

**PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016**  
**Plainville High School Cafeteria**  
**Plainville, Connecticut**

**Order of Business**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**I. CONVENE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board Chair Andrea Saunders called the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:05 PM. Laurie Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Also Present:** Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools  
Steven Michaud, Director of Administration and Personnel  
Daniel Costantini, Student Representative

**Absent:** Brent Davenport, Board Member  
Michael Giuliano, Board Member  
Caterina LaBella, Student Representative

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** None

**Returns:** None

**II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. Special Thanks to Crowley Ford (Drive One 4 UR School Program)**

Mr. LePage introduced and thanked Mr. Ken Crowley and Ms. Stacey Grey of Crowley Ford-Lincoln here in Plainville, for bringing their Drive One 4 UR School Program to Plainville High School. Mr. LePage stated that money raised from this program has benefitted the PHS Band/Chorus trip to Florida and the World Language class trip to Europe, to help off-set the cost of each trip. The program has also paid for various activities for the Robotics team, Interact students, Cheerleaders and the junior class. The total donation came to \$32,100.

Mr. Crowley accepted thanks/recognition from Mr. LePage and the Board and specifically thanked his employees, Stacey Grey and Tom Moran, who worked diligently with the High School staff to make this program a success.

**B. State Governor's Scholar Award: Brandon Mello**

Mr. LePage, PHS Principal, Dr. Brummett, Andrea Saunders, Board Chair, and members of the Board of Education congratulated **Brandon Mello**, who is the recipient of the 2016 Governor's Scholar Award for overall academic excellence.

**C. CABA Student Leadership Awards: Jason Romankiw and Myranda LaPira**

Mr. LePage, PHS Principal, Dr. Brummett, Andrea Saunders, Board Chair, and members of the Board congratulated *Jacob Romankiw (who could not be present) and Myranda LaPira* who are this year's recipients of the CABA Student Leadership Awards. This award honors students for their distinguished leadership in school activities and daily life. The criteria for this award includes: willingness to take on challenges; capability to make difficult decisions; concern for others; ability to work with others; willingness to commit to a project; diplomacy; ability to understand issues clearly and ability to honor a commitment. Mr. LePage spoke about each student's outstanding dedication and commitment to their school activities.

**D. National School Nurses' Day**

Dr. Brummett congratulated Plainville's nursing staff by recognizing their contributions to the district. The National Association of School Nurses proclaimed May 6-12, 2016 National School Nurses' Week. School nurses focus on prevention and well-being for students and families through education regarding healthy lifestyle choices and management of chronic diseases. Dr. Brummett stated that the Nurses' were honored with a luncheon and were given small gifts of appreciation. She also stated that Teacher Appreciation Week also took place recently and they too were presented with gifts and a luncheon from their individual schools.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2016 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2016 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEBORAH HARDY. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**A. RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No responses

**V. COUNCIL LIAISON**

Mrs. Pugliese could not attend this evening's meeting but left a few items for Mrs. Saunders to review:

► The Capital Projects Building Committee received four proposals for the Construction Management position for the school maintenance projects. The interviews were held on May 5<sup>th</sup> and a recommendation is expected to be presented to the Town Council at their May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

► Mrs. Saunders stated that the *New Britain Herald* recently published an article alleging that the Town was seeking foreclosure on property located at 371 Long Swamp Road. Mrs. Saunders stated that the reporter misinterpreted what was said by the Town Manager. Several organizations are working with the property owner to make the necessary repairs to the home to comply with the Town's building code.

► The Turf Committee received two bids for the installation of the new scoreboard for the High School Football and Softball Field. The lowest bid was submitted by Lauretano

Sign Group of Terryville, CT. The amount of \$69,296 is within the amount anticipated in the Turf Field Committee's budget. Funding will come from a state grant and the Tinty Foundation donation.

► On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Town and Board recommended budgets were approved. The Town budget was approved by a margin of 671 votes in favor and 332 opposed. The Board of Education budget was approved by a margin of 633 votes in favor and 364 opposed. Because of the uncertainty of the state budget and the amount of revenue that may be approved by the State Legislature, the Town Council will delay setting the mill rate until either the state budget is adopted, or until June 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever occurs first. The Town Council will keep Plainville residents informed.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. Wellness Presentation**

Dr. Brummett introduced Robert Silliman and Shawn Wilby who will report on the first year of the elementary schools' wellness initiative. Mr. Silliman reported that statistics show 29.7% of children in the state of Connecticut are obese. The Plainville Community Schools wellness initiative hopes to combat childhood obesity by teaching children how to eat the right foods and show students the benefit of both exercise and physical activity. He stated that approximately 60 minutes of activities are planned per day. Students have a 10 minute AM recess, 20 minutes of activities and exercise in their wellness block, another 20 minutes after specials and another 10-15 minutes of exercise after lunch. A video was then shown outlining both indoor and outdoor activities, exercise, and group games, demonstrating how students learn through play and skill.

Mr. Silliman and Mr. Wilby then presented a video, asking students what they think about the wellness initiatives and discussed the positive outcomes reported by teachers. Both Mr. Silliman and Mr. Wilby look forward to moving this well received initiative forward.

Mrs. Tyrrell commented that this is an excellent program. She stated that the workings of this program should be presented at a CAFE Conference where it might benefit other school systems.

Dr. Brummett then introduced Mr. Carl Johnson, Plainville High School's new Assistant Principal. She stated that Mr. Johnson was clearly the candidate of choice. Mr. Johnson comes from Farmington High School as a Social Studies teacher and Student Activities Director. Dr. Greider, Farmington's Superintendent of Schools, stated that though she wishes him well, she hates to see him go, as he has had a very positive impact on all students. He will begin as Plainville High School's new Assistant Principal on July 1, 2016. Dr. Brummett then introduced Mr. Johnson's wife and two sons.

Mr. Johnson stated that he is honored to have been chosen to serve Plainville High School and the Plainville community. He is very impressed with the High School and its staff. He is very excited and looking forward to beginning his new job.

In conclusion, Dr. Brummett also thanked four of the eight students who are interested in becoming the Board's new student liaisons. Mr. LePage stated that four of the students came to the Board Meeting this evening to observe the procedures of the meeting. There will be two vacancies as student liaison in September.

## **VII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Student Representative Report**

Dan Costantini, Board Student Liaison reported on the following PHS activities:

- ▶ AP testing began last week and will conclude next Friday. All is going well.
- ▶ The UCONN ECE Parent Information Night will be held on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM in the PHS Cafeteria
- ▶ Performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be held in Room 403 on Thursday, May 12 at 3:30 PM, Friday, May 13 and Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 PM
- ▶ PHS Spring Concert will be held on May 19 @ 7:30 PM in the PHS Auditorium
- ▶ Scholar Athlete Breakfast will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM in the PHS Cafeteria
- ▶ The Junior Prom was held last Saturday. Students had a great time.
- ▶ Super Senior Banquet will be held at the Aqua Turf on May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, 113 students will be honored
- ▶ Night of Excellence will be held on June 7 at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium
- ▶ Graduation will be held on June 13 at 7 PM on Alumni Fields @ Tinty Stadium

### **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**

The Turf Committee met on Wednesday, April 6. Dr. Brummett stated that a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is set for May 26<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. The event is still in the planning stages. The Turf Committee will meet again soon. A new meeting date is in the works.

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

Mr. White reported on the following:

- ▶ The PAC will sponsor a tag sale on May 14 from 9 AM to 2 PM in the High School lot facing Route 10. They are looking for slightly used items. If you would like to donate items, they may be dropped off at the drive-up window of the Automotive Department of the High School on Friday, May 13.
- ▶ The next PAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 PM in the PHS Principal's Conference Room.

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

Mr. Davenport could not attend this evening's meeting.

- ▶ Mrs. Logoyke reported that Toffolon students have an amazing amount of activities and field trips set for the next few weeks, including Tiger Time.
- ▶ All three elementary schools will hold a districtwide *One Book, One Community* picnic tomorrow evening.
- ▶ The next Toffolon PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12 at 7 PM in the Toffolon Cafeteria.

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

Mrs. Hardy reported on the following:

▶ The Yankee Candle Fundraiser did okay. The funds will help balance the budget to pay for field day slide inflatables.

▶ Families were invited to Linden's Annual Fun Run. It was a beautiful day, a big success and many guests walked/ran with the Linden scholars.

▶ Thanks again to all guests who took the time out of their busy schedules to read to Linden scholars in honor of National Book Week. Lindabulous Reading Day was held on Thursday, May 5th and there were over 20 guests. Linden children just loved having books read to them by new faces! She stated that she read to Mrs. Carey's class and was amazed by the students.

▶ The Linden DARE celebration is set for Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The next Linden PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM in the Linden Library.

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

Ms. Provost reported on the following:

▶ The MSP PTC have chosen their scholarship recipients

▶ The PTC is looking for volunteers and donations for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation which is set for June 10

▶ The next meeting of the Middle School PTC will take place on May 10 at 7 PM in the Middle School Library.

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

▶ The Wheeler PTO have chosen their new officers for the 2016-17 school year.

▶ Students demonstrated Ecofair items at a recent Wheeler function and did a great job.

▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 at 6 PM in the Wheeler Library.

**L. CREC Council Report**

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that everyone is keeping an eye on the State budget. CREC will hold their Annual meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Brummett will accompany her to the meeting.

**M. Chairperson's Report**

Mrs. Saunders stated that Project Graduation is underway. You may find a pink flamingo on your lawn. If you would like to make a donation to Project Graduation you are asked to contact the YMCA.

Mrs. Saunders stated that there are quite a few activities taking place within the next few months. If students are looking to obtain community hours they may want to volunteer their time to Relay for Life which will take place on June 4 and 5. For information you can go to their website at <http://relay.acsevents.org>.

Plainville Winds and Wheels are looking for volunteers as well. More information may be found on their website at <http://plainvillewingsandwheels.com>

Plainville's Annual Balloon Fest in August may also need volunteers. Their website is [www.plainvillefireco.com/Balloons](http://www.plainvillefireco.com/Balloons)

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### IX. NEW BUSINESS

#### A) Board Open Forum

Foster White stated that Mr. Silliman is doing a wonderful job with Toffolon's wellness initiative. He stated that the Middle School's Walk to School Days are also working well and a great source of exercise.

He stated that he was a guest reader at Linden's National Children's Book Week. He stated that he read to one of the kindergarten classes and was amazed, as the students were reading back to him. He stated that the Pre-K and Kgn. programs are certainly beneficial to Plainville students.

Cheryl Provost stated that she too read at Linden's Children's Book Week. She read to students in grade 3. She stated that these children were exceptionally intelligent and made her feel very special when asking if she was 25 years old.

Crystal St. Lawrence stated that she attend the recent Townwide Art Show. She said the artwork was amazing and that the children, of all ages, are so talented.

Becky Tyrrell stated that the Curriculum Showcase which was held back in April was amazing. She praised the K-8 displays and hopes that more parents will attend in years to come.

She also thanked the eight students who are interested in public service for coming to the meeting this evening.

#### 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). Original budget for tuitions: \$1,468,699. Budgeted Excess Cost Credit: (\$665,000). Total Revised budget for tuitions: \$1,003,699. Expenditures to date: \$1,365,494 Expected Remaining Balance: \$292,284 and Total expected expenditure: \$1,657,778.

#### C) Request to Approve Contract: CT Institute of the Blind (Oak Hill) for 09/01/16 to 08/31/17 (Middle School)

Oak Hill has expressed interest in renewing their contract for use of both the Middle School of Plainville and Toffolon School for the 2016-17 school year. However, Toffolon School is needed for the district's Pre-K and Kgn. classes. Therefore, the contract will not be renewed. The new rate for the Middle School rental is \$82,815, which is based on an initial rental rate of \$15 per square foot plus a yearly 3% increase.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER INTO A ONE-YEAR CONTRACT BETWEEN THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND OAK HILL ACADEMY FOR THE PERIOD 09/01/16 TO 08/31/17 FOR THE UTILIZATION OF SPACE AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**



**X. CONSENT AGENDA-- Board Approval**

- (A) Budget Object Summary
  - (B) Food Service Report
  - (C) Check Registers
  - (D) Request Approval of Adult Education PIP Grant
  - (E) HR Report (Informational Item)
  - (F) Private Donation for the month of April: (Informational Item)
- None

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

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DEBORAH HARDY SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.**

**The next meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting date was changed due to inclement weather days throughout the year, leaving the last day of school and High School graduation to commence on June 13.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan Calistro*

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Recorder of Minutes

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**MAY 11 2016**

*Carol A. Dube*  
TOWN CLERK

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