

**PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL**  
**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT**  
**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

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

**I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chair Lori Consalvo re-convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:05 PM. Crystal St. Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, Peterson, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, and Messr. White

**Also Present:** Steven LePage, Superintendent of Schools  
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent  
Samuel Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations  
Isabella Grasso, Student Representative

**Absent:** Deborah Hardy and Rebecca Martinez

**Late Arrivals:** None

**Early Departures:** Garret Millette, Student Representative

**Returns:** None

**II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

A) Portrait Pioneer Awards: Jennifer DeLorenzo, Plainville High School Assistant Principal and Debra Pikiell, Plainville High School Library Information Teacher

B) Acknowledgement of Valedictorian, Joseph Sozanski and Salutatorian, Hailey Calder

C) Acknowledgement of Top 10% of the Class of 2022  
Matthew Andersen, Matthew Badorek, Hailey Calder, Alexander Calver, Keira Guarco, Garret Millette, Claudia Mizerek, Avery Palma, Kevin Rondini, Joseph Rossi, Daniel Sozanski, Jacob Stanczykiewicz, Areesha Waseem, Macayle Wells, Jane Winkleman and Maya Winkleman

D) CABE Student Leadership Awards: Peyton Stehle and Joseph Rossi

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 18, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

- C) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (FINANCE AND FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE) OF APRIL 28, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

- V. COUNCIL LIAISON—Attached to these minutes, please find items of interest as reported by Mrs. Pugliese.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A) Superintendent's Report

--Strategic Planning Update

Mr. LePage thanked the 50+ individuals/stakeholders who came out for the first Strategic Planning meeting on May 3. He stated that there was one student, Tamia Chapman, a number of parents, PTO/PTC/PAC members, members from local businesses, members of the Town Council, Board Members, teachers, administrators and the district's planning team. He stated that it was a great session looking at what had recently come in, i.e., different ideas on how to improve our district and make it the best Model School District in Connecticut. Mr. LePage spoke about the many things that the district is proud of, he stated that things are going very well and the plan is to maintain those items and improve them even more. The committee then had a chance to look at the many responses to a survey that came in from parents, students, staff and community members and the specific ideas which all fall within five different bucket areas of improvements the district can make. Mr. LePage stated that it was a great time to discuss and to express interest in further work. There will now be subcommittees set-up for each of the five main areas. The district continues to do things using grant funds and Board of Education budget funding to support and to move some of these initiatives and this work forward. It has been a very inclusive and collaborative process. Mr. LePage looks forward for that to continue. He also stated that we are in the planning process now, taking all of the information gathered at that session combined with the level of interest from various individuals on different committees. We will be sending items out. Some of the work will be done over the summer and throughout next year. This will be an evolving process throughout the year on a continual basis and beyond. The ESSER and ARPA funds do have a sunset, as the funds do go away after a period of time and will need to be spent down following a certain timeline. We are cognizant of that and we will speak about two projects this evening that we hope to use the grant funding for, which was also talked about at a recent Finance/Facilities Subcommittee meeting. Mr. LePage thanked everyone who came out and took part in the Strategic Planning process and also thanked those who submitted surveys.

--VEX Robotics Stipend Side Letter

Mr. LePage stated that there was a wish from our district, brought forth by many people, to bring Robotics back at the High School level, building on the success of the VEX Robotics program at the Middle School. He said that Camille Westfall has done a tremendous job leading that program and is also a leader among the state of VEX Robotics. Mr. LePage was an inspector judge for a couple of years at the State Tournaments that are hosted at the Middle School of Plainville. Mrs. Consalvo was also an inspector this past year. Mr. LePage stated that it is exciting to see the engagement of



the kids and the use of STEM and STEAM and the order in which to apply those skills. At the competition, a high performing student approached Mr. LePage asking if the district could initiate a program at the High School level. Mr. LePage looked into the request, meeting with a small committee including Steven Michaud, Instructional Leader for Career and Technical Education (unified arts programs), Carl Johnson, High School Principal, and Camille Westfall who talked about how this program could be expanded to the High School level. The committee also did research on other leading programs around the State where Robotics it is a strong program in various High Schools. They also talked about growing capacity at the elementary level as well. The end result was a side letter that was proposed to the Education Association of Plainville. Whenever there is a new stipend in a position with payment attached to it, it must be negotiated. At this point, they are awaiting Board approval. Mr. LePage stated that there is an agreement with the teachers' union for advisors entitled, VEX Robotics Stipend Side Letter (which is in the Board packet). This will give an advanced funding in excess of what the current club and activity rate would be to attract a high-level coach that will spend a lot of time working with the team. This position will require many hours, weekends, competitions and sometimes travel. What has been proposed, is that this will all be paid for the next couple of years, out of our grant funding. Then, it is hoped that the team can obtain donations from local businesses who would like to sponsor a Robotics team, both in talent and resources. Our students will also do fundraising which is something the first Robotics team did. In the past, we have had State Championship first Robotics teams, but then the level of interest and involvement decreased. Our hope is that we will build a K-12 VEX Robotics Program that will be second to none in the State and to do that we hope to hire some really good people. Depending on the enrollment, which we'll have to assess, the plan is to have two advisors at the High School, two at the Middle School and one at each of the three elementary schools. This will be a total of seven different advisors to lead these VEX Robotics programs. We are excited about building on this program. We have students who want to be involved and who want to lead. Our hope is to attract advisors. This position will take a lot of time, work and holds a lot of responsibility.

#### **--ESSER Proposed Project Overview:**

Mr. LePage thanked board members for attending the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee meeting which was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> to learn about the two proposed projects and to get a basic overview. We have continued to work on them, outlining them and getting more information together. Essentially, there are two projects we would like to fund through the ESSER grant funds that we believe are definitely aligned with the intentions of those grants.

#### **--PHS Learning Commons**

One of these projects is related to the High School Learning Commons and getting it up-to-date with new furniture, layout, technology and mostly the seating arrangements. Mrs. Pikiell did a very nice job. There will be a café tables and things that are on wheels so that they can be moved around to provide better learning spaces. This will be a great opportunity for kids. They'll be able to fit approximately 100 students in the room, which is an increase of approximately 30 students from the current layout. It will also provide for collaborative learning areas, also areas for fun and recreation during down time, i.e., doing puzzles and board games which kids are really enjoying these days. In addition, we would like to hold our Board of Education meetings in the new space, and other organizations could hold public meetings through the rent process, as we do with the Auditorium. A lot of research was done by Mrs. Pikiell and a lot of work was done getting feedback from students and staff and allowing a vendor to come in who is on the State Bid list. We have also spoken with the Town's Finance Manager because it is grant



funded and these are rather large capital purchases. The process would be to go through the Board of Education (Finance/Facilities Subcommittee) for initial discussion, then go before the Board for a vote of approval in order to use vendors from the State Bid list that have been approved under the State contracts. This will allow us to not have to go out to bid as long as the vendor is on the State contract list.

Mr. Adlerstein referenced a document summary of what was presented at the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee meeting. Typically, capital purchases go to the Town Council for approval. The Town Charter states that if the purchase comes from a Board of Education grant, then it would go directly to the Board of Education for approval. This is a little unusual as projects of this size would typically be under the Town Council's purview, but because such purchases come from the ESSER grant earmarked for the Board of Education, it will go to the Board of Education for approval.

Mr. LePage spoke about the furniture purchases, and a layout of the changes was also presented to the Board. More information was given through a chart referencing the State's approval Bid list. Each column includes different vendors and manufacturers. The district is not limited to just one manufacturer's furniture. Also included in the packet is the quoted price. If we weren't going with the State Bid list, then we would want to go out to bid. Essentially, the work has already been done for us by utilizing the State Bid list.

Mr. LePage stated that this is a project that the High School staff has been asking for, for a long time but they have been turned down because it wasn't in the budget. However, with the ESSER grants, funding is available for these types of projects. The Learning Commons is the hub and heart of the High School. Mr. LePage thanked Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Pikiell who have worked diligently on this project in hopes of seeing it come to fruition. Mr. LePage recommends to move forward with the vote approval for the project, with an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

#### **--Linden Playscape and Gaga Pit**

The next project is related to an equity situation, i.e., access to equitable resources at Linden Street School compared with the other elementary schools in town. Currently, the 2-5 year old's playscape at Linden cannot be used as it is in disrepair. It needs to be replaced and updated to be more comparable to the playscape at Wheeler School and equipment at Toffolon School. The 5-12 year old's playscape is really small with limited options. It's getting pretty old and cannot entertain many students. Linden is looking at different options. Mr. Wallowitz, Mr. White, Mr. Busel and Mr. Adlerstein have been looking at different vendors, Kompan and Gametime. Representatives from both companies have come in to give estimates for both of those areas (2-5 and 5-12). We will also need a fence to better maintain safety for the pre-schoolers which will be an additional expense of approximately \$7,000 to close off the area where the pre-schoolers play. In addition, there is quite a bit of equipment and no place to put it. There used to be a shed on the property but it blew away during a wind storm. So, they are looking for a replacement shed. The estimate for the shed is built into the amount. There is also another piece of equipment that is incredibly important called a Gaga Pit. A Gaga Pit is well utilized at all ages. It is quite popular at the high school level. It is an octagonal shape with 3' high walls. Basically, anyone can play, you don't have need specialized skills and everyone can be included. It is very popular and it's something they would like to have at Linden. We are currently having a safety assessment. They will be assessing the current piece of equipment on the property. The goal is to make it equitable to the other elementary schools and have the same ability to play and have things you can access from the ground, so anyone can utilize these areas.

The changes from the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting includes more costs associated with installation. If the current piece of equipment is deemed to be something we shouldn't keep, we should replace the removal of the old equipment which is also factored into the price. Excavation after removing



that piece of equipment is also factored in, the absolute highest amount the district will pay is \$380,000 (not to be exceeded). Mr. LePage is confident that some of these prices can be reduced.

Mr. Adlerstein stated that the fence and the shed are listed separately as the quoted amount of \$7,145 will be funded by the additional Smart Start Recovery grant, which is available this year.

Mr. LePage stated that the goal would be to allow Linden students to have the same opportunities to have fun, play, have adventures, learn and to use physical and mental development during recess time, which happens at the other schools.

The equipment is a fun thing to have for the community and hopes the Board will vote on these two pieces of equipment. They will do the best that they can to get the costs down lower.

Mrs. Clark stated that she is looking at the equity and hopes that all students can enjoy the new contents of the library. She stated that for children with motor needs, they do make seats that sway, which would be nice for children who are anxious, etc. She stated that she would be happy to provide more information.

Mrs. Buchanan asked where the unused funds will go. Mr. LePage stated that they will only put in for purchases that are being made. If the projects come in under the allotted amount, the remaining funds would be kept in the grant, for other projects to be used in the future.

#### **--Discussion: Dress Code**

Mr. LePage stated that the subject of the schools' dress code has come up a few times. In the Board's prior meeting, they discussed areas of concern and the policy currently in place. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to take a look at the current policy again, as it has not been updated since 2007. This policy will be moved along to the Policy Subcommittee. Mr. Levenduski will put the dress code policy on the agenda for the next Policy meeting.

#### **B) Acknowledgement of School Nurses' Day—May 11, 2022**

Mr. LePage stated that Wednesday is National School Nurses' Day. There aren't many people who have worked harder over the last few years, on a daily basis. They constantly check in with the kids, they help out with the training of staff for certain items and are always looking out for the needs of the kids. So much goes into that position, especially since COVID began. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

#### **C) Acknowledgement of Teacher Appreciation Week—May 2-6**

Mr. LePage stated that Teacher Appreciation Week took place last week. He thanked the Parent Advisory groups and everyone who was so kind to the teachers and all of the educators across the district. They were lauded with little gifts, tokens and food and all kinds of great things. Thank you to our educators and school nurses for all that they do, including the cafeteria associations as well.

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

#### **A. Student Representatives' Report**

Isabella Grasso reported on the following:

- Ms. Grasso asked if students can participate in the Policy Subcommittee meeting.

► Juniors and seniors have been taking big leaps forward in furthering their education. Ms. Grasso has taken AP exams as well as finals for early college experience classes.

► Seniors are looking forward to a multitude of graduation activities such as the Super Senior Celebration. All and all PHS students are looking for a good end-of-the-year experience.

► PHS Juniors and Seniors are taking AP tests. Six have been completed with two more set for tomorrow.

► On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, the MSP 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Choral Concert will take place in the Plainville High School Auditorium with a performance by the Chamber Choir.

► On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> the PHS Chorus will perform their Spring Concert at 7 PM in the PHS Auditorium which features a performance by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chamber Choir Chorus and a medley from West Side Story accompanied by a live pit band of the Plainville schools' music teachers.

► On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> the PHS Band and Jazz Band concert will be held in the PHS Auditorium at 7 PM.

► The Class of 2022 Advisors and Student Council are beginning to plan end of the year events such as: the Junior/Senior Prom which will take place on May 21, a Senior Class Night will take place on May 25, Super Senior Banquet which is scheduled for May 26 at the Aqua Turf and the Super Senior Picnic which will take place on May 27. Senior Sports Awards night will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup> at the Aqua Turf, Night of Excellence is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup> in the PHS Auditorium, Coffee House will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the PHS Auditorium, One Act Plays will take place on June 8 and 9 in Room 403 of PHS and Graduation will take place on June 10<sup>th</sup> on Alumni Field.

► The Student council is working on a Townwide Movie Night on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **B. Facilities/Finance Subcommittee Report**

Mr. White stated that the Facilities/Finance Subcommittee met on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He personally thanked Mr. LePage, Mr. Adlerstein, Steve Busel, Carl Johnson, Jeff Wallowitz, Deb Pikiell and Tom White for attending the meeting. He stated that Mr. Adlerstein gave the subcommittee good definition and supporting information, as well as the controls that are established by going to the Bid Waiver process for the two projects that the Board will be voting on under New Business this evening. These are two essential projects. He stated that he took a look at Linden's playground last Friday, and they are in dire need of getting into equity. The other item the subcommittee recently discussed was the possibility of having a Gaga Pit for the other two elementary schools as well. Maybe, if we can find some cost savings, there might be some funding left. This is very popular among the youth and a great exercise opportunity as well.

As a side note, he would like to second the student liaison's question that we allow student input at our Policy Subcommittee meetings. If the Chair can approve that it would be great.



**C. Policy Subcommittee Report**

Mrs. St. Lawrence stated that the Policy Subcommittee met on April 18<sup>th</sup> to review five policies. She explained the changes for the following five policies.

CREDIT FOR ONLINE COURSES AND REMOTE LEARNING POLICY  
NO. 6201

Reason for New Policy:

This policy is based on Public Act No. 21-46, as amended by Section 391 of the June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-2, which required the Commissioner of Education to develop, by January 1, 2022, and update as necessary standards for remote learning. Beginning July 1, 2022, the Act allows Boards of Education to authorize remote learning for students in grades 9-12, provided the remote instruction is in compliance with the SDE standards for remote learning.

STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY NO. 5146

Reason for Modifications to Current Policy:

Based on guidance from the U.S. Department of Education's Student Privacy Policy Office, this updated language clarifies when the administration must obtain prior written consent of a parent or student before administering a student survey related to certain topics, and when the administration must provide parents' or students' notice and an opportunity to opt out of participation.

FOOD SERVICE CHARGES POLICY NO. 3542.43

Reasons for Modifications to Current Policy:

New legislation requires the inclusion of the following Board policy for the collection of unpaid school meal charges:

- 1) A prohibition on publicly identifying or shaming a child for any unpaid meal charges.
- 2) A declaration of a child's right to purchase one meal (which may exclude a la carte items) for any school breakfast, lunch, or other feeding; and
- 3) A procedure for communicating with parents or guardians about collecting a child's unpaid meal charges.

FAFSA COMPLETION RATES POLICY NO. 6202

Reason for New Policy:

This policy aligns with Section 6 of Public Act No. 21-199, which directs Boards of Education to adopt a policy no later than July 1, 2022, to improve completion rates of the FAFSA by students enrolled in grade 12 or an adult education program maintained by the board.

CHALLENGING CURRICULUM POLICY NO. 6203

Reason for New Policy:

This policy aligns with Sections 3, 4 and 5 of Public Act No. 21-199, which requires Boards of Education, not later than July 1, 2022, to adopt a policy that:

1. Provides multiple methods by which a student may satisfy the eligibility criteria for student enrollment in an *advanced course or program*.
2. Provides a provision requiring the creation of an "academic plan". This plan must be created for each student identified under the criteria in the board's challenging curriculum policy.
3. These "academic plans" can be part of the required student success plans, but should not conflict with the career choices of the student or the student's parent or guardian.

These five policies are ready for approval under their 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.

**D. Curriculum Subcommittee Report—No Report**

**E. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report**

**F. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report**

Mr. White reported that the PAC was supposed to meet this week but had to change their meeting date. The meeting is now set for May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in-person in the PHS Learning Commons.

**G. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report**

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

Mrs. Clark stated that the Linden PTO last met on May 11<sup>th</sup>, which will be their last meeting of the school year.

► Linden has had a very successful year. Nicole Michaud has done an amazing job as President.

► Last month Linden held an Excellent Start to Spring which was very successful, even with the weather being a little off. The kids had a great time. There were raffles and donations from Town businesses.

► The Linden Book Fair was a success. They donated \$1,450 worth of Scholastic books to the teachers at Linden.

► Teacher Appreciation Week started on Sunday with Chalk the Walk, which invited the children to come to the school to write with chalk using all kinds of positive messaging for the teachers so that when they came in on Monday morning, they would see it. However, there was a little bit of rain on Monday morning but Nicole Michaud took plenty of pictures to make sure she captured all of those moments. It was great. They actually chalked part of the entrance way at Linden also.

► There are more activities being planned for the remainder of the school year. Hopefully the PTO will gain more members.

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

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported that the MSP PTC met on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

► The PTC held their first Cornhole Tournament last week. The PTO hopes to grow the tournament next year and make it a community event.

► There will be another Spring Paint Night on May 20

► The PTC is in the middle of awarding scholarships to graduating PHS Seniors

► Teachers and staff were treated to a breakfast last Tuesday with afternoon snacks on Thursday. The PTC also gave away three daily gift cards to teachers.

► The PTC is looking forward to upcoming field trips (the PTC is donating funds to a few MSP trips)

► The PTC will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and end-of-the-year fun events.

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

Mrs. Buchanan reported on the following:

► Wheeler had a successful Spirit Day Fundraiser led by grade 3 teacher Ms. McQueen and the Wheeler Student Council.

► PJ Day raised \$309 for Relay for Life



- ▶ The first Blue and Yellow Day raised approximately \$1,000 to donate to Save the Children who in turn will send food and clothing to the children in the Ukraine.
- ▶ A second event raised an additional \$656 for the same cause.
- ▶ Spots and Stripes Day raised \$100 for the Army's Animal Legacy and Rescue Shelter
- ▶ Crazy Socks Day was held for Adrianna at Toffolon School netting \$560.47
- ▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting will be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM in the Wheeler Library. The focus will be on the planning of end-of-the-year celebrations.

**K. CREC Council Report—No Report**

The CREC Council last met on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. The session was geared toward legislative updates. The legislative session has now ended. A CABA Legislative Wrap-up will be held tomorrow morning at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford. CABA will do a wrap-up of legislation and its impact on local school districts.

The next meeting of the CREC Council is Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**L. Chairperson's Report**

Mrs. Consalvo stated that she had the opportunity to go with Mr. LePage and Mr. Levenduski to award the teachers who have been nominated for Teachers of the Year for SY2022-23. A new Teacher of the Year should be selected soon.

She also mentioned that she attended the Retirement Party for Town Manager, Robert Lee and Assistant Town Manager, Shirley Osle on May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Aqua Turf. She stated that there were a lot of people who attended and many speakers. The function was very well done and enjoyable.

Spirit Day: Kids has a great time as they did on Crazy Socks Day. Funds were raised for Adrianna at Toffolon.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—None**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Board Open Forum**

Foster White thanked Mr. Levenduski for the changes made to the Teacher of the Year process. First for doing this during Teacher Appreciation Week and also for having a Teacher of the Year at each of the five schools and allowing the Committee of former TOY's make the selection. He had the opportunity to attend the schools and to see a few of the nominated teacher's on Friday. It was fun to see the student's reactions. Lynn Davis took a photo of Deb Pikiell receiving her nomination. The photo is outstanding as it shows the look of surprise and joy on her face.

Further, he urges anyone who has the opportunity to see the Townwide Art show at the Plainville Public Library, please do. The Art Show displays art from students from Pre-K to grade 12 and the pieces are amazing. The Art Show will run until May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Becky Tyrrell stated that she was very happy that Isabella Grasso asked if students could participate in the Policy Subcommittee. In the past, the Board involved students but it included many of the same students and they found it hard to attend. It

will be awesome if we could involve students for things that they feel personally effect them.

In addition, congratulations to Jennifer DeLorenzo and Deb Pikiell. The Learning Adventure Days are something that really benefits kids and makes them feel connected. Congratulations!

Also, congratulations to all of our Top 10% students and the CABA Student Leaders.

The Rotary Penny Sale has been moved to this Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM at Robertson Airport.

The Relay for Life festivities will begin during the morning of Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and will end during the morning of Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at Norton Park.

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that she served on the Linden Building Committee years ago and at the end of the project it was asked if there were enough funds left to purchase a playscape. It was denied.

**Rachel Buchanan** is excited about the celebration of the student's successes this evening and the many words used, enthusiasm, rigorous, incentive, challenged to speak to their accomplishments. She stated that to be in the top 10% of your class is a feat. Those words that were used could be used in the top 10% of any craft or field. She was very pleased by the dedication.

She is also excited that there were so many activities for Teacher Appreciation Week. She hopes all of the teachers had a great time and really enjoyed the celebration. She too was happy that the nominees included a teacher from each school.

She thanked Mr. LePage for his Superintendent's Update, especially the Robotics report. This was the first year she participated as a volunteer. She commented that her strong point was not Math or Science but had the program been there it might have pulled someone else who might not have thought they were savvy in that area either, into that program. She was very pleased that the program is continuing at the high school level. She also stated that she is also looking forward to getting over to the Art Show.

**Lori Consalvo** congratulated the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as well as the Top 10% of the Class of 2022. She stated that it was nice to see everyone here accepting their awards and cheering each other on. Congratulations to all!

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

**C) Turf Committee Report (September and May)**

Mr. Adlerstein stated that the Turf field is a sizeable expense, especially if we don't keep up with it. However, there is good news...the field is in excellent condition. Last year, administration has the field professionally assessed which will continue annually. The report came back that the fields are in excellent condition. Public Works maintains the fields on a monthly basis, except for snow removal. This helps with the longevity of the field. The Turf Fund currently has a balance of \$136,000. The biggest change in that was from the end-of-year realized savings last year. The Board decided to place \$60,000



into the Turf Fund for future use. We didn't collect any fees from the clubs that use the Turf fields last year due to COVID. This year we are starting to collect fees again. Notices went out earlier this month. This is the first time we've placed the Turf field replacement on the Capital Plan. In the furthest outlying year, the turf replacement is on the Capital Plan. We don't believe it will be needed then, but we don't want any surprises.

Mrs. Consalvo noticed that when the girls go on the field for cheerleading practice, their clothing is stained. She asked if this was normal?

Mr. Adlerstein stated that he would find out but asked if it was from the turf field or the track.

**D) Request Approval: Instruction: Credit for Online Courses and Remote Learning Policy No. 6201—NEW—1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE INSTRUCTION-CREDIT FOR ONLINE COURSES AND REMOTE LEARNING POLICY NO. 6201 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTION—CREDIT FOR ONLINE COURSES AND REMOTE LEARNING POLICY NO.6201. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**E) Request Approval: Students: Student Privacy Policy No. 5146—REVISED—1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE STUDENTS--STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY NO. 5146 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO POSTPONE THE APPROVAL OF STUDENTS—STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY NO. 5146. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

**F) Request Approval: Business: Food Service Charges Policy No. 3542.43—REVISED—1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE BUSINESS--FOOD SERVICE CHARGES POLICY NO. 3542.43 AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY CASSANDRA CLARK. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0**

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**G) Request Approval: Business: Food Service Charges Policy No. 3542.43—ELIMINATE—1<sup>ST</sup> Reading**

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- (E) Private Donation for the month of April (Informational Item)  
--There were no private donations for the month of April

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro  
Recorder of Minutes

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT  
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS  
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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- **Budget Vote Results**

Last Tuesday, voters overwhelmingly approved both the General Government and Board of Education Budgets. The General Government Budget passed with 378 voting “yes” and 121 voting “no”. 76% of those who voted, voted “yes”.

The Board of Education Budget passed with 362 voting “yes” and 139 voting “no”. 72% of those who voted, voted “yes”.

The turnout for the All-Day voted was 4% of the registered voters. The next step in the process is for the Town Council to set the mill rate. The legislative session is expected to have a state budget in place shortly. Their legislative session concludes at midnight this Wednesday, May 4th. State revenues to support the local town budget will then be finalized for consideration by the Town Council. Town staff will summarize the impact of the State Budget for presentation to the Town Council for the May 16th meeting.

Additionally, the Town was recently notified that the State Partnership Plan for health insurance increase will be 10 ½% rather than the 8% that was previously projected and budgeted. The total impact of this increase is \$196,069 with \$145,360 to the Education Budget and \$50,709 to the General Government Budget. Town staff will recommend that the increase be paid from the Debt Management line item for FY23 since the Town Budget has already been approved.

- **Sidewalk Construction Bid**

On April 14, the Town received five bid proposals for the replacement of sidewalks along sections of Maxine Rd., Bernice Ct., Tomlinson Ave., and Laurel Ct. The bids ranged from \$332,350 to \$598,035.

The low bid was submitted by D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA. The Engineering staff has contacted several references and did not uncover any reason why D&P Morais should not be awarded the work.

Town staff has determined that they are the lowest responsible bid in the amount of \$332,350 and is recommending that they be awarded the sidewalk replacement work. There is an item under New Business that would authorize the Town Manager to execute a contract with D&P Morais Construction of Ludlow, MA for sidewalk replacement in the amount of \$332,350. If approved, the work is expected to begin in early next month.

- **American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Proposed Projects**

Town staff is recommending that the Town Council move forward with three more projects under the Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan (ARPA).

The three projects are the Fiber Project (\$500,000), the Mountain View Pump Station upgrade (87,000), and the West Cemetery Expansion (\$22,500). The Fiber Project connecting the Town Buildings, several sewer pump stations, and police/fire communication to high-speed internet is expected to be in operation by the end of May. The Mountain View Pump Station was upgraded last year. The West Cemetery work would clear land on the property and allow for additional gravesites being available for the foreseeable future.

There is an item under New Business that would schedule a Public Hearing on these three recommendations for May 16, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Center.

- **Flashing Beacon Update**

The D.O.T. is anticipated to give their final approval for the installation of a flashing beacon warning signal on Route 10 (East Street) at the intersection of Robert Holcomb Way by the end of May. Town staff has ordered the beacon and it is expected to be installed by Town staff during the summer months.

Additionally, the D.O.T. has recently notified Plainville that they are planning to install flashing beacon warning signals on Northwest Drive in the vicinity of Toffolon Elementary School and in front of the Post Office as part of a safety initiative. Last year, Town staff was made aware that the State was considering installing flashing beacons using federal funds for pedestrian safety. Town staff suggested that these two locations be considered. The plan would be for the state to design and install the beacons with the Town being responsible for their maintenance.

This project is in its early stages and is not expected to be completed for 1-2 years. Town staff will keep the Town Council informed regarding the progress of the design as it moves forward.

5/2/22