

**Finance/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting  
Plainville Community School  
Board of Education  
Plainville High School Learning Commons  
Special Meeting**

**Committee:** Finance/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 28, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Attendees:** Board of Education Members: Rachel Buchanan, Cassandra Clark, Foster White,  
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**Also Present:** BOE Vice Chair: Deborah Hardy, Superintendent: Steven LePage, Director of Business and Operations: Sam Adlerstein, Director of Facilities: Steven Busel, Plainville High School Principal: Carl Johnson, Linden Street School Principal: Jeff Wallowitz, Library Information and Technology Literacy Instructional Leader: Debra Pikiell, Lead Custodian: Thomas White

**Early Departure:** None

Chairman of the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee Foster White called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. He turned the meeting over to Superintendent LePage for discussion of the purchase of a new playscape at Linden Street School and improvements to the Plainville High School Learning Commons.

Superintendent LePage thanked everyone for coming this evening. Tonight Mr. LePage wanted to introduce the idea of two “big-ticket” items that will be fully grant funded through the ESSER Grant. He asked Sam Adlerstein to speak to the Plainville Town Charter. Mr. Adlerstein stated that this is a little unusual because the BOE have the ESSER Grant that is one-time funding. Typically, purchases this large go to the Town Council and is purchased through the Capital Plan and the Plainville Town Council is responsible for the Capital Plan. In this case the funds are coming to the Board of Education. The Board of Education Purchasing Policy states that any purchase over \$25, 000, will need to go out to bid. We would have to put everything you will see tonight out to bid, except if it is on the State Bid List, the State has done it for us, and the three vendors proposals are on the State Bid List. Therefore, the District will not need to go out to bid for the two projects. Mr. Adlerstein ran it by O&G who were the Construction Manager on the Frank. T Wheeler School Project. They have a furniture consultant who does all the furniture purchase for their projects, and they recommended that if you are comfortable working with a particular company and they are on the State Bid List then that is who you should go with. Discussion continued.

Superintendent LePage asked Mr. Wallowitz to speak to a need at Linden Street School for a new playscape. He stated at this time Linden does not have an equitable playscape. The one that is there is old and outdated. New playscapes work on development, interaction, motor skills and much more. We have the space and the funding, which we probably won’t see again from the State. He would also like to include a gaga pit. This is a game like dodgeball, it is an enclosed area (hexagon or octagon in shape) that is created by connecting panels. These interlocking panels can be constructed of different materials, but are mostly made of plastic or wood and are typically 24” or 30” high which creates a play area 15 to 25 feet wide. You do not need to be good at any particular sport to play, but students are always engaged, everyone can play and everyone gets involved. Tom White, Lead Custodian, stated that the preschool Playscape is also old, has holes in it and is about 10 years old. The PreK playscape should also be replaced. Vicki Trzcinski, Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, would like a fence to enclose the PreK area. She can contribute to the playscape through the Special Education Funds. Mr. Busel stated that they are also thinking of installing a shed for the PreK areas as well. At this time, there are two vendors Mr. Busel and Mr. Wallowitz are working with. Kompan and Gametime and both of these companies are on the State Bid List. Mr. Busel stated that they are planning to spend \$200,000 or less for a new playscape at Linden. Discussion continued.

Superintendent LePage then turned the meeting over to Deb Pikiell for discussion regarding the redesign of the Plainville High School Learning Commons. She informed the Committee that the Learning Commons is a very busy place during the day. She would like to update the Commons with furniture that better suits the changing needs at Plainville High School. The outdated furniture is not conducive to collaborative spaces. She is looking to change out this furniture with more comfortable chairs where students and socialize and work together. There would be seating for approximately 100 students when renovations are completed. The Learning Commons is also used as a meeting space in the evenings. Discussion continued. **(A layout of the proposed PHS Revised Learning Commons is attached.)**

Superintendent LePage is hoping to have most of the information gathered by the Monday, May 9, 2022 meeting for the Board of Education to approve moving forward with the two projects presented this evening. He stated that there is enough money between the ESSER Grant and the Special Education Funding from Ms. Trzcinski to pay for both projects.

**The Members of the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee unanimously voted to have Superintendent Steven LePage bring forward to the Plainville Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 9, 2022 a recommendation to approve the two proposals presented at the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee Meeting, a new Playscape at Linden Street School and Improvements to the Plainville High School Learning Commons.**

Adjournment:

**CASSANDRA CLARK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tina Gryguc  
Substitute Recording Secretary

**MOTIONS MADE AT THE  
FINANCE/FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022**

**CASSANDRA CLARK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. RACHEL BUCHANAN  
SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MOTION CARRIED.**



