

**PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING—FACILITIES AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**

Title: ► Middle School of Plainville Next Steps
► ESSER Funding Update

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Plainville High School Learning Commons

Attendees: Subcommittee Chair Foster White, Cassandra Clark,
Crystal St. Lawrence, Becky Tyrrell, and Chair, Lori
Consalvo, Ex-officio

Those Not Present: Rachel Buchanan

Also Present: Roberta Lauria and Rebecca Martinez
Kevin D. Case, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations

Subcommittee Chair Foster White called the special meeting of the Facilities and Finance Subcommittee to order at 6:02 PM.

Middle School of Plainville Next Steps

Mr. Adlerstein stated that there was a recent Joint Meeting of the Plainville Board of Education and the Plainville Town Council, which was held on July 24th at the Plainville Library. It was there that Board and Town Council members received information on a recent demographics study which was done as a means of deciding the next steps for the Middle School Project. Mr. Adlerstein stated that slides from the SLAM presentation were reviewed and discussed. This capacity study was conducted by PCSD with input from SLAM, which were based on floor plan markups by PCDS facilities, building principals and administration team, review of building schedules, and operational procedures.

Mr. Adlerstein stated that he and Mr. Case, Interim Superintendent, will meet with Mark Garilli of CSG tomorrow to review the updates and processes. The process right now consists of an update of the cost estimate. The Town Council will update the Bonding Plan, there will also be a review and update, if necessary, of the Ed Specs and other documentation, and review of State requirements and potential timeline.

In discussion with the Town Manager, Michael Paulhus and Assistant Town Manager, Andy Cirioli, it is hoped that there will be another Joint meeting with the Board and Town Council in mid-September (for consensus), which could lead to a Public Hearing in

November, a Referendum of the Project in February, 2024, leading to an application to the State by June 30, 2024.

Becky Tyrrell questioned the projections of new construction, specifically the White Oak renovations, and the development of Samuel's Crossing and the Cope Manor property. It is her concern that the projections were low. Mr. Adlerstein stated that the plan did project only a few students from the White Oak renovation project but that estimates from Samuel's Crossing and Cope Manor should be looked at again for comparison.

Cassandra Clark stated that she is concerned about transparency of information. Mr. Adlerstein stated that the information has been transparent and that information obtained in his and Mr. Case's meeting with Mr. Garilli will be presented to everyone.

ESSER Funding Update

Mr. Alderstein began by giving a brief update of the funds used by the ESSER grant. He stated that the district will use *Educational Support Services*, who is a mental health support organization who brings clinicians to the schools. He stated that there are approximately 15-20 middle school students in need of support services.

In addition, Mr. Case stated that looking at the increase in enrollments over the last week, the district will hire a one-year kindergarten teacher which will be paid through the ESSER Grant (\$50,000). The classroom enrollment was 19, 19, 20 and will now be 14, 14, 15, 15 to support all students. This decision was made quickly as notification of their child's teacher needs to be made to parents prior to the start of school.

Mr. Case also stated that both he, Mr. Adlerstein and fellow administrators are looking at all ESSER funded positions, as the budget cannot sustain an additional \$1M. He stated that the budget process will begin in the next few of months. In addition, the district is having a hard time finding a school psychologist and a social worker.

Mr. Adlerstein then discussed the encumbrances for ESSER III. He stated that the big-ticket encumbrances are the Middle School Air Conditioning Project at \$184,731, the Toffolon Playscape at \$94,526 and upgrades to the PHS pool (replacing valves) \$34,141. He also discussed April to August spending and total updates on ESSER II and III. He also reported that the Board will be able to fund realized savings: \$140,488 Dime Oil—Bus Fuel, \$50,000 Legal Fees and \$50,000 Turf Fund at the end of this fiscal year and proposes the realized savings above, similar to prior years.

Mr. Case stated that there were a few unexpected maintenance issues this week. There was a roof leak at Wheeler Elementary School which was take care of quickly. In addition, mold was found on stand-alone rugs/carpeting and some of the risers in the Band/Choral rooms of the Middle School. The rugs were discarded and Eagle Environmental was called in to remediate prior to the start of school. Eagle Environmental will clean everything including HVAC systems. Mr. Case will keep the Board abreast of these items.

Mr. White asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE FACILITIES AND FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE AT 6:41 PM. CRYSTAL ST. LAWRENCE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro
Recording Secretary

**PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**

Executive Session Title: Appointment of New Superintendent of Schools

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Time: 6:45 p.m.

Place: Plainville High School Learning Commons

Attendees: Board Chair, Lori Consalvo, Cassandra Clark, Roberta Lauria, Rebecca Martinez, Crystal St. Lawrence, Becky Tyrrell and Foster White

Those Not Present: Vice Chair, Rachel Buchanan

Also Present: Stacy Buden, Director of Human Resources

Board Chair Lori Consalvo called the special meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 6:45 PM.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

BECKY TYRRELL MADE A MOTION TO INVITE STACY BUDEN, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. ROBERTA LAURIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Discussion moved forward with the candidate who signed a contract of agreement with the Plainville Board of Education.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROBERTA LAURIA TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ENTER PUBLIC SESSION AT 7:00 PM. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Return to Public Session

Board Chair Lori Consalvo spoke about the Superintendent search process. She stated that the Board of Education contracted with Cooperative Educational Services (CES), one

of six Regional Education Service Centers (RESC's) supporting public schools in Connecticut, to oversee the Plainville Community Schools' superintendent search which began in the spring. She stated that the search process commenced with a public survey made available to community members and stakeholders in June. In addition, a series of focus groups were held with parents, teachers, administrators, students, town officials, and members of the community, to gather feedback relative to the selection of the next Plainville superintendent. At the same time, the position was widely publicized, both locally and nationally. After reviewing applications, the Plainville Board of Education selected and interviewed potential candidates based on a profile developed from the data gathered through the survey and focus group processes, and ultimately selected the right candidate for our district.

A MOTION WAS THEN MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO APPOINT BRIAN REAS AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 16, 2023. ROBERTA LAURIA SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Mr. Reas thanked the Board for selecting him as Plainville's new Superintendent and is looking forward to getting started.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO OFFICIALLY ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY FOSTER WHITE. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Immediately following the meeting, Mr. Reas and Board Chair Lori Consalvo (on behalf of the Board) both signed the new Superintendent's contract.

A reception immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro

Recording Secretary