

**PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL**  
**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**

**I. 5:00 PM ANTICIPATE EXECUTIVE SESSION: DISCIPLINE/EXPULSION**  
**REPORT—PHS FACULTY DINING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Mesdames Hardy, Peterson, Provost, Saunders, St. Lawrence,  
Tyrrell and Messr. Davenport, Giuliano and White

**Also Present:** Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Steven LePage, Asst. Superintendent

A meeting of the Plainville Board of Education was called to order at 5:05 PM by Board Chair Andrea Saunders.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TO INVITE DR. MAUREEN BRUMMETT AND MR. STEVEN LEPAGE INTO THE MEETING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Dr. Brummett and Mr. LePage reviewed the 2015-16 Discipline/Expulsion Report with members of the Board.

**AT 5:29 PM, A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO CLOSE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION PORTION OF THE MEETING AND TO MOVE TO PUBLIC SESSION FOR THE BOARD'S FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING. BRENT DAVENPORT SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**II. 5:30 PM BOARD OF EDUCATION'S FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**MEETING—PHS FACULTY DINING ROOM**

**Members Present:** Mesdames Hardy, Peterson, Provost, Saunders, St. Lawrence,  
Tyrrell and Messr. Davenport, Giuliano and White

**Also Present:** Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Steven LePage, Asst. Superintendent  
Steven Michaud, Director of Administration and Personnel  
Robert Buden, Town Finance Director

Cheryl Provost, Chair of the Finance Subcommittee opened the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Dr. Brummett stated that Mr. Michaud and Rob Buden, the Town's Finance Director, reported that the sum of approximately \$168,000 in realized savings was sustained in the 2015-16 Budget. Therefore, Dr. Brummett recommends that \$100,000 of realized savings be used to pre-pay non-instructional purchases such as software (for student databases) and \$68,005 of realized savings be used for wireless upgrades throughout the district, which will update the infrastructure).

She asks that the Board approve the spending of \$168,005 in realized savings in the 2015-16 school year. This request will take place under New Business in the Board's meeting agenda.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ADJOURN THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:58 PM. LAURIE PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**III. 6:00 pm RETIREMENT RECOGNITION/RECEPTION, PHS CAFETERIA**

The Board of Education recognized the following individuals for their many years of service to the Plainville Community Schools:

**Frank Bogdan, Social Studies, Plainville High School**  
**Mary Brzozowy, Special Education Paraprofessional, Middle School**  
**Denise Feltz, Special Education, Plainville High School**  
**Joyce Goldberg, Library Information Teacher, Wheeler School**  
**Carol Howe, Grade 5, Linden Street School**  
**Nancy Lewis, Nurse, Plainville High School**  
**Debbie Mosebach, Library Information Teacher, Plainville High School**  
**Diane Rich, Language Arts, Plainville High School**  
**Deborah Seibert, Language Arts, Plainville High School**  
**Linda Van Wagenen, Ed.D. Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment**  
**Rosemary Venditto, Library Information Teacher, Linden Street School**  
**Anne Walsh, Supervisor of Special Education**

A reception honoring their retirement followed.

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**  
**Plainville High School Cafeteria**  
**Plainville, Connecticut**

**Order of Business**  
**7:00 PM**

**IV. CONVENE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Andrea Saunders called the special business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:08 PM. Deborah Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Mesdames Hardy, Peterson, Provost, Saunders, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell and Messr. Davenport, Giuliano and White

**Also Present:** Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Steven LePage, Asst. Superintendent  
Steven Michaud, Director of Administration and Personnel

**Absent:** Daniel Costantini, Student Representative  
Caterina LaBella, Student Representative

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** None

**Returns:** None

**V. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. List of All Recognitions**

Dr. Brummett recognized this year's PHS Class of 2016 Valedictorian, **Tyrah Green** and Salutatorian, **Kathryn Beloin** and the top 10% of the Class of 2016:

**Tyrah Green, Valedictorian**  
**Kathryn Beloin, Salutatorian**  
**Spencer Barbagallo**  
**Emily Bienasz**  
**Martha Boltromiejuk**  
**Tyler Czurpinski**  
**Hana Effendi**  
**Erin Kane**  
**Jarrad Karal**  
**Adrian Kulak**  
**Brianna Lagassey**  
**Sydney McGough**  
**Jessica Mills**  
**Jacob Nilson**  
**Nicole Pabisiak**  
**Jarod Romankiw**  
**Ericka Solomon**  
**Madison Ware**  
**Kristen Whalen**

**B. Introduction of Roberto Medic, new Plainville High School Principal**

Dr. Brummett introduced Mr. Medic and his family to the Board. She stated that the district is very lucky to have him.

**C. Teacher of the Year Recognition**

Dr. Brummett, Mr. LePage and members of the Board of Education congratulated **Maria Colangelo**, World Language Teacher, Plainville High School, who has been selected as Plainville's Teacher of the Year for 2016-17.

**D. Recognition of Student Liaison Dan Costantini**

Mr. LePage thanked and congratulated **Dan Costantini**, Board Student Liaison, 2014-15 and 2015-16 for his dedication and leadership as student liaison to the Board.

Mr. LePage also introduced and welcomed Nathan Michalek who will be next year's student liaison to the Board, along with Olivia Cretella.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 9, 2016 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CHERYL PROVOST. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE AND**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MAY 31, 2016 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**VII. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**A. RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No responses

**VIII. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report**

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A. Proposal: High School Credit for Grade 8 Algebra and World Language**

Dr. Brummett stated that an intensive year-long study has been done on the eighth grade curriculum. She then introduced Dr. Linda Van Wagenen, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, who spoke about a proposal providing eighth grade students the opportunity to receive High School credit in Algebra and World Language.

Dr. Van Wagenen stated that a provision of Connecticut General Statute 10-221a allows boards of education to approve the granting of credit "toward meeting a specified course requirement upon the successful completion in grade seven or eight of any course, the primary focus of which corresponds directly to the subject matter of a specified course requirement in grades nine through twelve, inclusive." Students at the Middle School of Plainville currently have the opportunity to study a world language (French, Italian, or Spanish) and some students complete Algebra I during their eighth grade year. Over the last several years, the district has worked diligently to align both the world language program and the Algebra I course at the middle school with the equivalent courses at the high school. Therefore, the proposal requests that in the fall of 2016, students at the middle school will take the same assessments, including a mid-term and final exam, as their high school counterparts. Successful completion of the course with a grade of 80% or better will enable students to advance to the next course in the sequence and receive credit for the course (Algebra I, French I, Italian I, or Spanish I).

The Board will be asked to approve this proposal under New Business.

**B. Cenergistic Update**

Dr. Brummett stated that she received a letter from Cenergistic, congratulating the district for approaching the end of their initial period of its contract. The letter states that, to date, reduced energy consumption of 26 percent has resulted in a savings of \$1,200,590, which is the equivalent of the prevention of 2,581 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions and 538 autos off the highway annually. Mr. Michaud stated that the district is now in the sustainability phase of the program and will continue to be implemented under the direction of Lynn Davis, Energy Specialist.

**X. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Student Representative Report—No Report**

**B. Facilities Subcommittee Report—No Report**

**C. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report**

**D. Finance Subcommittee Report**

Dr. Brummett stated that the Finance Subcommittee met prior to this evening's Board Meeting to discuss realized savings. She stated that she attended a

collaborative meeting with the Town Council Chair, the Town Manager, Board Chair and Mr. Michaud to discuss next year's budget. It was decided that the Board of Education would reduce spending by \$100,000 in the 2016-17 budget.

Dr. Brummett reported that thanks to Mr. Michaud and Rob Buden, the Town's Finance Director, the sum of approximately \$168,000 in realized savings was sustained in the 2015-16 Budget. Therefore, Dr. Brummett recommends that \$100,000 of realized savings be used to pre-pay non-instructional purchases such as software (for student databases) and \$68,005 of realized savings be used for wireless upgrades throughout the district, which will update the infrastructure). She noted that in all likelihood ERate funding will soon disappear.

The Board will be asked to approve the authorization to expend the allotted realized savings of \$168,005.

**E. Advocacy Update—No Report**

**F. Turf Committee Report**

Dr. Brummett stated that the work on the Turf field is coming to an end. She stated that Mr. Mark Chase Sr., has been hired to analyze the sound system on the fields. A few neighbors have commented that the sound is very loud. A Turf meeting will be held once Mr. Chase submits his recommendations.

**G. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report**

Mr. White reported on the following:

- ▶ The PAC elected a new slate of officers.
- ▶ The PAC sponsored a tag sale on May 14 which netted \$528.
- ▶ The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in the PHS Principal's Conference Room.

**H. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report**

- ▶ Mr. Davenport reported that Toffolon students had a great time at the Toffolon picnic and field day
- ▶ The PTO also elected new officers

**I. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report**

Mrs. Hardy reported on the following:

- ▶ The Linden PTO elected new officers. The new officers are excited to meet with other PTO members throughout the district.

**J. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report**

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

- ▶ The MSP PTC has elected a new vice president
- ▶ The PTC 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and dance was a success.
- ▶ The Middle School PTC meetings will take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the Middle School Library.

**K. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report**

Mrs. Saunders stated that the Wheeler PTO met last week but could not attend the meeting. The Wheeler PTO meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6 PM in the Wheeler Library.

**L. CREC Council Report**

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that CREC held their Annual meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Brummett accompanied her to the meeting.

**M. Chairperson's Report**

Mrs. Saunders thanked Dr. Brummett, Mr. LePage and Mr. Michaud and all involved in the High School Graduation this year. She stated that the ceremony was very moving.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Board Open Forum**

Cheryl Provost congratulated all of the dedicated teachers who retired this year. She thanked them for their commitment to Plainville's students. She also thanked Dr. Linda Van Wagenen, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. She wished her well and said it will be hard to say goodbye.

Ms. Provost also congratulated Plainville's new Teacher-of-the Year Maria Colangelo. She stated that her children graduated from PHS a few years ago and to this day, Mrs. Colangelo follows up with them. She stated that Mrs. Colangelo not only taught a language, but also taught a culture.

Ms. Provost then welcomed Mr. Roberto Medic, Plainville High School's new Principal and wished him well and thanked Mrs. Davis for her dedication to the energy savings program. She is very pleased that the savings comes back to the students.

Michael Giuliano also thanked the retirees and wished them well. He stated that many of the teachers have been with the district for quite some time and have grown over the years.

Brent Davenport echoed the good wishes of his colleagues to the retirees and welcomed Nate Michalek to the Board, as next year's student liaison.

Becky Tyrrell thanked all the retirees for their years of service. She stated that Dr. Linda Van Wagenen fit the Curriculum position like a glove and served the district well. She stated that losing 12 people to retirement is a massive loss for the district but hopes to find new people to fill their positions.

She stated that Maria Colangelo the district's new Teacher of the Year is a fantastic, respectful and accountable person and the district is fortunate to have her. She then thanked all administrators, faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Foster White stated that the district's new Assistant Superintendent (Mr. LePage) is a fantastic saxophone player. He stated that the cheers which came from the students during graduation was a testimony to the respect those students have for him. He also commented on the reaction of Mrs. Colangelo's classroom when it was announced to her that she had become this year's teacher of the year. He stated that you could feel the energy within the building when it was announced.

**B) Quarterly Special Education Cost Report (October, January, March and June)**

Mr. Michaud stated that the current status of out-placed students is as follows: There are currently 24 outplaced students (includes 2 Transition Services and Support and 8 Magnet and Tech support). He then gave a summary of expenditures:

Total expected expenditures:	\$1,803,088
Total excess cost received:	<u>\$ 639,655</u>
Total cost minus grant receipts:	\$1,163,433
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Original budget for tuition:	<u>\$1,003,699</u>
Projected shortfall for in-state:	\$ 159,734
Projected surplus in out-of-state:	<u>\$ 152,333</u>
Net result in tuition line:	\$ (7,401)

**C) Request Approval of Proposal: High School Credit for Grade 8 Algebra and World Language**

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**D) Request Approval of Authorized Spending of Realized Savings**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF SPENDING \$168,005 IN REALIZED SAVINGS (\$100,000 IN NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PURCHASES, I.E., SOFTWARE FOR STUDENT DATABASES AND \$68,005 FOR WIRELESS UPGRADES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE). FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**XIII. CONSENT AGENDA-- Board Approval**

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Superintendent Authorizations
- (E) Request Approval of PHS World Language Class trip to Spain, France and Italy, April 6-15, 2017
- (F) Request Approval of PHS Girls' Swim Team trip to Camp Spofford, Spofford, NH, August 26-30, 2016
- (G) BOE Meeting Schedule for 2016-17
- (H) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (I) Private Donation for the month of May: (Informational Item)
  - Plainville Community Fund II at the Main Street Community Foundation to the Adult Education Program's ServSafe Manager Food Protection Certification Course.....\$2,618

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL PROVOST TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. DEBORAH HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MICHAEL GIULIANO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.**



Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Saunders

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Recorder of Executive Session and  
Finance Subcommittee Minutes

*Joan Calistro*

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Special Business Meeting of the Board of Education



**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2016**

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***Approval of Minutes***

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1999. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MAY 31, 2016 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2000. ***Request Approval of Proposal: High School Credit for Grade 8 Algebra and World Language***

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**2003. Adjournment**

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