

REVISED 12/12/2023
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023

6:50 PM PHS CHAMBER CHOIR SINGING HOLIDAY SONGS

Order of Business

7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Becky Tyrrell called the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:08 PM. Foster White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Also Present: Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, Student Representative

Absent: Lori Consalvo, Board Member
Cassandra Clark, Board Member
Maja Grabowski, Student Representative

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A) PCS Staff All-Star: Emily Wasley, PHS English Teacher

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Tyrrell mentioned that there was in error in the November 13th Board of Education minutes. The last paragraph in Section IX., Item G. should read: *The Scholastic Book Fair netted \$3,000 for teachers' classroom libraries and for students who could not afford a book. In addition, another \$3,000 in funds will be used in the spring for the annual book fair.*

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023 WITH ONE CORRECTION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION IX., ITEM G. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND TOWN COUNCIL'S SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS

SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Val Kasabrukhaus reported on the following:

- ▶ The past few months have been very busy at Plainville High School with college applications in full speed for Seniors and fall finals. Winter sports have also begun.
- ▶ There has been a major focus on creating service projects for the community through different NHS programs.
- ▶ PHS students are looking forward to the start of the new semester.
- ▶ The winter sports season has successfully begun:
 - The Boys' Basketball team will hold their first game on Thursday, December 14 against Bristol Eastern and the game will be held at home.
 - The Girls' Basketball team will hold their first game against Portland on December 12 in Portland.
 - The wrestling team had their first scrimmage last weekend against Farmington and will be having their first fully scored match against Wethersfield at Plainville High School.
 - The Boys' Indoor Track team started practices two weeks ago along with the boys' swim and dive teams.
 - The hockey coop will hold their first game on December 13 in Cromwell.
 - With the Holiday season coming up, the National Honor Society is holding a toy drive on December 11-15. Toys can be dropped off in the front of the main office. Toys will be donated to the Connecticut Children's Medical Center.
 - The Holiday Extravaganza will be held on December 15 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Plainville High School. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Pictures with Santa, raffle baskets, arts and crafts and so much more will be happening.
 - The Social Change Association is holding a blanket drive from December 11-15. New and gently used blankets will be donated to local shelters, non-profit organizations and other blankets will be donated to the Plainville Paws Animal Shelter.
 - The PHS NHS Chapter has begun in person tutoring, for all subjects, at all levels for all students no matter the grade level. Students are encouraged to sign up for tutoring in the library.
 - The production of NHS videos has also begun with students working to create Khan Academy like videos on PHS materials for PHS student to follow along. The first batch of videos should be coming out in about two weeks with approximately 20 videos that will be ready.

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

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Reas updated the Board of the following:

- ▶ He stated that there was no better way to start a meeting than with the beautiful music presented to the Board this evening by the PHS Chamber Choir.
- ▶ Mr. Reas was excited to hear from that State who informed him that our food service program passed with flying colors (with the Department of Health's inspection program).
- ▶ Mr. Reas was at Toffolon School this morning and there were some very grateful kids enjoying the new playscape, which the Board was a part of.

► Mr. Reas reported that the Town Council is getting ready to look at the Middle School project referendum to set a date. They are looking at the end of February. On December 18, the Town Council will be talking about what the next steps are. Mr. Reas, Mr. Adlerstein, Mr. Paulhus and Mr. Cirioli met with the Town Attorney to understand some of the next technical steps on their end. Mr. Adlerstein and Mr. Reas are working on some of those pieces now.

► Mr. Reas stated that he was excited to host New London and Brookfield school systems, as they came to look at the Plainville schools' bilingual program. They were very impressed with what they saw.

► There was an inquiry through the Town to put up a cell tower near either the Middle School of Plainville or Toffolon School. This is the area they would like to look at. More details will follow. Mr. Reas will keep the Board informed.

► Mr. Adlerstein and Mr. Reas have been working hard to figure out how to work through the 24-25 budget. This year, is a unique situation as the grants from ESSER and ASP ESSER are ending. It is a very unique year, but they are working through it.

► Mr. Reas and Mr. Adlerstein are working on a letter to send to our Athletic groups in the community. We have been having conversations around the program and one of the primary issues we are having is the amount of desired use of our facilities by outside groups. It far exceeds what we have for space and time. We are trying to sort that out. There were also some financial policies that were flexible when the Pandemic hit because of the unique situation. The programs were in and they were trying to rebuild after the pandemic and we are trying to also sort out and have a conversation about getting back into the financial programs that paid for services as they did prior to the pandemic. At this financial point, we have not changed anything about what we're doing. We are trying to figure out what the next steps forward are. The letter will essentially say that we received the feedback we need to try to sort out what the next steps are for our programs. We certainly want to support those athletic programs in Town but at the same time how to do that with the limited space that we have. The indoor facilities are used extensively for practices of our high school and middle school home teams. Hopefully this will all work out.

► The Holiday Extravaganza is a very exciting event. It's a fundraiser which will be held here at the High School.

► The High School's winter concerts are next week. The Choir Concert will be held on December 20 at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium and the Band Concert will be held on December 21 at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium.

► Friday, December 22 will be an early release day.

► A Board Retreat is planned for January 9 from 6-9 PM.

A) ENROLLMENT REPORT

Mr. Reas introduced Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski who presented the annual class size and enrollment report as planned for the 2024-25 school year. This report will inform the Board as to what the district's enrollment, staffing and class sizes are projected to look like for the next school year and for the budgeting season. He stated that the current staffing enrollment numbers are from December 1st and is our best prediction as to what things will look like next year based on our numbers now. He stated that we will continue to review these numbers throughout the year and will work with administrators to make the best decisions for staffing class sizes.

Mr. Levenduski first discussed the medium enrollment projections by grade for 2023-24 to 2032-33. He stated that these are the newest projections from the SLAM Collaborative completed in late spring of last year. The projection for the total number of students in 2024-25 is approximately 2,302. This was a medium projection and right now it is thought that it will lean more toward a lower projection.

Elementary Projected Enrollment for 24-25:

Mr. Levenduski stated that there are currently 1,003 elementary students attending Plainville schools. Next year the district anticipates approximately 40 students less. Mr. Levenduski stated that since Kindergarten enrollment is very difficult to predict, as not all students attend preschool, the projected kindergarten numbers for next year are based on the current kindergarten enrollment. There is usually a shift.

Secondary Projection for 24-25:

It is projected that there will be a gain of 10 students at the Middle School and 7 at the High School. The district has been seeing Plainville High School's largest enrollments over the past several years. However, the middle school fluctuates from mid-500's to low 500's.

District Enrollment Projection:

The projections remain the same. Linden has the largest enrollment of the three elementary schools. The projected in-district enrollment across the district is anticipated to be 2,227. However, last years projected enrollment came in at 2,272 students, and we currently have that exact amount. The previous year we had nearly 40 more students than what was projected. However, this is always a moving target.

Open Choice Enrollment:

The projected Open Choice enrollment was 91 which is where we currently stand. We do try to enroll approximately 120 Open Choice students each year, or 5% of our student population. We will look to increase Open Choice enrollment as appropriate to our district, based on class sizes and availability. We are continuing to market our district and advertise what we offer, so our students and families have a more complete understanding of the educational experiences and opportunities available to in Plainville schools.

Certified Elementary Staff:

Our certified teachers are broken out by elementary school and grade level during the current school year. The number of Staff at each school is commensurate with the size of the school and the additional programs that the school houses. The totals include Linden 23, Toffolon 22 and Wheeler 17, totaling 62 certified staff.

Proposed Elementary Staff 24-25:

The proposed number of certified Staff is 61. This is preliminary, however, any change in student enrollment within specific grade levels or in specific schools which may result in the need to shift how teachers are represented.

District Elementary Class Size Averages:

Class size averages are projected to be similar to years past, with no present concerns about large class sizes on average. Prior to the end of the school year, enrollments are revisited to make necessary shifts to ensure the primary grades have smaller class sizes, which are more desirable during the foundational learning stages. There may also be fluctuation in specific schools that would necessitate shifting staff from one grade level to another, or from one school to another.

Secondary Teaching Staff for 23-24:

The total secondary teaching staff comes in at 114.2. This number includes Unified Arts (plus Media/Art/PE/Health/Music), Language Arts, World Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Special Education. We continue to be able to provide a wide

range of offerings and experiences for our students, and continue to seek out relevant and innovative student experiences.

Middle School Class Size Averages (Core Subjects):

We anticipate next year's class sizes to be very similar, and don't foresee any issues with class sizes within the Team structure at the Middle School. Mathematics 19, English 14.7, Science 19.6 and Social Studies 17.6.

Middle School Class Size Averages (Specials):

Class size averages for the Specials classes are expected to remain very manageable with our current staffing based on enrollment projections.

High School Class Size Averages (Core Subjects):

Classes vary in student enrollment due to level and whether the course is an elective or a graduation requirement. Also, some students take more than one course within a department, accounting for the total number of students being higher than the number of students in the school.

Moving Targets:

Student enrollment is a moving target, with numerous registrations and withdrawals occurring throughout the year:

From the end of the last school year until December 1, Plainville processed 378 student enrollments and withdrawals:

258 students enrolled

120 students withdrew

Net gain of 138 students

Although the 378 enrollments and withdrawals seem high, two years ago at this point, our registration office had process 512 registrations. Hopefully, the decline in total numbers means that we are beginning to normalize after the pandemic. However, overall this still shows that Plainville's population is transient, which can have negative impacts on the educational process due to the constant turnover.

Mr. Levenduski stated that these are the best estimates for what we have right now.

Discussion ensued.

VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities and Finance Subcommittee Report

Mr. White stated that the Facilities and Finance Subcommittee met on December 5. The topics discussed were:

--Building and Use with Partner Organizations

--FY25 Plainville Board of Education Capital Plan

--FY25 Plainville Board of Education Operating Budget: Contractual Increases

--FY25 Town Budget—BOE Considerations

--Middle School Update

--Building and Use with Partner Organizations

Mr. White stated that the goal with the Partner Organizations is to do what is best for the clubs and the community. The school facilities are very busy as they are used just about every evening. The pool is used about 75% of all school days and the fields are used just about every evening as well. He stated that while

most facilities are used each evening, this often leaves little to no time for cleaning and care of the facilities. Scheduling the facilities between organizations (for fields, gyms, and pool) is an ongoing challenge and we've yet to find a way to make it equitable. These issues were addressed at the Subcommittee meeting.

--FY25 Plainville Board of Education Capital Plan Proposal

Mr. White stated that the Superintendent's Proposed Capital Budget is \$976,200. This includes Facilities, Security and Technology. The initial proposal included the following removed or postponed items: 1) A PHS Field House, now moved to an outlying year and 2) MSP and Elementary STEAM equipment. These items are large for the operating budget and small for capital. The intention is to submit them as part of the Operating budget.

The consensus of the Subcommittee is to bring the Proposed Capital Budget totaling \$976,200 to the Board of Education for their approval at their December 11th Business meeting.

--FY25 Plainville Board of Education Operating Budget: Contractual Increases

Mr. White stated that the contractual increases and special services programming alone would amount to 4.39%. This includes a 5.0% preliminary increase for Health Insurance based upon the State plan's estimate of 3-7% at this time.

--FY25 Town Budget—BOE Considerations

The subcommittee discussed Town expenditures, revenues and the mill rate.

--Middle School Update

Discussion included the Middle School's conceptual and design phase, as well as communication and state process phase, and the pre-referendum process and timeline for the MSP renovation Project. It is possible that the referendum could take place in late February or early March.

B. Policy Subcommittee Report

The Policy Subcommittee met on October 10th. The following policies were discussed and are now ready for their second reading and approval:

- ▶ Policy 5112—Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five (Language Change)
- ▶ Policy 4003—Increasing Educator Diversity Plan (New)
- ▶ Policy 6202—Policy to Improve Completion Rates of the FAFSA (Revised)
- ▶ Policy 5144.4—Recess and Play-Based Learning (Revised)
- ▶ Policy 6130—Parental access to Instructional Material (Revised)
- ▶ Policy 9323—Construction and Posting of Agenda (Revised)

C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report

Mrs. Martinez stated that the subcommittee last met on November 30th. The following course proposals are up for approval this evening:

- ▶ Integrated Arts
- ▶ Popular Music and Diversity in American Society
- ▶ Media and American Culture
- ▶ Academic Writing and Discourse Interdisciplinary Seminar
- ▶ English 11 Digital Media Literacy
- ▶ Reading Strategies

- ▶ Foundations of Math
- ▶ Career Math
- ▶ Hero Course
- ▶ American Sign Language Level 3

Mrs. Martinez asked Mr. Reas if there was any news on the Right to Read grant.

Mr. Reas stated that he did receive a partial approval of the Reading waiver which means we will likely need to augment our current program with some of the State approved systems. Because it is only part of the program, we need to augment. We're hoping that augmentation aligns with the \$80,000-\$90,000 grant that we have for the Right to Read. Mr. Reas stated that in the overall big picture, we were somewhat successful. There were a few districts that got a complete pass in favor, and there were quite a few that didn't pass at all. We are right in the middle and confident/hopeful that the grant will cover all of the expenditures we need.

D. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report

E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report

Mr. White reported on the following:

- ▶ The last PHS PAC meeting took place on November 8th.
- ▶ The next PAC meeting will be held on January 10, 2024.

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report

Mrs. Martinez reported on the following:

- ▶ The PTO is working on meeting date to be held in January

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report—No Report

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

- ▶ The last Middle School PTC meeting was held on November 14.
- ▶ The MSP's Halloween Dance was a big success. Funds were raised for CCMC.
- ▶ Paint Night was also a big success. Those who attended painted gnomes. She gave a big thank you to Ms. Meehan
- ▶ The Spiritwear fundraiser was also a big success
- ▶ The Texas Roadhouse fundraiser was also a big success
- ▶ Discussions will commence regarding the end of the year dance and other activities.
- ▶ The next PTC meeting is scheduled for December 12 at 7 PM.

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

- ▶ The Wheeler PTO last met on November 16 and there will be no December meeting.
- ▶ The Wheeler PTO sponsored a very successful pie sale.
- ▶ The PTO sponsored a Hartford Wolf Pack game on December 2
- ▶ December 6-7 Little Shoppers
- ▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting will be held on January 18 at 7 PM in the Wheeler Library.

► The Wheeler PTO is looking for volunteers and Seniors who are looking to engage with Plainville Community Schools. Please contact Wheeler School if interested. The PTO President is Justine Thibedeau.

J. CREC Council Report—No Report

K. Chairperson’s Report

Mrs. Tyrrell thanked the Chamber Choir for their performance. She stated that it was like having our own private concert. She commented that we are very fortunate in this community, for many reasons. We are living in a community with a strong school system. She then wished everyone a wonderful holiday, especially her fellow Board members. She stated that being a Board member is hard work. It can be difficult sometimes but they put in a lot of extra hours, and aren’t always appreciated. She said that she appreciated each of them and the work they do. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Request Approval of Personnel: Increasing Educator Diversity Plan Policy No. 4003—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 4003 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

B) Request Approval of Students: Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five Policy No. 5112—NEW-2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5112 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

C) Request Approval of Students: Recess and Play-Based Learning Policy No. 5414.4—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5414.4 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

D) Request Approval of Instruction: Parental Access to Instructional Material Policy No. 6130—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6130 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

E) Request Approval of Instruction: FAFSA Completion Rates Policy No. 6202—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6202 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

F) Request Approval of Bylaws: Construction and Posting of Agenda Policy No. 9323—REVISED—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Foster White stated that this evening the Board had the privilege of listening to one of the small aspects of the Arts within Plainville Community Schools. As Mr. Helming noted, the Choir will be performing at 7 PM on December 20 in the Plainville High School Auditorium. The High School Band will also perform the following night December 21 at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium.

Mr. White stated that he had the pleasure of attending one of Mr. Riccardo's Theater productions (Two Act Comedy Plays) yesterday. The students will be putting on the plays again this Friday, December 15 at 7 PM in Room 403 of Plainville High School. The cost is \$5. Mr. White stated that the two act plays signify aspects of the Portrait of the Graduate, i.e., collaborativeness and communicating, which is all incorporated into the presentation of the stage production. Many performers are playing different characters in the same production. This production fully supports the Board's goals of Portrait of the Graduate.

Roberta Lauria thanked Mr. Helming and the Chamber Choir for the beautiful Performance this evening. She stated they were here a few months ago singing *America the Beautiful* after the Pledge and asked to include them again. She said it would be nice to add this to the agenda.

Rachel Buchanan congratulated PCS All-Star Emily Wasley for her contributions to the High School and the community. She also thanked the administrative staff who attended the last Facilities and Finance Subcommittee meeting. It was important that we are properly educated on what we were voting on. Thank you for taking the time and allowing us to do our due diligence to be able to make an informed decision.

She also stated: To Mr. Bruzas' point regarding the Open Choice Program, many students who came through the Plainville school system are lifelong friends with students who were Choice students. She mentioned an incident where former Superintendent Steve LePage went to a breakfast with some of the Choice students and she asked how the event went. He shared that there was feedback from the students that was very honest, saying they did not feel all the way included in the Plainville Blue Devil community. She would like to know what has transpired since that breakfast to see what steps have been taken to ensure that these students feel included, and what the Board can do to ensure that moving forward.

Mrs. Buchanan also stated that the Outreach Subcommittee has not met since its inception. She believes it is the perfect time/opportunity to begin. She then stated that we are asking a lot from our taxpayers right now, in community, budget and referendum. She would like to see this Outreach Subcommittee get off the ground. She also thanked Mr. Reas for doing a great job.

Rebecca Martinez also congratulated Emily Wasley. She stated that her passion for teaching is so evident every time you speak to her. Congratulations also to the Plainvilles' sports teams, Youth14 Soccer and Youth13 Plainville Colts (northern Pop

Warner Champions as well). They were honored at a recent Town Council meeting for winning their championships.

Mrs. Martinez also stated that the Chamber Choir sang so beautifully. It was a great way to start our meeting. She then wished everyone a great holiday.

Jered Bruzas stated that he and Mr. Levenduski had the great fortune of going over to Linden prior to this meeting, helping out with the PFRN which he believes is an unknown/unsung program in the community. He stated that the Cafeteria at Linden was packed with people, most especially many many little children. They do a great job nurturing families and lifelong learners and is a gateway to the school community. The PFRN is doing tremendous work and it was evident at today's Holiday Fest.

Crystal St. Lawrence thanked the Chamber Choir for their performance tonight. She stated that both the Choir and Band went to Florida recently. She saw the band marching down Main Street at Disney on a social media post. She stated it was quite impressive and they represented Plainville well. She also thanked Band Director Dom Talotta and the chaperones who helped make the trip possible.

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

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

D) Request Approval of the Proposed Capital Budget Plan for 2024-25

Mr. Adlerstein gave a brief presentation on the proposed Capital Budget Plan for 2024-25

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$976,200. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

E) New Course Proposal: Request approval of Integrated Arts for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, INTEGRATED ARTS, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

F) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Popular Music and Diversity in American Society for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, POPULAR MUSIC AND DIVERSITY IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

G) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Media and American Culture for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, MEDIA AND AMERICAN CULTURE, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

H) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Academic Writing and Discourse Interdisciplinary Seminar for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, ACADEMIC WRITING AND DISCOURSE INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

I) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of English 11 Digital Media Literacy for Plainville High School (replaced English 11)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, ENGLISH 11 DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

J) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Reading Strategies for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, READING STRATEGIES, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

K) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Foundations of Math for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, FOUNDATIONS OF MATH, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

L) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Career Math for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, CAREER MATH, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

M) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Hero Course for Plainville High School (Health and Physical Education)

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, HERO COURSE, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

N) New Course Proposal: Request Approval of American Sign Language Level 3 for Plainville High School

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 3, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Masuk High School, Monroe, CT, December 16, 2023
- (E) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Killingly High School, Killingly, CT, January 20, 2024
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donations for the Month of November: (Informational Item)
--There were no private donations for the month of November, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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 Business meeting of the Board of Education.

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2579. A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2023 WITH ONE CORRECTION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED SECTION IX., ITEM G. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2580. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD AND TOWN COUNCIL'S SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2581. Request Approval of Personnel: Increasing Educator Diversity Plan Policy No. 4003—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 4003 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2582. Request Approval of Students: Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five Policy No. 5112—NEW-2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5112 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2583. Request Approval of Students: Recess and Play-Based Learning Policy No. 5414.4—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5414.4 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2584. Request Approval of Instruction: Parental Access to Instructional Material Policy No. 6130—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6130 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2585. Request Approval of Instruction: FAFSA Completion Rates Policy No. 6202—REVISED—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE

AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6202 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2586. Request Approval of Bylaws: Construction and Posting of Agenda Policy No. 9323—REVISED—2nd Reading**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323 AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2587. Request Approval of the Proposed Capital Budget Plan for 2024-25**

Mr. Adlerstein gave a brief presentation on the proposed Capital Budget Plan for 2024-25

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN AS PRESENTED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$976,200. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2588. New Course Proposal: Request approval of Integrated Arts for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, INTEGRATED ARTS, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2589. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Popular Music and Diversity in American Society for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, POPULAR MUSIC AND DIVERSITY IN AMERICAN SOCIETY, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2590. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Media and American Culture for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, MEDIA AND AMERICAN CULTURE, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2591. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Academic Writing and Discourse Interdisciplinary Seminar for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, ACADEMIC WRITING AND DISCOURSE INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA

MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2592. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of English 11 Digital Media Literacy for Plainville High School (replaced English 11)**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, ENGLISH 11 DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2593. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Reading Strategies for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, READING STRATEGIES, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2594. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Foundations of Math for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, FOUNDATIONS OF MATH, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2595. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Career Math for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, CAREER MATH, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2596. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of Hero Course for Plainville High School (Health and Physical Education)**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, HERO COURSE, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- 2597. New Course Proposal: Request Approval of American Sign Language Level 3 for Plainville High School**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE NEW COURSE PROPOSAL ENTITLED, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LEVEL 3, AS PRESENTED, AND TO ADD THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPOSAL

**TO THE PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM OF STUDIES.
REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

XI. 2598. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Masuk High School, Monroe, CT, December 16, 2023
- (E) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Killingly High School, Killingly, CT, January 20, 2024
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donations for the Month of November: (Informational Item)
--There were no private donations for the month of November, 2023

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

XII. 2599. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.