

**PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

Roberta Lauria was sworn in on Monday afternoon by the Town Clerk, Cindy Porrini

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

**I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Lori Consalvo convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Crystal St. Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the Middle School student who lost his life this past weekend.

**Members Present:** Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, Lauria, Martinez, Peterson, 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 Kasabrukhou, Student Representative

**Absent:** Isabella Grasso, Student Representative

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** None

**Returns:** None

**VOTE: NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE CHAIR**

Board Chair Lori Consalvo opened the floor for nominations for a new Vice Chair of the Plainville Board of Education. The Chair recognizes the member making the nomination:

Cassandra Clark nominated Rachel Buchanan for the position of Vice Chair of the Plainville Board of Education.

Mrs. Consalvo asked if there were any other nominations.

There were no other nominations.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY CASSANDRA CLARK TO NOMINATE RACHEL BUCHANAN FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION. ROBERTA LAURIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

## **II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION & RECEPTION:**

The Board recognized and thanked Mrs. Deborah Hardy for her 12 years of service to the Board of Education. A short break was taken for her reception.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM ROBERTA LAURIA.**
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## **IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Student Liaison Valiantsin Kasabrukha reported on the following:

- ▶ The past month has been full of excitement and achievement for the Plainville High School staff as the second semester has begun.
- ▶ Students began course selections for next year through an advisory lesson in which they were given instruction as to what to choose.
- ▶ Counselor meetings will be conducted later in the spring to finalize course requests and rough schedule outlines.
- ▶ Mid-terms took place the week of January 23rd and students successfully finished the semester of studies with fairly high grades.
- ▶ Looking back, mid-terms concluded fairly successfully and students enjoyed a successful season of studies. As previously mentioned semester two has come to an end. Grades closed and were finalized at the end of last week.
- ▶ The Student/Faculty basketball game was held very successfully in the Wood Gym on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

- ▶ On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the PHS VEX Robotics team participated in their first VEX Competition. The robot was re-built the very night before, as well as the morning of competition, so there was some room for improvement the day of competition.
- ▶ The Winter sports season is starting to close out with indoor track and field participating in both the CCC Regional Competitions as well as some State qualifiers. Most notably, Oliwia Marecik, a junior, was able to obtain a new school record for the 1,000 meter.
- ▶ The basketball season is coming to a close for both the boys' and girls' basketball teams.
- ▶ Students from the Middle School toured the High School last Friday for a school tour of familiarization. Prior to the Showcase this coming Wednesday, he was one of the tour guides.
- ▶ Improvements did arrive for both VEX Teams as both were able to participate on February 4<sup>th</sup> with the Judge's Award being secured by 159238, his team. Prior to the Showcase this coming Wednesday, he was one of the tour guides.
- ▶ Students are looking forward to a slight break which will start on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. His personal plan is to go for a morning run and work with his team on their robot.
- ▶ The PHS Showcase is being held on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. The PHS faculty and staff will be able to show off the best parts of Plainville High School. This will include some PHS teachers and includes some PHS Clubs.
- ▶ Students have been enjoying videos assembled by the PHS Career Center regarding different perspectives of past PHS graduates on their careers and things they're working on to gather interest, as well as information for students to get involved in various careers.
- ▶ Looking ahead, the sign up for spring sports was sent out with Tennis, Outdoor Track, Softball and Baseball all being offered.
- ▶ The VEX Robotics team will be participating in a competition this coming Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> which will take place in Massachusetts, as well as, hopefully, a regional competition in the New England area soon.
- ▶ The Swim team season is also coming to a close, with CCC's and States in the following month.
- ▶ AP classes are starting near the end of their curriculum period and will soon be entering review in preparation for the AP test in the Spring.
- ▶ Students are preparing for the SAT tests which will be held also in the Spring.

Mr. LePage announced that the PHS Showcase originally scheduled for Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled due to the district's recent Middle School tragedy. The event will be rescheduled for some time in March. Families will be informed.

Mr. LePage also congratulated Mr. Kasabrukha on the recent VEX Robotics successes. He asked Mr. Kasabrukha to give a brief update on the World's Competition which in interesting and exciting.

Mr. Kasabrukha stated that in addition to the traditional VEX Robotics qualifications for the World's Competition via a statistical spot in a regional competition, the REC Foundation also puts out competitions for teams to collaborate on and work on virtually, if they were truly able to discover that there was fully online coding competition for which the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner receives a qualification to Worlds. Only six teams so far have created submissions and we are hoping to have ours soon. They have been working on this since last night.

**V. CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Comments**  
**RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses**

## **VI. COUNCIL LIAISON**

Mrs. Pugliese asked that the Board please accept her sincerest condolences to the Plainville Community Schools' family with regard to the recent tragic loss of an MSP student. "Also, to the family, words cannot express my sympathy for you at this time. There can be no deeper pain. I am sorry for your loss".

Mrs. Pugliese reported on the following items:

- ▶ CRCOG 2023 Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program
- ▶ 2023 Sidewalk Construction Program
- ▶ Honor Heights Discussion and Update
- ▶ Robertson Airport Events
  - Car Show by Nexgen, April 30<sup>th</sup>, the event will be held in Hangar 1
  - Food Truck Battles by FextEx Productions—May 20 and 21. There will be approximately 40 food trucks.
  - Penny Sale by Plainville Rotary Club—Early May
- ▶ White Oak Redevelopment Update
- ▶ Crooked Street Bridge Repairs
- ▶ Whiting Street Repaving
- ▶ The Plainville Hot Air Balloon Festival will take place on August 25-26. There will be no Sunday event. Volunteers are needed. More information is forthcoming.
- ▶ On January 17<sup>th</sup> Sergeant John Quilter was promoted to Lieutenant. There is now vacancy available for Lieutenant Quilter's former position.
- ▶ Budgeting worksessions will be taking place in March. All are welcome to attend.

More information can be found in the Town Council's minutes from their February 6, 2023 meeting.

## **VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **A. REVIEW OF FY2023-24 PROPOSED BOE OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr. LePage explained that there has been four budget worksessions with the Board, with a total of approximately 10-12 hours of review and discussion. There have been budget overviews and a series of questions that have been answered in-person and through a shared form that is also a public document. Each question is responded to as it comes in. The Board also has a full Budget section on its website which includes all presentations used during all worksessions and meetings. He then thanked Sam Adlerstein for the tremendous amount of work he has done throughout the budget process. With all of the questions and answers, the administration was left with a final summary.

Overview:

The first meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>, was based on Budget Development which starts over the summer with a series of meetings, looking at the budget with great detail with Instructional Leaders, Administrators and the Central Office team. All reviewed every line item in detail. Then comes the sharing of information in Object Summaries with the Board. He stated that he came in with a 5.06% recommended budget increase which included a rather significant health insurance estimation, at that time, that had been provided to him by the Town's Director of Finance, Rob Buden. They were going to use a 12% increase which was submitted by the Brokerage Company which operated the State insurance. The next day, Mr. LePage received word that the increase dropped from 12% to 10% which reduced the Board's budget from 5.06% to 4.75%. The Budget for this year, FY 2022-23, is \$41,308,797. The FY2023-24 proposed budget before the

healthcare change would have been \$43,643,840 which was a dollar increase (before healthcare) of \$1,335,043 or 3.23%. When factoring the adjusted health insurance, it comes to an \$627,957 change. The increase after healthcare insurance change is \$1,963,000 or 4.75%. The total proposed budget for 2023-24 after healthcare change is \$43,271,797.

Mr. LePage stated that as he explained to the Board, the main contributors to this budget increase are contractual increases. We are an 85% personnel organization. So, it's salaries and benefits for all the individuals that make the district operate at a high level. The other 15% is operating costs and supplies, along with rising inflation and increasing prices. Contracts are also going up on the personnel side due to our statutory obligations to negotiate contracts with our collective bargaining groups, which is the reason for the increase. Like everything else, we're seeing in our society, everything has increased in cost. He then reviewed the 2023-24 Area and Statewide Proposed Superintendent's Budgets in other towns.

Mr. LePage stated that when the joint meeting with the Town Manager came about two weeks ago, the overall increase to the Town would be 5.97% or a 1.83 mill increase. Last year the mill rate went down by 3.92%. These are based on preliminary numbers by the Town Manager and Mr. Buden and includes the Board of Education's budget of 4.75%.

On an assessment of a \$200,000 property assessed at \$150,000 (75% assessment value) would be a \$275 increase in taxes with the 5.97% proposed increase. This is just a snapshot in time, a lot more work needs to be done on the Town's side with the budget development. The Superintendent and Town Manager's presentations of their budgets will be held on Monday, March 6 at 7 PM in the Council Chambers and a Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, March 9 at 7 PM in the Council Chambers.

The Board will be asked to vote to approve the FY23-24 Superintendent's Proposed Operating Budget under New Business, Item E.

## **B. FREE MEALS FOR ALL UPDATE**

Mr. LePage stated that at a recent Hartford Area Superintendent's Association (HASA)) meeting, area Superintendent's met with Speaker of the House, Matt Ritter, who presented a number of items that would be very favorable to Plainville, one of them being House Bill 5003 which would accelerate the cost ECS (Educational Cost Sharing) formula. Right now, it's in a 10-year phase in Plainville and is on the good side of the phase-in, as some districts are being phased down. The district has received approximately \$200,000 per year and the projection from the Governor's budget shows \$238,000 each year for the next two years, which is a benefit to the Towns to offset educational budgets. If the House Bill is passed to the next level and is adopted, it would result in the acceleration of the ECS formula in 2025, instead of 2029. That money would come to the Town much sooner. This would be a \$600,000 benefit to the Town. It does have bi-partisan support. Mr. Ritter also spoke about a special session to vote on free meals for students until the end of this school year. The vote did pass in both the House and Senate. Our Food Service Director Ashley Carl, Sam Adlerstein, who oversees the Food Services Department and Mr. LePage created an Op Ed for the newspapers about free meals and Mr. LePage's experiences as a free meal student with references to how things have changed over the years. They also touched on the value of those free meals and how incredibly important it is to many students. Mr. LePage also shared testimony regarding the program with the committee that was reviewing the continuation of the program. Mr. LePage stated that the district's goal is to continue free meals beyond the end of this school year. For now, it was good to hear that they were

considering passing the program for the remainder of the school year and maybe a shared cost after that. He stated that what is more exciting is that five Plainville students created a six-minute video which was recently shared with administrators and Board Members. Everyone in the State session said the video was incredibly powerful and impactful. The students took the time to film it, with the help of their teacher Todd Helming. In addition, Lynn Davis helped to coordinate the video. Ashley Carl was in the video and also helped to coordinate it as well. Everyone in that session asked for a copy of the video and said it was incredibly moving. The whole process to make the video took students one day. The students who created the video are: Lily Feyerabend, Audrey Vandermark, Mason Rogers, Zach Hughes and Bobby Wright.

Mr. LePage explained that this was a video about the students' honest and heartfelt messages and what it means to them. One of our Choice students gets up at 5:30 AM each morning to get to school on time. Other students have the same problem. But it helps to have a healthy breakfast and lunch waiting at the schools. Mr. LePage discussed the stigmas of asking for free school lunches years ago and the differences today.

### **C. STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS AND UPCOMING REPORTING CALENDAR**

Mr. LePage explained that a core team of students, parents, Board Members and staff starting working on the Strategic Plan last spring, developing goals for the district and turning them into objective and then into an action plan. At the next Board Meeting in March, Mr. LePage will present (with the entire Strategic Planning Committee in attendance) an update of those goals and objectives to show everyone the work that has been done. This will take place again in June, then again in the fall, and will keep a continual three-month calendar giving regular updates on the status of our Strategic operational goals regarding five core areas the district has adopted.

### **D. SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPLIANCE REPORT—No Report**

This report will be presented at a later date. Due to the backlog in State reporting the Special Education Department has not received its Compliance Report.

### **E. MSP RENOVATION/STATUS UPDATE**

Mr. LePage stated that the district is looking for ways to renovate the systems at the Middle School, now that the Renovate Like New application was not submitted. They are looking for alternatives for renovation. He stated that he was asked by a group of parents at the Middle School to come in and talk to them regarding the renovation project (history and current status), and the difficulties of obtaining World Language teachers (due to the shortage of language teachers).

Mr. LePage, Mr. Adlerstein, Town Manager Michael Paulhus and Assistant Town Manager, Andy Cirioi, met with members of CSG (Construction Solutions Group) who did the workup for the renovation project. They consulted with CSG on another possible avenue being considered by the Town Council as an alternative to a full renovation, whereby a possible \$10M project using a bond could be used to complete as much of the critical systems projects as can be done. They would also look into any State grants the school system may qualify for, i.e., the Middle School roof project. Mr. LePage stated that the members of CSG and Antinozzi Associates (Architects) pointed out that the complexities of doing a project by project type of ala carte approach to a building, with comprehensive systems is huge, as many systems tie into each other. Example: If you are working on an air handler, you may want to do the roof at the same time as they tie in together. With that said, contingencies will then need to be built into

each project and it will be very hard to estimate the cost. The Council will get an update from the Town Manager at their February 21<sup>st</sup> Town Council meeting.

Mr. LePage stated that he has received quite a few questions as to where the project stands, what can people do, and what are the options. He stated that he will provide as much information as he can with the understanding that there are complexities and challenges to this project. The prices aren't where we hoped they would be and one project at a time will be complicated with regard to an estimate for the work. Another negative, is if the Town completes the big systems projects, outside of the renovate like new grant, those items will no longer be eligible for renovation for thirty years, and it lessens getting a renovation like new project down the road. There's a lot to consider as this is a maintenance approach, not a renovate like new approach.

#### **F. MSP STRATEGIC UPDATE—No Report**

The Middle School staff will give their report at a later meeting.

### **VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **A. Finance and Finance Subcommittee Report**

Mr. White explained that the Finance and Facilities Subcommittee met this evening from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. They discussed four basic items:

- ▶ ESSER funding that had been expended on smaller projects that doesn't require Board approval.

- ▶ Review of three ESSER projects that will require Board approval as they are amounts exceeding \$100,000.

--The subcommittee reviewed an Air conditioning proposed project for the Middle School gymnasium. The project is somewhat up in the air as there are some unknown factors that will need to be dealt with. The subcommittee did look at one project that had to be cast aside which would be drilling through a wall which would be of lower cost but there is concern that it will weaken the structure of the wall and could create hazards to activities within the gym itself. The subcommittee also looked at a proposal to put equipment on the roof, but there is a factor as to whether the roof can sustain the weight of the equipment as it is approximately twice the weight of the existing equipment on the roof currently. There is also a question regarding the power to support the equipment which is also unknown at this time. It is also not known if the capacity within the structure can take the load of the equipment.

**Cost: Approximately \$250,000**

--The subcommittee also looked at an upgrade to the pool area in the High School. Most of the work done to the pool area was done prior to 2008. There are conditions that are requiring repair, i.e., drainage around the pool, benches need to be replaced, and painting of the pool area with enamel paint (using PHS school colors).

**Cost: Approximately \$120,000**

--The subcommittee also looked into display monitors being placed in the middle school as they are the only school that doesn't have the interactive display modules. Mr. White stated that this is very important teaching tool and is very effective. Mr. White stated that all three of these projects will require Board approval under Item F, New Business.

He stated that it is possible that all of these projects could come in less than the amount requested but there are always contingencies. He hopes fellow Board members will move these projects forward.

**Cost: Approximately \$140,000**

- B. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report**
- D. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report—No Report**  
The next PAC meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 7 PM in the Plainville High School Learning Commons
- F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report**
- G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report—No Report**
- H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report**  
The MSP PTC last met on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:  
▶ The PTC discussed planning for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic and also discussed upcoming activities.  
▶ A 5 Below fundraiser is under way. A form can be filled out by the shopper who will receive a 10% discount on their purchase. The fundraiser will run until the end of February.  
▶ The PTC had a successful sale of Oreograms for Valentine's Day  
▶ They are also providing special treats for teachers and staff also for Valentine's Day  
▶ The PTC also met on February 8<sup>th</sup> with Mr. LePage who discussed the renovation options and the Middle School's World Language classes.  
▶ The next meeting of the PTC will take place on Tuesday, March 14 at 7 PM in the MPS Library
- I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report**  
Mrs. Buchanan reported that the following:  
▶ The Wheeler PTO was excited to share a check for \$4,000 with the Wheeler Student Activity account. The account uses funds for field trips.  
▶ The PTO will hold their Annual Valentine Stencil Day sale. Students will receive their orders tomorrow.  
▶ There are no meetings on the calendar for the months of February and March, therefore, the next Wheeler PTO meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Buchanan will check back if there are any changes.
- J. CREC Council Report**  
The Annual CREC/CABE Legislative Breakfast will take place on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 to 10:00 AM in Room 310 of the State Capitol. All Superintendents and Board Members from the Capitol region are invited. Many legislators will be in attendance. Also, due to the closing of the State's food services and their agreement to not allow outside vendors to bring in catered food, there will be no breakfast foods at this event.
- K. Chairperson's Report—No Report**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS--None**

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A) Board Open Forum**

Foster White welcomed Roberta Lauria to the Board. He stated that she is a former classmate of his eldest son, both graduating from Plainville High School.

Becky Tyrrell also welcomed Mrs. Lauria to the Board. She also told Mrs. Hardy that the Board appreciated all the effort she put in as a fellow Board Member. She worked hard going to so many meetings and always listed and tried to do the right thing for the children in Town. Her fellow BOE members appreciate her service to the Board.

She also stated that she is not a person who frequently checks emails and when she came into the meeting this evening and heard Mrs. Consalvo ask for a moment of silence, she didn't know what had happened. She stated that her heart breaks for the family and the Plainville Community. It is very unfortunate that after 22 years on the Board this is nothing new. It's not something that should have happened.

Cassandra Clark said thank you to everyone here this evening. It is a very difficult time for everyone, more so for some, than others. Thank you to everyone coming out tonight to be together as a Board. There's a lot of be commended. It's been a very long day for the Superintendent and stated that she appreciates his leadership and the comfort he's provided to the PCS family. Thank you for that. We are here for each other. She stated that if anyone needs anything, feel free to reach out for help as we are all on this journey together.

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

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

### **D) Request Acceptance of the Board of Education's Vice Chair's Resignation of January 17, 2023**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF VICE CHAIR DEBORAH HARDY FROM THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2023, WITH REGRET. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**

### **E) Request Approval of FY2023-24 Proposed BOE Operating Budget**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,271,797 OR 4.75%, AN INCREASE OF \$1,963,000, INCLUDING A \$627,957 INCREASE IN HEALTH INSURANCE. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**

### **F) Request Approval of three proposed school building projects and approval to use ESSER/ARPA funding as discussed at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting.**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY CASSANDRA CLARK TO APPROVE UP TO \$250,000 FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE GYMNASIUM HVAC, UP TO \$120,000 FOR NEEDED UPDATES TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL POOL AREA AND UP TO \$140,000 FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF**

PLAINVILLE'S DISPLAY MONITORS, ALL AS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, USING ESSER GRANT FUNDS. ITEM ACQUISITION WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING POLICY. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval**

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Request approval of PHS trip to INHS Boston Eatery and North End Experience, Boston, MA, April 28, 2023
- (E) RATIFICATION: Request official approval for PHS students to compete in VEX Qualifying Matches at Walsh Middle School, Framingham, MA, February 4, 2023
- (F) Request approval of PHS students to compete in VEX Competition at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, Rochester, MA, February 18, 2023
- (G) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (H) Private Donation for the month of January (Informational Item)
  - Elizabeth Norton Trust donation to District Volunteer Program.....\$1,200.00
  - Elizabeth Norton Trust donation to Linden/Wheeler Instrumental Music Programs.....\$1,000.00
  - Elizabeth Norton Trust donation for PHS Staff Webinar.....\$ 870.98
  - Elizabeth Norton Trust donation Linden, Wobble Stools/Cushions (students)..... \$ 730.54

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes

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PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

**2703. *VOTE: NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE CHAIR***

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Cassandra Clark nominated Rachel Buchanan for the position of Vice Chair of the Plainville Board of Education.

Mrs. Consalvo asked if there were any other nominations.

There were no other nominations.

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***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

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**2707. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2023 (BUDGET) AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM ROBERTA LAURIA.**

**2708. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2023 (BUDGET) AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM ROBERTA LAURIA.**

2709. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2023 (BUDGET) AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0, WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM ROBERTA LAURIA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2710. Request Acceptance of the Board of Education's Vice Chair's Resignation of January 17, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF VICE CHAIR DEBORAH HARDY FROM THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2023, WITH REGRET. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2711. Request Approval of FY2023-24 Proposed BOE Operating Budget

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED FY2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,271,797 OR 4.75%, AN INCREASE OF \$1,963,000, INCLUDING A \$627,957 INCREASE IN HEALTH INSURANCE. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2712. Request Approval of three proposed school building projects and approval to use ESSER/ARPA funding as discussed at the February 13<sup>th</sup> Finance and Facilities Subcommittee Meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CASSANDRA CLARK TO APPROVE UP TO \$250,000 FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE GYMNASIUM HVAC, UP TO \$120,000 FOR NEEDED UPDATES TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL POOL AREA AND UP TO \$140,000 FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE'S DISPLAY MONITORS, ALL AS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY THE SUPERINTENDENT, USING ESSER GRANT FUNDS. ITEM ACQUISITION WILL FULLY COMPLY WITH THE DISTRICT'S PURCHASING POLICY. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2713. **CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval**

(A) Budget Object Summary

(B) Food Service Report

(C) Check Registers

(D) Request approval of PHS trip to INHS Boston Eataly and North End Experience, Boston, MA, April 28, 2023

(E) RATIFICATION: Request official approval for PHS students to compete in VEX Qualifying Matches at Walsh Middle School, Framingham, MA, February 4, 2023

(F) Request approval of PHS students to compete in VEX Competition at Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School, Rochester, MA, February 18, 2023

(G) HR Report (Informational Item)

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

--Elizabeth Norton Trust donation to District Volunteer Program.....\$1,200.00

--Elizabeth Norton Trust donation to Linden/Wheeler Instrumental Music

Programs.....\$1,000.00

--Elizabeth Norton Trust donation for PHS Staff Webinar.....\$ 870.98

--Elizabeth Norton Trust donation Linden, Wobble Stools/Cushions

(students).....\$ 730.54

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2714. *ADJOURNMENT*

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.