

PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

Order of Business
7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Lori Consalvo 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, Consalvo, Hardy, Martinez, 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
Garret Millette, Student Representative
Isabella Grasso, Student Representative

Absent: Cassandra Clark

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

A) Portrait Pioneer Award: Tricia Rapacky, Plainville High School Nurse

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.
- B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.
- C) A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE) OF APRIL 4, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS: None

- V. **COUNCIL LIAISON**—Mrs. Pugliese could not attend this evening’s meeting as the Town Council meeting was scheduled for the same time. She asked that the Board Chair read the Town Council notes which are attached.

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

A) Superintendent’s Update

Mr. LePage presented a few updates and reminders for the public and the Board as follows:

► The Superintendent’s Showcase which will be held on Thursday, April 21st at 6:30 PM in the PHS Auditorium. The Showcase will spotlight the district’s many successes, achievements and talents of Plainville students. The attendees will begin the evening in the High School Auditorium with a performance by the Championship High School Cheerleaders, and after some welcoming remarks from Mr. LePage, attendees will proceed to the Cafeteria for a variety of great performances, including the High School Jazz Band and music performances from both Middle School and High School students. There will be STEM and STEAM demonstrations, Pre-schoolers will be in attendance and Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? activities will take place. There will be many booths set up around the Cafeterias, including a demonstration from CSG regarding the Middle School renovation project. This will be a great night to come out to see the wonderful things that are happening in Plainville schools and the importance of getting out to vote at the all-day budget vote on Tuesday, April 26th. Mr. LePage stated that everyone should vote the way they feel as to what the Plainville Schools’ budget should be. The Showcase will be a reminder of all of the great things this school district provides to our students and community.

► Mr. LePage also sends a reminder to everyone regarding the district’s upcoming Strategic Planning sessions and the next steps. On Thursday night, Mr. LePage will give a bit of an overview of that process to all guests which will be very brief. He stated that a survey was already conducted last summer and a more extensive survey was done more recently along with an online virtual kickoff which provided more feedback. A booth will also be set-up at the Showcase for individuals to provide additional insights that they would like considered in the Strategic Planning process. The next step will take place on May 3rd when we’ll have a large group of individuals/stakeholders from the community all the way from State Representatives to Town and Board of Education leadership, administrators, teachers and members of our student body. They will participate in a strategic planning process and will take what we’re doing now and expand it to additional areas we believe are important to the community in order to continue to grow. He is looking forward to the next steps. Once we have the large meeting, we’ll break it down to smaller subcommittee groups who will work on individual projects in areas of importance that we’ve deemed important to the community through the process that was mentioned.

► Relating to COVID, the positivity rate was over 6%. We expected some bumps in the rates after coming back from vacations, lots of traveling, and gatherings. However, we’re still in very good shape. Mr. LePage stated that as he mentioned in his Newsletter, we did return to the same level of precautions and in place mitigations, which were relatively minimal. We continue to be mask optional and are continuing some practices at the elementary schools for the time being, waiting for the cases to subside a bit. We had about 27 cases over the vacation period that were reported and we still have some trickling in today and likely over this week. We’ll continue to assess on a day by day, week by week basis and hopefully we’ll be able to remove some of the additional safety measures that were put in place.

► In his Newsletter, Mr. LePage also mentioned a local Middle School student, Michael Ahern, who he is very proud of, who was recently awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He explained that the actual Congressional Medal of Honor for military service have different divisions. So, to make a correction to the title, it is a Congressional Medal of Honor for a citizen honor award, which is the highest citizen honor that can be received as a citizen, Michael is a 6th grader. We are very proud of the work he has done with Scoops for Troops, and the Recalibration Camp in Maine, where he's raised tens and tens of thousands of dollars \$30,000 in his first year and he continues to raise more. His goal is to raise \$500,000 by the time he goes off to college. Mr. LePage is sure he will surpass that. He is also working with Mr. LePage, the Rotarians, his parents and sister, and Frank Robinson who will be planning a Veteran's breakfast before the end of the year. We're looking forward to that and making it a big success.

► This Friday we will be having a Ukraine Refugee Support fundraiser. We are asking everyone who would like to participate to wear blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukraine flag and to donate a dollar or more that will go to an organization called *World Central Kitchen*. They will provide food and meals to support the surrounding communities where the refugees are communing in Poland. Mr. LePage stated that he appreciates the parent who let him know about the organization. The grandparents live two hours from the Ukraine border and explained all the strife, hardships and difficulties the refugees, and the residents in the neighboring Polish communities are experiencing. The district would like help.

► Jill O'Brien, Adult Education Coordinator, did a great job pulling the Daddy Bootcamp program together. This program was formed for new and expecting dads. This is happening through a grant from the Main Street Community Foundation (Men and Boys' Fund). Mr. LePage said he's fortunate to be on the Board of Advisors for this organization, which is a great group. The group has been in existence for five years. He stated that Mrs. O'Brien, wrote a grant and did all the work to put the program together, which will be held through the Adult Education program. It's a great program for new dads regardless of their age. He hopes new dads will take advantage of this program.

► Mr. LePage stated that ever since the State VEX Robotics Championships were held at the Middle School, he has been working to build onto the program. We had our first Robotics program at the High School which was discontinued for a number of reasons including low student involvement/participation and trouble getting Advisors. However, Mr. LePage stated that he is meeting with Carl Johnson, PHS Principal, Steven Michaud, Career and Technical Education Instructional Leader and Camille Westfall, the mother of all things VEX here in Plainville. She is also a leader for VEX in the State. After doing quite a bit of research about other High Schools, they've been planning and mapping out a process to get the district to become one of the VEX leaders in the State and to use ESSER grant funds to fund this program. There will also be fundraising opportunities. Mr. LePage went on to say that he will be presenting more formal details about the stipends and the positions needed but is hoping to make this an elementary through high school initiative, where competitive VEX Robotics, especially at the secondary level, is something they do as well as the middle school has done. The kids are learning so much and enjoying it. Mr. LePage stated that we've had students at the high school level approach him at the competition and asked if there is a way they can get VEX Robotics back at the high school. Mr. LePage stated that he did get a list of parts and needs for the program from one of the high school students, Valiantin Kasabrukha, who is a great kid, a very intelligent young man who will definitely become a leader in the program. He will be a Junior next year and he is really committed to Robotics. Mr. LePage stated that he is very appreciative of the work being done by both Mr. Michaud

and Ms. Westfall, who have submitted a proposal to the Collective Bargaining group just to get an insight about the requirements and perhaps a Side Letter of Agreement. Mr. LePage will share the details with the Board once they are finalized, as the Board will need to approve the stipend positions and to create a plan once the grant is no longer funded.

► Mr. LePage stated he met with Carl Johnson and members of the Plainville Fire Department last Friday to discuss how the district can help the Fire Department to increase the amount of volunteer fire fighters in town and also to build on the district's partnerships through our Career Pathways program. He thanked Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski, Lynn Davis and all of the committee members who are committed to College and Career Pathways and also with the PHS Learning Adventure Days. The High School will help the fire department host an Open House on May 21st. There will be volunteers from the district helping out as well. The fire department is very much open to offering a learning adventure opportunity and Mr. LePage will help work with the Police Department and also the Ambulance/EMT's so that students who are interested in first responder work would get two hours of shadowing in each category. So, this would be a full-day Learning Adventure day, learning about being a first responder and to have a better concept of what each career involves. More information about all of this will be coming out soon. Mr. LePage stated that he had a great meeting with Fire Chief Tom Moschini and First Lieutenant John Myska who are very knowledgeable, very passionate and very committed to the work they do and we would like to help with this initiative because it helps the kids and their families, and it helps the community. Mr. LePage stated that everyone was very excited about the program.

On April 18th Mr. LePage shared an opportunity for teachers and all staff members. It could be a custodian, a maintainer, an office professional, a paraprofessional, a Psychologist, or an administrator. If they wanted to propose through a google form, a passion project. Something that they are passionate about teaching others and sharing it with our adult staff community. This could be after hours, after the work day or perhaps over the weekend. Mr. LePage stated that the district does have grant funds that we initially committed \$20,000 to provide options for staff to be involved in these projects to help staff members who may be dealing with stress or to help connect with other members of the staff. Mr. LePage stated that he had eight submissions on Friday and another was sent this morning. He stated that he looks forward to reviewing the proposals this week, as all of them seem reasonable. He also looks forward to taking the next steps to help support our staff needs, as well as those of our students, as he is proud of our PCS family.

B) Anticipated Discussion on Bid Waiver: Linden Playscape and PHS Learning Commons Improvements

Mr. LePage stated that we have been working with the Strategic Planning process by gathering insight. There are a number of specific projects aligned with the use of grant funds in a wise and meaningful way, i.e., for student recovery, mental health support, for additional positions that are needed to help recover from the pandemic which has been ongoing. He stated that he will be talking about using additional funds in the future. However, a couple of projects submitted through our charter (anyone who wanted to propose a project had to submit a charter) are what will be shared this evening.

Mr. LePage stated that he will talk about the two proposals this evening and will speak to the Chair of The Finance/Facilities Subcommittee (Mr. White) to set- up a meeting to hear about a much more detailed presentation about those projects and then in May, at the Regular Business meeting of the Board, vote on whether to pursue and move forward

with these two proposals. It is kind of a formal checks and balance process because it is using grant funds. It doesn't have to go before the Town Council for a project of this size. These are projects that are over \$100,000 each. It is a substantial amount of grant resources and should be vetted through the proper channels. Because these vendors are on the State approved list, we don't have to go out to bid on these projects. He then asked Mr. Adlerstein to elaborate. Mr. Adlerstein stated that the State vets and contracts with a number of vendors in a variety of areas on behalf of municipalities and districts and those contracts. They have already done bid process and have cleared out competitively. For those vendors who have been selected, we can use those vendors. Mr. Adlerstein stated that we haven't fully been through our vetting process and done all of our due diligence, but likely we will choose vendors from that list. That's why we would ask for a bid waiver. They wouldn't bid here, it's already been bid by the State.

Mr. LePage stated that the Board will not be asked to vote on any of these projects. This is just a consensus to move forward with a full detailed explanation of these projects at the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee meeting. There will not be a formal vote tonight either. He hopes to hold a meeting within the next 2-3 weeks.

Linden's Playscape and Ga Ga Pit is something that Mr. Wallowitz has found to be inclusive of any student who wants to play this particular game. This is something that kids really enjoy. When the Senior class goes on their trip to Camp Chase, they love the Ga Ga Pit and have a great time. In addition, Linden Playscape has been deemed in pretty poor condition as well. The idea would be to replace these two items and make them more equitable to the other schools. Right now, Linden's Playscapes are substandard compared to Wheeler and Toffolon's playscapes which are new and much better than what Linden has. This is something Mr. Wallowitz had requested and is hopeful we can use some of these funds which would be in alignment with the grant allowances.

Next, the PHS Library Media Center: Thanks to Deb Pikiell, who has worked diligently on this project. The furniture right now does not meet the needs of the Library and some of it is falling apart. The furniture is mis-matched at the high school. Mr. LePage then showed a schematic drawing of the proposed layout. Their new proposal shows a lot of engaging centers, furniture and features that would really make this a high-level learning space and collaboration space. The room is full every period of the day and it hasn't always been that way. Mrs. Pikiell and Mrs. Tavernier-Morel have made it a friendly, productive space for kids. It is where they want to be. They feel safe and comfortable and they do a lot of work. They are not there to goof around. It's great to see the kids engaged. This proposal would make it more conducive to learning with additional sections. We would build on the current structure. There is also a community space for members of the community to meet and hopefully our Board of Education meeting can be held there as well. It could also be used as a rental space, such as the Auditorium. Other organizations could come and use it as a conference area. The area should be able to hold over 100 people. More information will be given at the Finance/Facilities Subcommittee meeting.

VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Student Representatives' Report

Isabella Grasso reported on the following:

► PHS students have been gearing up for the end of the school year with Juniors' receiving their SAT scores and looking for the right fit for colleges. They are also looking forward to Commitment Day which will be observed on May 1st.

► With thoughts and conversations of COVID19 progressively lowering, many students are seeing a shift in social life as well as a shift in lighter, more happier conversations. Students and staff are hoping that the changes in weather and the lowering of COVID19 cases will create a great end of the school year.

Garret Millette reported on the following:

► Looking back, PHS had their second successful Learning Adventure Day, which lasted the whole day on April 8th. Over 40 different events were available to students ranging from 2-6 hours long. This includes field trips to Mystic Aquarium, the ropes course at Nomads at Power Adventure Park and a tour of Tunxis Community College and Central Connecticut State University.

► On April 7th, Keegan Mullan was crowned the Class of 2022's Mr. PHS in a successful event that benefitted Project Graduation, which will be held at the Plainville YMCA on Graduation night, June 10th.

► The PHS Chapter of the National Honor Society has been holding their service project since January, which is a tutoring program for any High School student during their study hall in the Learning Commons. Different members of the National Honor Society (student volunteers) will tutor students each period of the day providing help in any subject including Math, Social Studies, Foreign Language and English. The Chapter is currently working on their second service project which will be a donation event to benefit the Plainville Food Drive which will take place all next week at Plainville High School.

► Everyone is looking forward to the Superintendent's Showcase this Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 PM, where the district will display the hard work of students and staff. There will also be performances by the PHS Jazz Band and the Chamber Choir.

► PHS Juniors and Seniors will prepare for AP testing which will take place from May 4 to May 11.

► 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. There are many more events yet to come.

B. Facilities/Finance Subcommittee Report—No Report

C. Policy Subcommittee Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence stated that the Policy Subcommittee met earlier today 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.

Mrs. St. Lawrence stated that as a committee, it was agreed that these five policies will move on to the next Board of Education meeting on May 9th for their first reading.

D. Curriculum Subcommittee Report

Mrs. Martinez reported on the following:

Mr. Cornelius gave the Curriculum Subcommittee a presentation on the middle school's piloting of a new Math curriculum and resources. In that meeting Assistant Superintendent David Levenduski stated that one half of the Middle School's 8th grade class is taking High School credit Honors Algebra I. However, once these students are getting into the high school, some are not ready and cannot pass the Algebra II credit classes that are offered. Next year they will look at the number of sections being offered to the 8th graders for High School credit Algebra I Honors and will reduce from 4-2 sections to ensure that when students get to High School, they will be fully ready for Algebra II. This will be

fluid, so it is not a cut to that class, it is just based on the needs of the class coming in. Therefore, in the future more sections can be added if needed. Mr. Levenduski also stated that COVID has certainly exacerbated learning loss.

Mr. Levenduski also spoke about the PHS dual enrollment offerings for College and Career Pathways. He spoke about the classes that can be offered such as:

UCONN ECE Coursework in Education: (for students interested in teaching)

EDCI 1100: If you Love It, Teach It

EDLR 2001: Contemporary Issues in Sport

EPSY 1100: Introduction to Special Education

Tunxis Coursework for Business: (for those students interested in entering the business world)

ACC 100: Accounting

BFN 110: Personal Finance

Student materials are funded through Tunxis via the Perkins grant. Credits can be transferred to other colleges.

UCONN ECE Coursework in Health: (students exploring medical options)

AH 1100: Introduction to Allied Health Professions

AH 2001: Medical Terminology

Goodwin Manufacturing Pathway:

CAD (Computer Aided Drafting)

Fourteen students are getting college credits for engineering concepts. The district is looking to move to two manufacturing courses, instead of one, allowing for more access.

Mr. Levenduski stated that many students have interests in various areas. If they are interested, they will succeed. However, the district doesn't want barriers to get in the way of giving students access.

E. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report

F. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report

Mr. White reported that the PAC last met on Wednesday, March 9 via Zoom. He reported on this meeting at the last BOE meeting. Their next meeting is scheduled for May 11 at 7 PM. It has not yet been determined if the meeting will be in-person or virtual.

G. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report

Mrs. Martinez reported on the following:

Mrs. Martinez reported that the Toffolon PTO last met on March 16th.

► The PTO treasurer's report stated that the PTO received a few fundraiser checks: Amazon Smiles \$169; Bay State Textiles \$81.50; Smashburger \$261.94; and Minifigs \$42.

► Field trips are back: 3rd graders will be going to Indian Rock; Grades 4 & 5 trips are pending Board of Education approval to Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts and the Bronx Zoo in New York; Grade 4 will go to the Science

Center in Hartford. Discussion also took place with regard to parents getting involved as chaperones.

- ▶ Pre-K and Kindergarten Parent Night will return in May.
- ▶ Tigermart has returned.
- ▶ Student Language Ambassadors were recently introduced by Jeff Wallowitz, Linden Principal. Since then, students who speak other languages volunteer to do morning announcements. 10-12 videos were done so far. Parents are encouraged to volunteer as well.
- ▶ Mr. Silliman started a gardening club tailored to the older students. There are approximately 35-40 students in the club. They meet on Wednesday mornings. They have planted seeds and plan to transplant them to flower beds as soon as the weather gets nicer.
- ▶ The Band Concert will be in-person at the end of May.
- ▶ Select Choir will be signing at the Yard Goats game on April 22.
- ▶ Possible family virtual trivia night will be scheduled within the next coming month.
- ▶ Friendship-grams were sold for St. Patrick's Day, they also sold 1,361 bracelets. Each student received at least one and the profit netted \$1,237.
- ▶ The PTO is looking to stock the staff lounge. If you would like to help but do not like to shop, Chedderup will do the shopping for you. You can donate to stock the lounge via Chedderup and send in a cash or check to the Toffolon PTO.
- ▶ The Scholastic Book Fair was held from March 21-25 during Parent/Teacher Conferences. The Fair went very well.
- ▶ The PTO is currently working on scholarships. They have 10 volunteers. The applications closed on April 9th and the committee is currently reviewing the applications.
- ▶ The 4 O'Clock Flower Sale, in conjunction with the Petit Foundation, will split a 50/50 profit. Pick up's will be between May 6 and 7. Holly Maynard is in charge. Profits thus far are at \$465 which means the PTO and Petit Foundation would each receive \$232. The 4 O'Clock's are \$5 each.
- ▶ The APEX Fun Run will take place from May 2-13.
- ▶ The PTO is looking for volunteers to help plan and come up with new fresh ideas to celebrate the end of the year picnic.
- ▶ The PTO created a wish list for people to donate items for the Toffolon end-of-the-year picnic.
- ▶ Taxes have been filed.
- ▶ The PTO will help fund some of the field trips this year and will done \$500 toward the 5th grade end-of-the-year picnic.
- ▶ The PTO discussed staff appreciation.
- ▶ The next meeting of the Toffolon PTO is set for April 20th.

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

I. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported that the MSP PTC met virtually on March 8th. Their next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19th at 7 PM.

J. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

Mrs. Buchanan stated that there are so many positive happenings at Wheeler School. Wheeler students are celebrating and highlighting each day with morning announcements. They always begin the day in a positive way. They share information and say the Pledge of Allegiance together as a school, led by

Principal Batchelder. They also recognize Leaders of the Pac and Charter Champions and there is a joke of the day which kick starts the day.

K. CREC Council Report—No Report

The CREC Council will meet on Wednesday, April 20th.

L. Chairperson's Report—No Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS--None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Becky Tyrrell stated that the explanation about the second Learning Adventure Day at the High School was amazing. She can't help but think about the time and effort that goes into planning and the fact that it only happens if everyone buys into it, i.e. students and staff. Congratulations to the school for doing things, i.e., real life stuff that gets people excited and makes learning relevant. She couldn't be happier.

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that she did notice that there is a retirement listed on the agenda for Steve Busel, Director of Facilities. She stated that Mr. Busel will be greatly missed by everyone. She stated that he always goes above and beyond. When he was hired, we never knew what his capabilities were. He has completely done things for the district that we never would have gotten accomplished without him. The district has very big shoes to fill.

She then stated that the Budget Vote will take place on Tuesday, April 26th from 6 AM to 8 PM in the Firehouse. There is always confusion on where to vote. Because this is a budget vote, Plainville has control over the location as stated in the Town Charter vs. voting during an election which is controlled by the State, who has their own set of rules to follow. Please get out and vote on April 26th at the Firehouse between 6 AM and 8 PM.

Rachel Buchanan congratulated Tricia Rapacky, Plainville High School Nurse, stating that it is a well-deserved acknowledgement. She also wanted to highlight some of the great things the student liaisons shared. She seconded Isabella's testament about a happy and positive school year, and the laundry list of next steps that everyone has to look forward to. She wished everyone a happy and safe end of the school year and looks forward to celebrating the Senior activities and being a part of it. She is very excited to hear about the tutoring program. She stated that it was an amazing service project. When her daughter went to school here, a peer tutor was always something they were on the hunt for. It's a fantastic program and she hopes students will take advantage of it.

Mrs. Buchanan also wanted to acknowledge that she is very excited to attend the Superintendent's Showcase. As a Board of Education, she stated that this is an incredible opportunity for the Board to look to the future and in the essence of diversity, equity and inclusion, starting off together and including diversity of thought and coming together to share ideas. She stated that she is excited about the time that is on the horizon. She thanked everyone and stated that she looks forward to the future.

Rebecca Martinez stated that she attended Mr. PHS festivities on April 7th and it was an amazing night. She commented that it was great to see the students having fun

and being so engaged. She noted that a lot of planning went into the night, and it was for a great fundraiser. She has it on her calendar to attend each year. She stated that the kids did an amazing job.

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 Participating in Health Food and Beverage Certification Initiative 07/01/22 to 06/30/23

The Healthy Food Certification statute (C.G.S. Section 10-215f) requires that each local board of education or governing authority for 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.

HEALTHY FOOD OPTION:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION AND FOOD EXEMPTION FOR 2022-2023 AS FOLLOWS: PERSUANT TO C.G.S. SECTION 10-215f, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OR GOVERNING AUTHORITY CERTIFIES THAT ALL FOOD ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE TO STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, AND NOT EXEMPTED FROM THE CONNECTICUT NUTRITION STANDARDS PUBLISHED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WILL COMPLY WITH THE CONNECTICUT NUTRITION STANDARDS DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2022, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023. THIS CERTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL FOOD OFFERED FOR SALE TO STUDENTS SEPARATELY FROM REIMBURSABLE MEALS AT ALL TIMES AND FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL STORES, VENDING MACHINES, SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, CULINARY PROGRAMS, AND ANY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES ON SCHOOL PREMISES SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL OR NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE COMBINED EXEMPTIONS

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E) Anticipated Vote on Bid Waiver: Linden Playscape and PHS Learning Commons Improvements

No action was taken this evening.

F) Request Acceptance of Administrator Resignation (Retirement)

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(B) Food Service Report

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--Main Street Foundation of Bristol (Men & Boys' Fund) to Adult Education....\$250

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, APRIL 18, 2022

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2520. A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 14, 2022 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 8-0.
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**Request Approval of Participating in Health Food and Beverage Certification
Initiative 07/01/22 to 06/30/23**

The Healthy Food Certification statute (C.G.S. Section 10-215f) requires that each local board of education or governing authority for 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.

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Town Council Notes
April 4, 2022

1. Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Project – Road Closure

- The Tomlinson Avenue Bridge Replacement Project has begun. The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning next Monday, April 11, 2022. Detours have been set up to direct motorists. Motorists are encouraged to avoid the area and seek alternate routes.
- Pedestrian traffic across the bridge will be maintained during the project. The closure is expected to extend through the summer.

2. Honor Heights Sewer Discussion

- Town staff continues to develop the plans to install sanitary sewers to the 84 homes that are in the Honor Heights neighborhood. The project is proposed as follows:
 - a. Project cost estimate \$1.2M to \$1.4M.
 - b. Source of Funding: Beneficial assessments \$840K (\$10K each residential property) and LoCIP Funding - \$560K (already in place)
 - c. It is proposed that the Town Council allow for the Beneficial Assessments be paid over a 10 or 20-year period at a simple interest rate of 2%.
 - d. The Beneficial Assessment would be due, in full, when a property is transferred/sold.
 - e. According to the Town Attorney, A town can pass an ordinance allowing elderly or disabled homeowners to pay their assessments in other ways. Such alternate payment methods are available only to people who are eligible for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief. The ordinance can allow owners to defer any or all payments, to pay only the annual

interest charge, or to pay in some other way that the WPCA approves. The outstanding principal must be paid when the property is transferred, or the property owner dies. Optional payment arrangements are subject to annual approval by the WCPA (CGS section 7-253a). (There are currently six property owners in the Honor Heights sub-division that currently qualify for circuit breaker, tax freeze, or municipal option tax relief)

- f. Property owners would not be required to connect to the sewer system if their current septic system continues to properly function.
- g. The plan would be for the sanitary sewers to be installed in 2023.
- The first step in the process would be an 8-24 referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission to confirm that the expansion is in concert with the Town Plan of Conservation and Development.
- Second, it is recommended that an Appraiser be engaged to determine the potential benefit that would accrue to the residential properties if sewers became available. Third, the Plainville Southington Health District should review the plans and provide information regarding the possible “life expectancy” for the existing septic systems. Fourth, a Public Hearing should be held to allow residents to ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed project.
- It is recommended that a Public Hearing on the proposed sewer installation be held in May. A recommendation on a specific date will be made at the April 18th Town Council meeting.

3. **ARPA Discussion and Proposed Projects – Library & Recreation**

- During the recent budget work sessions, the Town Council expressed an interest in utilizing Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds associated with the American Rescue Plan Act for the following proposed projects: Library – Estimated cost \$100,000 and Recreation Department – Estimated cost \$40,000 to make up for loss revenue that occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- There is an item under **New Business** that would schedule the Public Hearing during the April 18th Town Council meeting.

4. **Union Tentative Agreements**

- Tentative Agreements have been executed for both the Public Works Union and the Town Hall/Library/Dispatch Union for a three-year agreement beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025.
- The agreements call for 3% salary increases for each of the three years with health insurance employee contributions increasing by 1% in FY23 and 0.5% in the subsequent 2 years.
- There is an item under **New Business** that would have the Town Council ratify the Tentative Agreements between the two unions.

5. **Police Chief Reception** This is a reminder that a reception to welcome new Police Chief Christopher Vanghele will be

held on Wednesday evening (April 6th) from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Plainville Public Library.

- Residents and business owners are welcome to attend and meet the Police Chief. Light refreshments will be served.

6. Plainville/Southington Health District Update

- The Health District has recently hired two new employees and are now fully staffed. Tanielle Davis has been hired as the Chief Sanitarian for the District. She has a Master Degree in Public Health and previously worked for the Town of Manchester Health Department and the Farmington Valley Health District.
- Julia Burdacki-Krugel is a registered sanitarian who previously worked for the Chesprocott Regional Health District and is a member of the CT Environmental Health Association.
- Regional Health Director Susan Lonczak recently said that the Health District's focus – now that they are fully staffed – that over the next several months, staff will be catching up with restaurant inspections.

7. Farmington Avenue Tree Planting Update

- The Town Council recently authorized ten trees be replanted on Farmington Avenue. These trees were removed by the State Department of Transportation after being damaged by several recent storms.
- The tree plantings are expected to begin this Wednesday, April 6th.

8. Happenings

Linden Playscape & PHS Learning Commons Improvements

April 18, 2022

Three Steps:



We plan for these projects to be COVID Relief (ESSER) funded. Where applicable, we are utilizing the CT DAS Bid List, where contacts have been bid and awarded on behalf of municipalities and districts. In some cases, contracted state pricing expires on June 30, 2022 for pricing set prior to the recent period of inflation. Turnaround times, quality and Total Cost of Ownership also must be considered.

Tonight: Board consensus to proceed

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