

PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

Order of Business
7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Lori Consalvo re-convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:04 PM. Roberta Lauria led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, Lauria, Martinez, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, and Messr. White

Also Present: Steven LePage, Superintendent of Schools
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Valiantsin Kasabrukhu, Student Representative
Isabella Grasso, Student Representative

Absent: Laurie Peterson

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: Isabella Grasso

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A) PCS All-Stars: Mario Pires, Plainville High School Art Teacher
- B) Recognition of Student Liaison: PHS Senior Isabella Grasso
- C) PHS/CAS Outstanding Art Awards: Anneli St. Lawrence (performing arts) and Paige Stilwell (visual arts)
- D) **Teacher-of-the-Year: Mikayla Wells, Plainville High School Math Teacher**

Mr. Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent, described the new process when selecting a new teacher-of-the-year.

The five winners at each school include:

Laura Reed, Art Teacher at Wheeler School
Michael Boncimino, Band Teacher at Linden Street School
Courtney Caldwell, 2nd Grade Teacher at Toffolon School
Laura Meahan, Art Teacher at the Middle School of Plainville
Mikayla Wells, Math Teacher at Plainville High School

Ms. Wells is not only the High School's Teacher-of-the-Year but that of the District as well.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ADD POTENTIAL SIZEABLE DONATION TO PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PER THE WISHES OF DR. GERALD BELLO TO SECTION X. NEW BUSINESS, ITEM K.

FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHAHAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 8, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Valiantsin spoke about the following:

► As the end-of-the year approaches, students are focusing on closing out the year strongly.

► With graduation due to happen fairly soon Seniors are busy preparing for their big day.

► The entire PHS student body joined a plethora of end-of-the-year activities and field trips such as the canoe trips, Senior Picnic, Learning Adventure Day and the Prom.

► The last days of the curriculum are finishing up the next half week with Seniors taking their finals in the same timeframe and everyone else starting theirs on Thursday.

► PHS is looking forward to finishing out the year on a good note.

► The Second National Honor Society meeting took place on May 10 and officer positions were announced. The Coronation Ceremony took place on May 11 in the Wood Gym.

► The first meeting for NHS Office took place on May 24. They discussed some potential things to work on next year and are excited to devise a more thorough plan for next year.

► PHS Class of 2024 held a very successful car wash fundraiser on May 27th which was held in the PHS bus loop.

► The PHS track team went to States last Tuesday, May 30th and despite some injury setbacks, both the boys and girls competed against teams and did very well. With another school record set for the girls, the girls' team went to the State Open today and they did very well.

► The Class of 2023 Class Night was held on June 1 in the PHS Cafeteria and the Senior Class Picnic took place on Friday, June 2.

► Prom took place this past Saturday. Students enjoyed lots of food and music at the Aqua Turf and the general consensus was that it went very well.

► The SAT retake went very well this past Saturday and a fairly sizeable group of PHS students came. Hopefully, everyone's scores will improve this time around.

► The last Learning Adventure Day of the year took place today and was held very successfully. The Zoo trip seemed to be the most popular of the options but a lot of activities were offered. Students look forward to holding more of these in the future.

► Yearbooks were handed out this past Friday, June 2nd. They turned out great and students are very thankful to the Yearbook Committee for all their efforts.

► Finals for Juniors, Sophomores and Freshman will be held on Thursday and will run through Thursday of next week.

► The Seniors' Elementary School Walk will take place on Monday, June 12th at 9 AM where Seniors will tour their respective elementary schools or school of choice.

► Graduation is set to take place on Monday, June 12th at 7 PM on Alumni Field.

► Graduation practice will take place over the next week to make sure everything goes smoothly.

Mr. Kasabrukha then payed tribute to Superintendent as follows:

Because this is the last Board of Education meeting of the year, I would like to take a little bit of time to give a special thank you to someone who has made my time at Plainville very special. I would like to personally thank Mr. LePage for all of his efforts and contributions to our school system during his time as Superintendent of Schools. There are a ton of school districts out there with tons of Superintendents all who do their job well and lead. But it is very rare to come upon a school district where the Superintendent does everything in their power to not simply do their job, but go above and beyond, inspiring students, pushing for change and most of all creating a better district everyday on the job. Mr. LePage is exactly this type of Superintendent and leader. During this time period, he has not only kept to the district afloat through every possible crisis, which has ranged from minor disagreements, to a little old-world pandemic. But he has always made sure that the students and faculty have pride. He has and still continues to push for a better district. The amount of work and effort and pure soul he has put into this district during his time here is something that inspires me every single day. I am extremely thankful and proud to have been able to call him my Superintendent, leader, supporter and friend. To Mr. LePage, thank you for endlessly supporting and inspiring all of us each and every single day. Your efforts here will not be forgotten and we are extremely proud to have been able to call ourselves your students.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS—There were no citizen’s comments this evening.

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—

Mrs. Consalvo spoke on behalf of Mrs. Pugliese. This evening’s Board of Education meeting was scheduled on the same day as the Town Council meeting due to Graduation.

Mrs. Consalvo spoke about the following:

► This year’s Memorial Day Parade was held on Monday, May 29th and was a big success.

► The Shuttle Meadow Road Wastewater Pump Station, located at 66 Shuttle Meadow Road, serves the southern section of Town. It was last upgraded in 2000 and the aging equipment requires a significant upgrade. There was a bid to waive the competitive procurement process and award Bid 2023-18: Shuttle Meadow Pump Station Bidding and Construction Phase Engineering Services to Tighe and Bond, Inc. in the amount of \$274,000.

For further information on any of the topics in the May 15th Town Council minutes, please go to the Town’s website at www.plainvillect.com.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. Strategic Planning Update

► Mr. LePage stated that the District’s Strategic Plan will last for the next three years and gave handouts of the plan to each Board of Education member. He gave them a list of completed core goal areas i.e., equity, social/emotional learning, mastery, community connection goals and systems and operations. He explained that this document explains the focus of the district around central topics, actionable objectives, and putting those action objections in place.

He stated that he is very proud of the work being done across the district and hopes the Board is equally as proud, as they were supportive of the work and involved in all of the sessions. He stated that the next update will come out in the fall.

B. Toffolon Playground Equipment

► Mr. LePage stated that when Toffolon School was renovated like new back in the 2008-2009 school year, Plainville did not offer Universal Pre-K to the community. The current early childhood playscape structure was placed based on the fact that Toffolon did not have any Pre-K students in the building at that time. At that point in time, the district's Pre-K program was housed at Linden.

We now have an average of 45-60 preschoolers in our full-day Pre-K program at Toffolon with very limited space to play. NAEYC accreditation requires that all of our preschoolers have a chance to play outside each day and follow the same schedule. Our current structure makes it difficult for all the children to play together in the same area. This is due to space and lack of equipment.

Our proposed equipment would give children more of an opportunity to grow both their gross and fine motor skills, as well as, provide choice and equity in line with the other playgrounds at Linden and Wheeler. Wheeler and Linden have recently improved grade 2-5 (early education) playscapes, and Toffolon's is certainly less equitable.

C. Cafeteria Price Increase

This proposal assumes that Free Meals For All provided through the pandemic will come to an end this June, and will return to the prior structure of income-based meal pricing. That pricing includes three tiers: Free, Reduced and Paid. The prices proposed are for paid meals and the other tiers are set by the State.

We say that we regretfully propose this increase because it will undoubtedly impact participation which has now risen to new heights. We currently have many days when the majority of students in the District are fed great tasting and nutritious meals. With that has come a very positive change where many old stigmas related to who eats meals have come to an end.

Districts who returned to paid meals for a part of 2022-23 reported a significant reduction in students fed. We will look for ways to continue this positive change and favorable impressions that the program now enjoys. However, this meal price increase is necessary to cover our increase in costs over the past several years and is to keep the program solvent.

A chart of the proposed prices and a comparison to other surveyed Districts is provided in these minutes.

D. Armed "District" Safety Officer

Mr. LePage stated that he has received some concerns from elementary parents who have shared their security concerns with him, particularly Wheeler parents. He stated that there is an SRO at Plainville High School and the Middle School, there is also an armed Security Office at the Middle School, as well as 2.5 regular security guards at the High School. The proposal from Rich Marques, the District's Director of Security is to not fill the .6 position at the High School but instead fill a position of an armed security officer and have that officer alternate between Wheeler and Linden.

The armed security officer and SRO at the Middle School would be shared with Toffolon School due to the close proximity of the buildings.

Mr. LePage recommends a concealed armed security officer at the elementary schools. This new position is there to support the entire district but would also be there to oversee the elementary schools.

Mr. LePage stated that it is the hope of Director Marques to have an armed security officer at every school and this is would be the first step in making this happen.

The Board will be asked to vote on this new position under New Business, Item I.

E. Realized Savings

Should the district have a balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year, it is proposed that realized savings remain similar to prior years.

- ▶ Dime Oil—Bus Fuel \$140,488
- ▶ Legal Fees \$ 50,000
- ▶ Turf Field \$ 50,000

F. Special Education Update/Request

Proposal: Creation of a Special Education Supervisor—10 month position

Mr. LePage stated that the responsibilities of the Special Service Office have significantly increased since the appointment of the current Director of Special Services and elimination of the Program Specialist position in 2011.

Some of the increased responsibilities outlined by Vicki Trzcinski, Director of Special Services, includes:

- ▶ Reduction of students requiring placement at private approved special education schools by creating in-district programs for students who cannot be educated primarily in the general education setting.

2011-2012 SY = 30 outplacements and 8 magnet school placements

2022-2023 SY = 18 outplacements and 7 magnet school placements

- ▶ Creation of the Plainville Transition program for students age 18-22 with very complex disabilities until State adult services at age 22 (this was a change from 21 in 2020)
- ▶ Expansion of the preschool program with \$250,000 of grant funding from Smart Start, Smart Start for Recovery and School Readiness and significant oversight from the Office of Early Childhood, including NAEYC Accreditation.

Primary Responsibilities:

- ▶ Experience as a school-based clinician (School Social Worker or School Psychologist) to provide training and supervision for clinical staff and professional development for teaching staff and support staff in order to address the increased mental health needs of the school community.
- ▶ Collaborate with building principals and Instructional Resource Teachers in order to build the capacity of staff to identify functional barriers to learning while ensuring that students are receiving high-quality tiered instruction for reading, written expression, math and SEL.
- ▶ In collaboration with building staff, assist with the development of the practices and procedures to communicate MTSS interventions and data to parents on a regular basis.
- ▶ Provide professional development to special education staff to interpret and analyze district summative assessment data, benchmark assessment data and progress monitoring data relative to each student's unique learning profile and needs in order to accelerate student growth toward the grade level standards.

Funding Plan is to reallocate staffing budget from three registered Behavior Technicians, Elementary Team Leaders and the Transition Consultant by the end of the

2023-24 school year. Discussion ensued.

VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. White stated that the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee took place on June 1st. The meeting covered a number of items discussed earlier.

He stated that the committee agreed in consensus that they should accept the very generous offer of Dr. Bello. This item will need to be voted upon under New Business.

The subcommittee also discussed the proposal for the revisions to the Toffolon playscape which is a project that the subcommittee should move forward. The project is not to exceed \$95,000.

The subcommittee also reviewed possible realized savings and the Middle School Project was reviewed in great detail.

B. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report

C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report—No Report

D. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report

E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report—No Report

Mr. White reported that he could not attend the May 10th PAC meeting. The PAC were scheduled to elect new officers for the 2023-24 school year and hopes to have that information prior to the next meeting.

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Mrs. Clark reported on the following:

- ▶ Teacher Appreciation Week went well.
- ▶ The scheduled Chalk Walk went well but the rain washed most of the artwork away.
- ▶ Tuesday morning the PTO sponsored a coffee bar for the staff which included coffee, tea and breakfast options.
- ▶ There was a recent DARE celebration for students. The PTO helped with snacks and decorations.
- ▶ A Teacher Appreciation luncheon took place on Thursday with the theme, *South of the Border*, with a wonderful donation of food from Linden families.
- ▶ Scholastic Book Fair: The goal next year is to supply every student who is unable to purchase a book, with a book to read and to help build up the libraries in classrooms with Scholastic Dollars earned.
- ▶ The PTO is preparing a 5th grade promotion celebration set for tomorrow evening. They will provide, build your own dessert bar, decorations, gifts for the student s and will also supply ice pops for Field Day

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence stated that things are winding down at the Middle School. She reported on the following:

- ▶ The 8th grade picnic took place today at the Farmington Polo Club.

- ▶ The PTC purchased prizes for Bingo for the last day of school.
- ▶ The PTC will fund an ice cream truck for all three grade levels.

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

Mrs. Buchanan reported on the following:

- ▶ Wheeler has elected their new officers for next year.
- ▶ She gave a big thank you to the PTO's outgoing President Rebecca Belanger, Vice President Michelle Fangiullo and Secretary Jennifer Cole.
- ▶ Congratulations to the newly elected PTO officers: President Justine Thibedeau, Vice President Carrisa Rindfleisch, Secretary Katie Sic and Treasurer Heather Lanza. They are very excited to hit the ground running and getting things started. Mrs. Buchanan thanked the PTO for the excellent work they are doing.

J. CREC Council Report—No Report

K. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Consalvo stated that she wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mr. LePage for all he had done for us. She stated that she can't believe this is his last meeting. She also stated that when he told the Board that he was leaving, she thought he was joking. It was unexpected. She stated that the Board will definitely miss him and thanked him for everything he has done for the District, and also for being so involved with the community, students, and parents.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There is no Unfinished Business this evening

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Foster White stated due to the fact that this is Mr. LePage's last meeting, there is an old saying that you cannot teach an old dog, new tricks. However, he stated that Mr. LePage has taught him much in the last 13 years and he has had the privilege of knowing him and working along side of him. He stated that Mr. LePage has been a benefit to him personally, but most importantly has been a real benefit to the Town of Plainville and the student in this district. He has led us through a most difficult period of time in the history of this nation and because of his leadership and your ability to create teams who work together collaboratively, we were able to keep our schools open and functioning in-person earlier than most of the schools in other districts. He stated, "For this sir, we owe you a debt of gratitude and I personally thank you for the advice you have given me personally over the past few years. Thank you so much and godspeed in your new journeys."

Becky Tyrrell spoke about the Free Meals program. She stated that she and Ashley Carl, Plainville Schools' Food Service Director, and several other school food service directors from the State went to the Capitol a couple of days ago. She stated that lunch was set up and legislators went down the line for lunch. There were people from Meriden, New Haven and other towns as well. It was an effective way to lobby. At the end of the day legislators did tell them that one of the things they were advocating for was originally appropriated through ESSER to provide Free Meals for All. There is some funding left over and they were advocating for them to take the money and keep it for Free Meals for All. She stated that she believes what they are actually going to do, is have free breakfast. As it was announced. She stated that it actually is a good way to get that foot in the door and at least put that out there but will probably take years to advocate for it. Beyond physically feeding kids, this

is really about preventing stigma. Because that is one of the things she learned most significantly during the pandemic. When everything was free and we went back to paying and then back to free, it almost made it worse in a way because it made it more obvious of the haves and have not. She thanked Ashley Carl and Mr. LePage who was one of the only Superintendents who came out and spoke about the impact free meals had in his childhood. "People just don't do that, so thank you Mr. LePage."

She also thanked the Bello Family, Dr. Bello in particular, for his generosity. It is an awesome amount of money with a plan to create long-term change for the community and there is a lot of great funding there for scholarships, etc.

Mrs. Tyrrell also congratulated Mikayla Wells who grew up across the street from her and who went to school with one of Mrs. Tyrrell's daughters, and now she's become Teacher of the Year in Plainville. She stated that she is very proud of that fact. She also mentioned that her mom sat on the Board of Education for four years. She stated that they are a great family and she is very proud of Mikayla.

Lastly, she stated that Mr. LePage is going to leave the district after 13 years. She stated that when Mr. LePage came to Plainville he was the new Principal of Plainville High School. At the time, he was following in the footsteps of a very popular Principal who had been with Plainville for many years. She stated that the Board was worried that it would be difficult for him. But, it was like he never missed a beat. It just goes to show that we made the right choice at that moment in time. She commented that she thought he would never rise through ranks as quickly as he did. She told him he became a Superintendent at too young of an age, as she felt people should be older, so they would have older children and wouldn't have to worry about their own little kids and all that they have to sacrifice. It is a sacrifice for sure. The general public doesn't understand that. So, there's being a Superintendent and being a Superintendent like you have been for us here. Having gone through the past couple of years we mentioned. Just having done the things the way you do with the care that you have. She stated that Mr. LePage had driven her crazy with his lack of conciseness. "But, it's the way you are and I guess at this point I wouldn't change a thing." "We really do appreciate everything you have done for the Plainville Community and people really have understood how much care you have for this community and for the students, and I know you will have the same level of care no matter where you go because that's the way you are.....a very humble and effective person."

Cassandra Clark thanked all of the parents, caregivers and grandparents that have trusted the Plainville school system with the care of their children. "Hopefully, in the coming months we can make a better team, better communication and make it the best school ever." "I think it's a wonderful thing that parents trust us with their children and will always keep that first and foremost. With that said, life is short." "Mr. LePage I hope you're able to enjoy your kids a bit more because life is short and it is a sacrifice. Just like the parents here are trusting us with their kids, you want to make sure you spend time with yours. I hope you spend as much time as possible with your family." You will be missed but it's more important that you keep your family first. I wish you all the best."

Rachel Buchanan stated that she has been reflecting on the last meeting of the year for a myriad of reasons and had something prepared but it didn't seem appropriate at this point. "So, congratulations to the Teacher of the Year and to the teachers at all

five schools and to Mikayla Wells who has left an incredible impact on the school district. It is incredible to know that she has always been a Blue Devil who has come up through the ranks.

“Val, we have incredible kids in this district, the very best and I am so grateful to have the opportunity and the pleasure of having this young man as a student liaison. There are not many adults that can articulate and verbalize the way that you do. Thank you for the time you dedicate to this, as many young people would not make this a priority and I am grateful that you do. I wish you continued success.”

“When we went through Strategic Planning last summer, it is difficult to find your footing when you come in mid-year. I have attended every training course made available to me by the resources, i.e., CAS, CABA. I watch all State Board of Education meetings, so I can learn the language. I knew what kind of leader Mr. LePage was, when there was a line out the door to advocate on his behalf for a perceived slight, as I was doing my job of providing oversight and transparency. I learned who Mr. LePage was during a conversation that I had with him, and how a leader steps up to have those conversations and who can accept constructive criticism, self-evaluate and hold up a mirror. To be able to ask what is it I’m doing well, what can I continue to do that way, and what can I reflect on and do differently. These are the benchmarks for any leader, regardless of how he or she feels about their pathway and communication and team. She hopes that the Board can continue to move forward to learn from the man who is going to another district and what we are supposed to do moving forward which is keeping the children/families of this school system at the forefront of our minds each and every single moment of time. One of the most important topics CABA has instructed us about is civility, which comes from a lot of different levels, training and perceptions. As someone who sat in these rooms, grades 1-12, it is incredibly important that I hold not just myself accountable, not just the leaders accountable, but each and every one of us here, to communicate civilly with one another moving forward. That is my personal goal and I would like the folks that come before the Board to know that our minds are open, our hearts are open because we are elected political officials, whether people like that or not. It’s how it works in our particular community. It takes a special kind of leader to be able to take it. You will be missed Mr. LePage. I thank you for the role in which you played with my step daughter as a Principal. You will never know the impact you had on my family life personally. For that I thank you. I look to the Board of Education for the future and to remember this moment and this is our opportunity to move forward together even if we might disagree. I hope this is the legacy Mr. LePage can leave us with. Thank you!

Roberta Lauria thanked Mr. LePage for embracing her when she came to the Board. She stated, “You could have easily kicked me out the door and you didn’t and I appreciate that.” She stated that she thanks the Town Committee and most of all the parents for entrusting her with your voice as she sits on the Board, as she takes this humbly and seriously and sincerely appreciates the opportunity to work for you. She thanked everyone again for their help and all Board Member for helping her get up to speed with things.

Crystal St. Lawrence thanked Mr. LePage as a parent and Board of Education member for his communication, transparency, and your kindness and all that you have done and letting the kids know that you do care. I see it as a Board Member and as a parent. Thank you and Good Luck!!

Rebecca Martinez: “Thank you so much for your dedication and advocacy. Your advocacy for our children when it’s easy to advocate for them and when it’s difficult. It is very much appreciated. You have had so much stress with our parents, our staff and the Board, and I thank you so much. I hope that when you get to your new district, you will have more time in the classrooms and there is less going on in the district and that you have less time sending out emails that start with, “I don’t mean to be long winded, so let me be brief.” Best Wishes, you will be missed.”

Rachel Buchanan: “Please thank your family for sharing you with this district. Someone said a sacrifice before. When you should have been with your family, you were at an event a million nights a week. I was also surprised by how much time a Superintendent can or cannot invest in a district. Please take back a sincere thanks to your family.”

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

Mr. Adlerstein stated that the tuition that was reported to the Board is spot on to what has been reported month to month. However, the State reimbursement, or the States portion has gone down from what was originally estimated. We estimated 91% based on what we thought the legislation said. It turned out to be a little less, a \$162,000 impact on our forecast for the end of the year. It’s another June challenge. He stated that it is not unusual to have surprises in June.

Mr. LePage said that ultimately the funding for tuition at 91% was noble, but then the Appropriations Committee only funded enough to get us to 78.92%. Ironically, they thought they were increasing funding, but they decreased funding instead.

C) Turf Committee Report (September and May)—No Report

D) Student: Student Dress Code Policy No. 5132—1st Reading, Revised
RACHEL BUCHANAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION OF STUDENTS: STUDENT DRESS POLICY NO. 5132 AS PRESENTED. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

RACHEL BUCHANAN MADE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF STUDENTS: STUDENT DRESS POLICY NO. 5132. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

E) Request Approval of Cafeteria Meal Prices

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ACCEPT THE NEW CAFETERIA MEAL PRICES COMMENCING 2023-24 AS PRESENTED. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

F) Child Nutrition: Authorization of Signatures for ED-099

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE AND COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE DAVID LEVENDUSKI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE ED-099 AGREEMENT OF THE DISTRICT’S CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM AND SIGN CLAIMS FOR

REIMBURSEMENT. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

G) Request Approval to authorize a new signer for eGMS Food Services Summer Program

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE A NEW SIGNER FOR THE eGMS FOOD SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAM. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

H) Request Approval of New Toffolon Playground Equipment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TOFFOLON SCHOOL'S NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

I) Armed District Security Office

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO AUTHORIZE THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ARMED DISTRICT SECURITY OFFICER AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

J) Request Approval of New Special Education Coordinator Position

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR TO COMMENCE IN THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

K) Potential Sizeable Donation to Plainville Community Schools Per the Wishes of Dr. Gerald Bello

Mr. LePage stated that Dr. Bello has had a signed endowment fund agreement with the district since 2017. The agreement consists of seven components:

- 1) Five specific scholarships for graduating seniors.
- 2) Financial support to qualifying students in the areas of creative arts.
- 3) Designation of the band rehearsal room as the Grace Jersey Band Rehearsal Room and for repairs of band instruments and the creation of a memorabilia showcase related to band and theater.
- 4) Designation of the PHS Learning Commons as the Edith M. & Generoso Bello Learning Commons.
- 5) Designation of the PHS front entrance as the Dr. Gerald Anthony Bello Entrance and Portico with some renovations specified.
- 6) Dr. Bello has also requested additional namings.

The agreement does not specify an exact evaluation, rather his intention is to bequeath the Plainville Community Schools the amount remaining in investments at the time of his death.

A MOTION WAS MADE FOSTER WHITE, WITH GREAT APPRECIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND DR. GERALD ANTHONY BELLO'S MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Superintendent Authorizations
- (E) Students: Student Dress Regulation No. 5132--Revised
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) BOE Meeting Schedule for 2023-24
- (H) Private Donation for the month of May (Informational Item)
 - Petit Family Foundation Grant to Plainville Adult Education for Homeless Awareness.....\$2,518.83

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes

The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of all agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at www.plainvilleschools.org. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following regular Board of Education meeting.

The District hasn't increased meal prices since 2019-20. We are well behind a comparison to other districts and would be challenged to make ends meet. We propose the catch-up increases below.

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**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023**

- 2534. *A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ADD POTENTIAL SIZEABLE DONATION TO PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS PER THE WISHES OF DR. GERALD BELLO TO SECTION X. NEW BUSINESS, ITEM K. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.***

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2535. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHAHAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MAY 8, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.**

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 2536. D) Student: Student Dress Code Policy No. 5132—1st Reading, Revised**
RACHEL BUCHANAN MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISION OF STUDENTS: STUDENT DRESS POLICY NO. 5132 AS PRESENTED. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

RACHEL BUCHANAN MADE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF STUDENTS: STUDENT DRESS POLICY NO. 5132. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

- 2537. E) Request Approval of Cafeteria Meal Prices**
A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ACCEPT THE NEW CAFETERIA MEAL PRICES COMMENCING 2023-24 AS PRESENTED. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

- 2538. F) Child Nutrition: Authorization of Signatures for ED-099**
A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE AND COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO AUTHORIZE DAVID LEVENDUSKI, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO SIGN THE ED-099 AGREEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM AND SIGN CLAIMS FOR REIMBURSEMENT. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

- 2539. G) Request Approval to authorize a new signer for eGMS Food Services Summer Program**
A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE A NEW SIGNER FOR THE eGMS FOOD SERVICES SUMMER PROGRAM. BECKY

TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

2540. H) Request Approval of New Toffolon Playground Equipment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TOFFOLON SCHOOL'S NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, NOT TO EXCEED \$95,000. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

2541. I) Armed District Security Office

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO AUTHORIZE THE INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL ARMED DISTRICT SECURITY OFFICER AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

2542. J) Request Approval of New Special Education Coordinator Position

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO AUTHORIZE THE HIRING OF A NEW SPECIAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR TO COMMENCE IN THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

2543. K) *Potential Sizeable Donation to Plainville Community Schools Per the Wishes of Dr. Gerald Bello*

A MOTION WAS MADE FOSTER WHITE, WITH GREAT APPRECIATION, TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PLAINVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND DR. GERALD ANTHONY BELLO'S MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

(A) Budget Object Summary

(B) Food Service Report

(C) Check Registers

(D) Superintendent Authorizations

(E) Students: Student Dress Regulation No. 5132--Revised

(F) HR Report (Informational Item)

(G) BOE Meeting Schedule for 2023-24

(H) Private Donation for the month of May (Informational Item)

--Petit Family Foundation Grant to Plainville Adult Education for Homeless

Awareness.....\$2,518.83

2544. A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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