, *Plainville Community Schools Business Brief booklet*. Other awards include: Honorable Mention for the district's *Adult and Continuing Education Program Guide*; Honorable Mention for the district's *Plainville Community Schools' Website Navigation Video (created by PHS students Nora Clement and Travis Levine)*; and for the Special Projects (AV) category, *Plainville High School's Intro Video for Incoming Freshmen (created by Christopher St. Lawrence)* also received an award. Dr. Brummett thanked Lynn Davis, the District's Director of Community Relations, as she is instrumental in the receiving of these awards.

D. Discussion of Subcommittee Memberships

The Board reviewed its Subcommittee Member list. Mrs. St. Lawrence volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Finance Subcommittee and Kathy Wells will take over the PTO Liaison position at Linden Street School, now that Mrs. Hardy has become Board Chair.

IX. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student Representative Report

Allie Chambrello and Madeline Rund, Student Liaisons, reported on the following events:

--Ms. Chambrello and Ms. Rund officially welcomed Carl Johnson, the High School's new Principal.

--A Breakfast in honor of Plainville Veterans took place this morning at the High School. High School students participated in many festivities including a door decorating contest.

--The last day of Quarter 1 took place on November 2

--Report cards will be issued on Wednesday, November 14

--PHS three-act plays will take place at PHS on Friday, November 16 and Saturday, November 17th in the PHS Auditorium at 7:30 PM. Tickets may be purchased at the High School.

- The PHS Girls' Powder Puff game is scheduled for November 20 at 6 PM on Tinty Stadium. All are welcome to attend to support the junior and senior class.
- The Annual Class Competition will take place on November 21
- The Fall Sports Banquet Awards Night will be held on November 27 at 6 PM in the High School Cafeteria
- Career Day will be held on November 30 from 8:30-10:30 AM at PHS
- The Boys' Soccer team will play Stonington at Middletown High School on November 14 at 6:30 PM for the Class M semi-finals.
- Members' of the girls' swim team will participate at Wesleyan on Wednesday, November 14 for the Class S Swimming Championship.
- The Varsity football team will play Farmington on Thanksgiving Day at Farmington. The team is undefeated at home.
- The High School's Winter Band Concert will be held on December 19 at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium
- Plainville Schools will break for Thanksgiving Recess on November 22 and 23

B. Facilities Subcommittee Report

A Facilities Subcommittee meeting took place prior to this evening's BOE meeting. The subcommittee discussed the progress of the Wheeler School renovation project and repair plans for consideration at the Middle School. A walk-through meeting is planned for some time in December to view the construction's progress of the Wheeler renovation project.

C. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report

Four policies are up for approval.

D. Finance Subcommittee Report—

A Finance Subcommittee meeting took place prior to this evening's BOE meeting. Members of the Finance Subcommittee discussed the upcoming 2019-20 budget as well as draft Capital Budgets. Budget sessions will commence in January.

E. Advocacy Update—No Report

Eight members of the Board will attend the CABA Conference this weekend.

F. Turf Committee Report—No Report

G. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report

Mr. White reported on the following:

►The PHS PAC meeting originally scheduled for November 7th has been postponed until Wednesday, November 14 at 6 PM in the PHS Learning Commons. Please note time change.

H. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report

Mrs. Consalvo reported on the following items:

►Toffolon is looking for old photos to use in a slideshow for the 50th Birthday Party that will be held on April 26. If anyone has any photos from Toffolon's past, please send them along to the school.

►Toffolon celebrated School Safety Week by honoring the district's bus drivers and crossing guard.

►The School received a grant of \$1,000 from the Main Street Foundation to partially fund two Science Days in December. The themes: astronomy and animals.

► The Toffolon Winter Fest will be held on Friday, November 30th, from 6:00-8:00 PM. The Festival will include games, crafts, food, a bake sale, basket raffle, and a wreath sale.

I. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Because of Mrs. Hardy's new position as Board Chair, she has stepped down as Linden liaison. Kathy Wells will take over that position at the next Linden PTO meeting.

J. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Ms. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

► The PTC helped sponsor an Author visit from Phil Bildner, Nutmeg nominated writer of the series *Rip & Red*

► The PTC will hold a Family Bingo Night on November 14th from 6-8 PM. Families are asked to bring a donation for the Plainville Food Pantry.

► The next PTC meeting is scheduled for November 13 at 7 PM in the MSP Library

K. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report—No Report

L. CREC Council Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that the CREC Council met in October. The topic of conversation is the State's lack of funding for the Sheff program, which in turn, increases tuition funding for magnet schools and leaving the town's with the expense. According to Dr. Brummett, if totals stay the same, the increase could go up as much as \$35,000 to \$40,000 which is a big concern for school districts. Mrs. Tyrrell stated that a Resolution has been drafted by Superintendents and various other educational institutions in hopes of making the State fund the program in accordance with the agreement. This issue will also be discussed at the Legislative Breakfast on January 24.

M. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Hardy stated that she was very impressed with the festivities at Toffolon School for Veteran's Day. She stated that when Taps was played a few tears were shed by many. She thanked the Veteran's for their service to this country and the school system for doing such a great job honoring them.

She also commented on an article she recently read whereby a fifth grade student participated in *Connecticut Kids for Governor*. The student is elected by his/her peers to a one year term as acting Governor, giving them time to make a significant impact in their state and communities around the issue they've selected.

Mrs. Hardy thanked the PHS boys' soccer team for helping out at PumpkinFest this year. They had the task of carving out the pumpkins to prep them for the contest.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policies will be approved under the Consent Agenda.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Kathy Wells stated that because she was home today, she saw many news reports featuring school activities throughout the state for Veteran's Day. She saw Plainville's and stated that as a town resident, parent of PHS graduates, and Board Member, she has never been so proud to live in this town. She stated that the news reporting was well done and very complimentary to our town.

Becky Tyrrell stated that she has heard many people ask why Plainville students are in school on Veteran's Day. She stated that the children are in school to learn about our veterans and what they have done for our country.

She also reported that she recently attended a focus group on Special Education funding. As a charge from the State, a group has gotten together to try to come up with a different way of making Special Education funding more predictable. She isn't sure how this will work but will keep an eye on what's ahead.

Foster White also was very impressed with the events that took place today. He thanked Lynn Davis, Director of Public Relations, for sending out the information to keep the public informed. Further, he stated that she is the person responsible for the decrease in our utility bills as our Energy Specialist. He thanked her for all she does.

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

As of November 12th there are currently 24 out-placements, plus 3 transition services and support placements and 9 magnet and tech support placements. The original budget for tuitions is as follows: \$1,605,000. Budgeted Excess Cost Payments: (\$600,000). Expenditures to date: \$1,709,204. Expected remaining expenditures: \$755,000. Expected Choice Reimbursement: (\$250,000).

XII. CONSENT AGENDA--Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Request Approval of Policy: Business—Purchasing Procedures Policy No. 3320—
2nd Reading
- (E) Request Approval of Policy: Students—Suicide Prevention Policy No. 5141.5—
2nd Reading
- (F) Request Approval of Policy: Students—Wellness Policy No. 5141.311—2nd Reading
- (G) Request Approval of Policy: Business—Transportation Policy No. 3541—2nd
Reading
- (H) Request Approval of Toffolon Grade 5 field trip to Old Sturbridge Village,
Sturbridge, MA, May 31, 2019
- (I) Request Approval of MSP Grade 7 field trip to USS Intrepid, New York City,
May 10, 2019
- (J) Request Approval of PHS Theater class trip to Broadway, New York City,
April 27, 2019
- (K) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (L) Private Donation for the month of October (Informational Item)
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A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Calistro

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Recorder of Minutes

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TOWN CLERK