#### PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

# REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

Plainville High School Cafeteria Plainville, Connecticut

#### I. 6:00 PM WALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY, PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Mr. Cadwell Hoerle was inducted into the Memorial Wall of Honor this evening. A reception followed.

## Order of Business 7:00 pm Plainville High School Cafeteria

#### II. CONVENE: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Chair Andrea Saunders called the business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:03 PM. Deborah Hardy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Hardy, Palmieri, Peterson, Provost, Saunders,

St. Lawrence, Tyrrell and Messr. White

Also Present: Maureen Brummett, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Steven LePage, Asst. Superintendent

Samuel Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations

Nathan Michalek, Student Representative

**Absent:** Michael Giuliano and Olivia Cretella, Student Representative

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

#### III. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A. Dr. William Petit, State Representative, presented Proclamations to members of the Middle School Vex Robotics Team. Students receiving Proclamations included: Nathan Masco, Christopher Brojek, Jacob Molloy, Mitchell Williams, Jon Marfia, Nick Grabowski. Those honored from the 2015-16 Vex Robotics Team included: Alicia Quirion, Ellie Keegan, Travis Lavigne and Ella Schwartz. This year's team will compete in the World Robotics Championships in Lexington, KY, April 19-26.

#### B. "Everyday Hero" Presentations\*:

Jenna Martin, English Teacher, Plainville High School Shaylene Krupinski, English Teacher, Plainville High School Camille Westfall, Technology Education Teacher, Middle School of Plainville

\*Each month, Dr. Brummett will honor an individual or individuals who have been nominated as an "Everyday Hero". An Everyday Hero may be a staff member or student

who has gone above and beyond for another student or colleague. This could be a colleague/student who has shown resiliency, support, and/or initiative that makes this district an even better place to be.

#### C. Retirement Recognition—Kathy Letendre

In honor of her retirement, the Board recognized Kathy Letendre, presenting her with a gift to thank her for her many years of service to the children of Plainville.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2017 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2017 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LAURIE PETERSON. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

#### V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A) RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS

#### VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report

Mrs. Pugliese could not attend this evening's meeting as the Town Council will also meet this evening.

#### VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

#### VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Student Representative Report

Nathan Michalek reported on the following:

- ► Students have returned from April break.
- ► April 5 is SAT/CAPT testing day
- ▶ 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards were issued on April 7
- ► AP Exams will be taken from May 1-12
- ▶ National Honor Society Inductions will take place on April 24 at 7 PM in the High School Auditorium
- ► Science National Honor Society Inductions will take place on May 9
- ► All sports teams are now in full swing
- ► The Interact Senior Citizens Prom is set for April 27 in the High School Cafeteria
- ► The PHS Spring Concert is set for May 18 at 7:30 PM in the High School Auditorium
- ► The Junior Prom is set for May 20 at Hawk's Landing
- 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—No Report

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

Mr. White reported that the next PHS PAC meeting will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the PHS Learning Commons. He reported on the following:

▶ The Annual PHS Tag Sale will take place on May 13 at the High School. All donated items should be dropped off at the High School on May 12.

#### H. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report-No Report

Nicole Palmieri stated that the next Toffolon PTO meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 20 at 7 PM in the Toffolon Cafeteria.

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

Mrs. Hardy reported that the Linden PTO met on March 8<sup>th</sup>. She reported on the following:

- ▶ Lifetouch (school photographer) photos are now a la carte. They will provide incentives to school as they did in the past. They will also sell a \$15 CD leaving parents to publish as many pictures as desired.
- ► Family Fun Fest is set for May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM at the High School.
- ▶ The Linden Book Fair will be held from May 1-5. Students who cannot afford books will receive a free book from PTO funds.
- ► Leprechaun Bingo was a success.
- ▶ A very successful Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held on April 1 at Linden.

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

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

▶ The PTC will man the concession stand for the upcoming Town Fishing Derby on May 7.

The next meeting of the PTC will be held on April 18 at 7 PM in the MSP Library.

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

Mrs. Saunders reported on the following:

- ▶ The Wheeler Pancake Breakfast with the Principal netted \$1,400
- ► The Wheeler Book Sale netted \$3,000
- ► The Wheeler June Jamboree is set for May 19<sup>th</sup>. The rain date is June 2.
- ► May 12<sup>th</sup> will be New Britain Bees Day

Mrs. Saunders stated that many informational meetings are taking place throughout the town with regard to the Wheeler Renovation Project. She thanked Becky Tyrrell for her help with the many questions surrounding the projects. She stated that her in-depth knowledge of building projects is a great help.

▶ Mrs. Saunders stated that the Wheeler PTO will meet again on April 26 at 6 PM in the Wheeler Library.

#### L. CREC Council Report—No Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that the last CREC Council meeting which was set for March 15<sup>th</sup> was snowed out. The next meeting is set for this coming Wednesday.

#### M. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Saunders thanked Joan Calistro for her work in setting up the Memorial Wall of Honor Ceremony. She also asked fellow Board Members to contact Ms. Calistro with their choice of dates for the Board's Self Evaluation session. The date choices are June 19, August 15 or August 16. Bob Radar and Patrice McCarthy from CABE will facilitate the session.

#### IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

#### A) Board Open Forum

<u>Foster White</u> reported that the Plainville Community Schools' Music Department was ranked one of the top schools in the country for their music curriculum. He congratulated students, teachers and administrators.

<u>Becky Tyrrell</u> congratulated the family of Cadwell Hoerle who was inducted into this year's Memorial Wall of Honor. She thanked his family for the many years of service afforded to the children of the Plainville. She also thanked David Gaignard, Technology Education teacher and his students, for the beautiful plaque honoring Mr. Hoerle. She also thanked Joan Calistro for her behind the scenes efforts in making the ceremony a success.

Mrs. Tyrrell also reminded everyone of the upcoming Referendum which will be held on June 6. She hopes that Plainville residents will show their support for the Wheeler Project. She praised the Town Council for taking advantage of the reimbursement rates and for moving the project forward.

<u>Andrea Saunders</u> gave a brief update on sessions which will take place within the next couple of weeks concerning the Wheeler Project:

- ► The Superintendent's Information Showcase will take place on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria.
- ▶ Coffee, Cannoli and Conversation will take place at the Plainville Senior Center on Monday, April 24 at 11 AM. The Superintendent and Principal Andrew Batchelder of Wheeler Elementary School will discuss the Wheeler Project.
- ▶ A Wheeler School Tour and Public Hearing will take place on Monday, April 24 at Wheeler Elementary School. The Tour will take place at 6 PM and the Hearing will commence at 7 PM. Architects will also be at the hearing to give a brief presentation and to answer any questions/concerns.

Dr. Brummett stated that at the March 27 Capital Projects Building Committee meeting, members of the committee eliminated the Middle School roof project from the overall scope of the project. It is the committee's feeling that the roof still has a useful life and a maintenance plan could cover the maintenance of the roof for the next few years.

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

There are currently 25 out-placements, plus 7 transition services and support placements and 7 magnet and tech support placements. The original budget for tuitions is as follows: \$755,000. Budgeted Excess Cost Payments: \$650,000. Anticipated Excess Cost grant increase: \$302,285. Revised budget for tuitions: \$1,707,285. Expenditures to date: \$1,106,454. Expected Remaining Expenditures: \$995,636; Expected Choice Reimbursement: \$(294,805) which now includes a Projected Deficit of \$100,000. He

stated that the Special Education budget is a sizeable budget and very hard to predict as things change quickly.

Mr. Adlerstein stated that he expects the projected (\$100,000) deficit to be covered with other deferred line items within the Special Education budget.

### C) Request Approval of Participation: Healthy Food Certification Initiative 07/01/17 to 06/30/18

Mr. Adlerstein stated that the Connecticut General Statutes requires that each board of education or governing authority for all public schools participating in the National School Lunch Program must certify annually to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) whether the district will follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards (CNS) for all foods sold to students separately from reimbursable school meals. The CNS applies to all sources of food sales on school premises at all times including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises. Districts that choose the healthy food option of HFC receive an additional 10 cents per lunch, based on the total number of reimbursable lunches (paid, free, and reduced) served in the prior school year. For 2015-16, this amount was \$19,938. The two considerations for the vote by the board of education are whether to implement the healthy food option and whether to allow food exemptions.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPROVE PLAINVILLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTHY FOOD INITIATIVE FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR (07/01/17 TO 06/30/18), INCLUDING THE ED-099 EXEMPTION STATEMENT. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

## D) Amend Motion of March 13, 2017 Minutes Concerning Wheeler Renovation Project

Due to the elimination of the Middle School roof project by the Capital Projects Building Committee, the Board has been asked to amend the motion of the March 13<sup>th</sup> Board minutes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL PROVOST TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE WHEELER SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT AND HIGH SCHOOL PAVING PROJECT (AS ONE PROJECT) AS PRESENTED AND TO ELIMINATE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE ROOF PROJECT. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

#### XI. CONSENT AGENDA--Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Approval of PHS Graduation Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017
- (E) Request Approval of MSP Robotics Team trip to World Robotics Championship, Lexington, KY, April 19-26, 2017
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donation for the month of March (Informational Item)
  - --None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL PROVOST TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

#### XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NICOLE PALMIERI SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNAN IMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes

# REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT SUMMARY OF MOTIONS MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

**Approval of Minutes** 

- 2048. A MOTION WAS MADE BY DEBORAH HARDY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 13, 2017 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- 2049. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2017 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LAURIE PETERSON. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.
- 2050. Request Approval of Participation: Healthy Food Certification Initiative 07/01/17 to 06/30/18

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- 2051. Amend Motion of March 13, 2017 Minutes Concerning Wheeler Renovation Project
   A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL PROVOST TO AMEND AND APPROVE THE WHEELER SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT AND HIGH SCHOOL PAVING PROJECT (AS ONE PROJECT) AS PRESENTED AND TO ELIMINATE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OF PLAINVILLE ROOF PROJECT. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

#### 2052. Consent Agenda--Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
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- (E) Request Approval of MSP Robotics Team trip to World Robotics Championship, Lexington, KY, April19-26, 2017
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donation for the month of March (Informational Item)
  --None

A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHERYL PROVOST TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2053. Adjournment

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. NICOLE PALMIERI SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNAN IMOUSLY CARRIED. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM.