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

5:00-6:30 PM Special Meeting: Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting, Plainville
High School Learning Commons—THIS MEETING WAS POSTPONED.

6:45 PM Swearing-in of Board of Education Members

Order of Business

7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Brian Reas convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, 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

Absent: Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, Student Representative
Maja Grabowski, Student Representative

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

SUPERINTENDENT REAS OPENED NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRPERSON OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION. A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO NOMINATE BECKY TYRRELL FOR THE POSITION OF PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIRPERSON. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE NOMINATION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH 5 YES VOTES AND 4 NO VOTES.

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THERE WERE NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS. SUPERINTENDENT REAS CLOSED NOMINATIONS. BECKY TYRRELL BECAME THE NEW PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR.

As a Point of Order, Mr. Bruzas asked if there could be discussion. Mr. Bruzas stated the following:

“The question is, if you are willing to share your white privilege in power. I am not only a Latino man on our Board, I am the only Latino on this Board. I know there are many in our BIPOC community that would like to see someone like them as the Chair. Someone who understands what it’s like to not have a privileged life, like our current predominantly white Board of Education. For too long the Board of Education has been made up of white privileged men and women who believe they know what’s best for our BIPOC community, families and students. Now is the time to act, and now is the time for change. Not only am I a proud Boricua, I am also the proud husband of an Ecuadorian immigrant who came here when she was nine and homeless. She is like many of those in our community who are struggling and fighting. Like many of my BIPOC community. I remember what it’s like to not have enough on the table. Susie Woerz knows me by name. My family were consumers at the Food Pantry. I remember what it was like to receive services from St. Phillip’s House. My father was a recovering heroin addict who had HIV and needed assistance. I am also a proud survivor of domestic violence and trauma. These experiences paved the foundation of who and what I am today. I am a proud Latino community organizer making a tremendous impact in the poorest zip code 06702 in the United States. Look it up. I can relate to the families in our town because I am from this town. I was born and raised in this town and have lived here all my life. Being a Latino man in the C-suite makes me an excellent candidate for Board of Education Chair. I can support Mr. Reas. I understand what it’s like to be in the C-suite, and to be a Senior Executive. So, I ask you, are you willing to relinquish your white power and privilege and vote for your first Latino Chair? Are you? I have faith that you will have the courage and the humility to leave behind bi-partisanship and vote for me as the proper Chair for the Plainville Board of Education.”

Rebecca Martinez: “Jered, I think you will be an amazing addition to the Board of Education, speaking as a member with two minority children in the district. I am really happy to have your representation on the Board. I do feel that we really need a Chair that has the experience going forward and I do believe it would be a hard position to fill for someone who is brand new. But I think you will be an amazing addition.”

Jered Bruzas: “My experience lies in many different ways including recently being tapped by the Democratic Commissioner of Housing, to be the lead of a \$300M project. I currently oversee millions of dollars-worth of federal assets, as well as State funded programs, and have done many statewide construction projects. This isn’t a learning curve for me.”

Rachel Buchanan: “I would like to participate in this discussion. There was a reason why our caucus selected Mr. Bruzas. There seems to be, and this vote seems to have been taken, and I will respect it and I am happy to serve my community. What I have found interesting in my two years on the Board of Education, is that in order to be considered for a leadership role, that experience is defined as experience simply just on the Board of Education. Sitting here for an extended period of time isn’t always in our best interest. Just because someone has been here the longest, doesn’t make them the best for the job. We’ve had many of our school referendums not pass the first time and just because someone might want something doesn’t mean it always comes to fruition. So, I don’t think time in a role as being the best for the job. We have a Chief Impact Officer from the United Way sitting at our table, which I’m very proud of. We’re very lucky to have him serving here and I feel is the best person qualified to lead this Board of Education into a diverse and inclusive future. My momentum is behind Jered Bruzas.”

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III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A) PCS Staff All-Star: Dan Caron, Plainville High School Custodian

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IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT—No Report

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

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VII. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A) CABE Awards (Award Winners and Honorable Mentions)

Mr. Reas congratulated the Board and District on receiving the Bonnie Carney Award for Communication. He stated that not everyone gets Honorable Mentions and this is quite a list. He hopes that the Board is very proud of the district's accomplishments:

General Awards:

Social Media: Linden Street School Principal's Twitter Account

Newsletter: Plainville Board of Education Community Newsletter

Newsletter: Toffolon Tiger Tidbits Newsletter

Newsletter: School Business Community Partnership Program E-Newsletter

Special Projects: Toffolon Internal Updates and Information Staff Newsletter

Honorable Mention Awards:

Social Media: Plainville Community Schools District Twitter Account

Newsletter: Middle School Monthly E-Newsletter

Newsletter: Unplugged—Energy Conservation Newsletter

Computer Generated Project: Plainville Community Schools Budget Infographic

Website: Plainville Community Schools District Website

Couse Selection Guide: Plainville Adult and Continuing Education Program Guide

Special Project: Middle School of Plainville School Improvement Plan

Mr. Reas stated that on November 7th, the district held a full districtwide Professional Development Day for teachers, paraprofessionals and tutors, with over 400 people attending. He stated that it was a great session advocating Psychological Safety for our students, and how to develop the best environment for students to learn. The session was well received and there was good conversation. This was a great way for him to meet the staff and to talk about a topic which is very important to all.

Since Mr. Reas has been here he has met with every administrator in the District individually, in addition to attending numerous meetings. He stated that it is really quite a diverse and amazing leadership team. He has also met with each Board Member to help understand the priorities of the district and how to work together. He commented that thanks to Mr. Adlerstein, they have been heavily engaged in the budget process which includes at least three meetings today, maybe four, which also includes the MSP Renovation project and the next steps. It was his understanding that it has been a priority to move the project forward to the next level.

He then stated that the Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Levenduski, has a PowerPoint to share this evening about the district's progress and the State's Accountability Index. The data was sent to districts last Thursday. He stated that Mr. Levenduski has done an amazing job summarizing the information in a very short amount of time. He then introduced Mr. Levenduski who gave a brief overview of the results.

Mr. Levenduski stated that this report is a follow-up to the October 10 Data presentation. He shared some of the results which were recently sent to the Superintendent. The information was embargoed for a while, which means that the information only went to Superintendents' across the district. He just found out that the data had been released publicly.

To refresh everyone's memory he reminded everyone that the Accountability Index went away in 2019-20 and 2020-21 because of COVID. Also, because of COVID recovery, schools did not have the Index during that time either. In a way, it is like starting all

over again. The Accountability Index is twelve different indicators, some have sub-indicators, that go into more depth (i.e., high need students and all students in distinctive categories, as well as proficiency and growth indicators. The State average dropped from 69.7 to 69.3 and Plainville's average increased from 70.5 to 75.5, which is significant. This is a tribute to our staff and the work being done in Curriculum and Instruction.

Mr. Levenduski then touched on some of the District Highlights:

- ▶ Increased student academic growth for all student subgroups
- ▶ Increased performance for all students on all content areas: Math, ELA and Science
- ▶ Decreases in chronic absenteeism
- ▶ Increased college and career readiness
- ▶ Increased graduation progress
- ▶ Increased oral language proficiency in MLL students
- ▶ Increased scores for both music and physical education
- ▶ More students entering post-secondary education

The district is looking for ways to increase focus on the following:

- ▶ chronic absenteeism
- ▶ science proficiency
- ▶ fine arts access
- ▶ number of students "on-track" for graduation
- ▶ Inputting of P.E. scores into new state data system
- ▶ Specific school-level results

Mr. Levenduski stated that this is a whole new data system for P.E. This is the first-time scores were digitally entered through a State system. He stated that we did have some issues with the data entry and other districts did as well. It was thought that they were entered correctly. It was noticed that some school reports that didn't give credits, but did when assessments were given. The schools are working with the State right now and we may have been a little higher with the scores, as a district, if it weren't for the new system. In school level results there are variants between our schools and their results. They are looking at trends and places where we can grow, whether at grade level or content areas. The bottom line is that Plainville saw improvements in 11 out of the 12 indicators. Our instructional levels are paying off.

As an important side note, Linden was highlighted as a School of Distinction at the State level, due to their high growth for all students and high needs students in ELA. This is a great honor for Linden. They will be getting a visit from the Deputy Commissioner, and his team, to learn about Linden's success, to see what they have done to get the growth that they did. What's different from years past? The administration is very happy for the Linden staff for a job well done and for getting this distinction. Discussion ensued.

IX. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Facilities and Finance Subcommittee Report—No Report**
- B. Policy Subcommittee Report**

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

- ▶ 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—No Report

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 PAC Treasurer's Current Balance is \$2,894.95
- ▶ Mrs. DeLorenzo attended the meeting to speak to parents about the work being done on absenteeism and also highlighted some of the curriculum areas being developed at the High School.
- ▶ With the Board's assistance, the Lyman Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser netted \$653.53.
- ▶ There will be another bottle collection drive on Earth Day this spring. This event creates an opportunity for those students who need service hours.
- ▶ There are some changes to the Adopt-A-Senior Program this year. This year the PAC will utilize funds raised to pay for extra expenses for the Senior Class Picnic. Last year the picnic was supposed to be held at Camp Chase, however, less than 24 hours before, the YMCA informed the two class advisors that they couldn't go there this year. There was a great deal of panic but they did find a place. The picnic will now be held at the Farmington Club at an additional cost. This fundraiser will help.
- ▶ The next PAC meeting will be held on January 10, 2024.

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report—No Report

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Mrs. Clark reported on the following:

- ▶ The Linden PTO last met on November 8.
- ▶ The annual Butter braids sale is underway.
- ▶ Trunk or Treat was a big hit. The donated canned goods went to the food drive. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wallowitz were a big hit also.
- ▶ The PTO provided meals for staff during parent/teacher conferences.
- ▶ The Holiday Gift Shop is coming up soon. Students can shop for Christmas gifts for family members. Each gift will be wrapped. Volunteers are needed to help wrap gifts. A wrapping session is planned for December 13. Volunteers are welcome.
- ▶ Upcoming fundraisers include a Wolf Pack game coming up on December 17, Disney on Ice will take place on January 6 and Monster Jam will take place on March 23 at the XL Center. The Spiritwear fundraiser is also coming up.
- ▶ The Yearbook Committee has begun to meet.
- ▶ The Scholastic Book Fair netted \$300 for book donations for teachers' classrooms and students who could not afford a book.
- ▶ 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.

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

- ▶ The last Middle School PTC meeting was held on October 10.

- ▶ The MSP Halloween Dance was held on October 19
- ▶ The PTC held their Annual Fall Spiritwear fundraiser with a local company (Threads). They sold tee-shirts, bags, winter hats, hooded sweatshirts, etc. The sale ran until October 27. Orders will be delivered by November 10.
- ▶ The MSP Family Paint Night was held on October 30 with Ms. Meehan. It was a super fun night. Each individual painted Gnomes.
- ▶ The Texas Roadhouse rolls and butter orders should be in by this evening. Delivery is scheduled for later next week.
- ▶ The next MSP PAC will be held on November 14 at 7 PM.

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

- ▶ The Wheeler PTO last met on October 19.
- ▶ The PTO is prepping for their Book Fair which will be held in early November.
- ▶ Mrs. Buchanan stated that the Trunk or Treat evening was awesome. She is very impressed with the creativity that went into the event. Great work at Wheeler!
- ▶ The next Wheeler PTO meeting will be held on November 16 at 7 PM in the Wheeler Library.

J. CREC Council Report—No Report

K. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Tyrrell congratulated the newly elected officials on the Board of Education. She stated that they will continue to do good work, as they have been doing and are moving in a positive direction.

She stated that her role as Board Chair has nothing to do with politics. When a Board has a strong leadership, it brings the Board together as a group in order to get things done. She stated that this Board will work well together and appreciates their support.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There is no Unfinished Business this evening

XI. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Foster White stated that he admired what Mr. Bruzas said this evening. He said that Mr. Bruzas made him look at a different aspect of the Board of Education which was much appreciated. He commented that it took a lot of courage and intelligence to bring this topic to the Board's attention.

Mr. White also stated that the MSP Robotics team did very well taking 1st and 2nd place at their first competition. This is an outstanding accomplishment for a new program. He credits student liaison Val Kasabrukhu who was instrumental in moving the Robotics program forward.

Mr. White also commented that Learning Adventure Day took place last Friday. This was another step forward for PHS and Plainville Community Schools. He stated that this is putting a positive spotlight on Career Pathways. It is a stepping stone for our Pathways plan as students move forward.

Roberta Lauria officially welcomed Brian Reas as Plainville's new Superintendent of Schools. She too congratulated all who were sworn in this evening stated that she looks forward to working with everyone.

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 Personnel: Increasing Educator Diversity Plan Policy No. 4003—REVISED—1st Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI CONSALVO TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 4003 AS PRESENTED. JERED BRUZAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 8-0, WITH 1 ABSENTION BY MRS. CLARK.

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E) Request Approval of Students: Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five Policy No. 5112—NEW-1st Reading

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F) Request Approval of Students: Recess and Play-Based Learning Policy No. 5414.4—REVISED—1st Reading

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G) Request Approval of Instruction: Parental Access to Instructional Material Policy No. 6130—REVISED—1st Reading

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- H) Request Approval of Instruction: FAFSA Completion Rates Policy No. 6202—
REVISED—1st Reading
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AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6202. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED
THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

- I) Request Approval of Bylaws: Construction and Posting of Agenda Policy No.
9323—REVISED—1st Reading
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READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323 AS
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AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED
THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

- J) Discussion of 2024-25 Budget Calendar
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE 2024-25
BUDGET CALENDAR AS PRESENTED, WITH ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE
MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Walsh Middle School, Framingham,
MA, January 6, 2024
- (E) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Bancroft School, Worcester, MA
February 20, 2024
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donations for the Month of October: (Informational Item)
 - Plainville Funeral Home donation to PHS Blue Devils INT.....\$ 150.00
 - Athletic Backers donation to the PHS Football Program..... \$ 291.78
 - Athletic Backers donation to the PHS Girls' Basketball Program..... \$ 450.00
 - Athletic Backers donation to the Boys' Basketball Program.....\$1,000.00
- (H) Request Approval: VEX Competition field trip to Walsh Middle School,
Framingham, MA on November 18, 2023
- (I) Request Approval: PHS Band/Choir field trip to Disney, Orlando, FL, November
30, 2023 to December 4, 2023.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT
AGENDA AS PRESENTED, INCLUDING ITEMS H AND I. REBECCA

MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LORI CONSALVO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joan Calistro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes

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2571. Request Approval of Students: Admission to the Public Schools at or Before Age Five Policy No. 5112—NEW-1st Reading

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5112. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2572. Request Approval of Students: Recess and Play-Based Learning Policy No. 5414.4—REVISED—1st Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI CONSALVO TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5414.4 AS PRESENTED. JERED BRUZAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 8-0, WITH 1 ABSENTION BY MRS. CLARK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 5414.4. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2573. Request Approval of Instruction: Parental Access to Instructional Material Policy No. 6130—REVISED—1st Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI CONSALVO TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6130 AS PRESENTED. JERED BRUZAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 8-0, WITH 1 ABSENTION BY MRS. CLARK.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6130. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2574. Request Approval of Instruction: FAFSA Completion Rates Policy No. 6202—
REVISED—1st Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI CONSALVO TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6202 AS PRESENTED. JERED BRUZAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 8-0, WITH 1 ABSENTION BY MRS. CLARK.
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 6202. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.
2575. Request Approval of Bylaws: Construction and Posting of Agenda Policy No. 9323—REVISED—1st Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY LORI CONSALVO TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323 AS PRESENTED. JERED BRUZAS SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 8-0, WITH 1 ABSENTION BY MRS. CLARK.
- A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO TABLE THE AFOREMENTIONED POLICY NO. 9323. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.
2576. Discussion of 2024-25 Budget Calendar
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE 2024-25 BUDGET CALENDAR AS PRESENTED, WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO FOLLOW. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Walsh Middle School, Framingham, MA, January 6, 2024
- (E) PHS VEX Robotics Competition Field Trip to Bancroft School, Worcester, MA February 20, 2024
- (F) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (G) Private Donations for the Month of October: (Informational Item)
 - Plainville Funeral Home donation to PHS Blue Devils INT.....\$ 150.00
 - Athletic Backers donation to the PHS Football Program..... \$ 291.78
 - Athletic Backers donation to the PHS Girls' Basketball Program.....\$ 450.00
 - Athletic Backers donation to the Boys' Basketball Program.....\$1,000.00
- (H) *Request Approval: VEX Competition field trip to Walsh Middle School, Framingham, MA on November 18, 2023*
- (I) *Request Approval: PHS Band/Choir field trip to Disney, Orlando, FL, November 30, 2023 to December 4, 2023.*

2577. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED, INCLUDING ITEMS H AND I. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2578. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. LORI CONSALVO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.