

**PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Business Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Board Room
8:00 PM**

Meeting Called to Order by President

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Minutes

- a) Public Work Session December 12, 2013
- b) Regular Business Meeting December 12, 2013
- c) Special Meeting December 20, 2013

III. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Warrant Report 32-36

IV. Superintendent's Remarks

- Middle School Drama Selections – Music Man
- Senior Gold Card Update

V. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

VI. Kindergarten Orientation – Presentation by Carol Muscarella and Emily O'Brien

VII. New Elementary School Report Cards – Presentation by Todd Winch

VIII. Transportation Budget – Presentation by Bryan Velez and Christopher Dillon

IX. Communications

Question & Answer Period (On Agenda)

- a) All questions are directed to the Board of Education President
- b) Each speaker is limited to two minutes in total
- c) Each speaker is expected to use the microphone and clearly state their name.

X. New Business

1. Personnel Action Report

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the appointments, resignations, terminations, elimination of positions, transfers and leaves of absence as detailed in the Professional Personnel Action Report.

2. Co-Curricular and Coaching Appointments – 2013-2014

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the following co-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2013-2014

school year with compensation as provided in the collective bargaining agreement with the Plainedge Federation of Teachers.

3. **Recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education as to classification, evaluation, and education program as contained in the identified cases on file in the Office of Special Education, presented to the Board of Education by Mr. Philip Molnar, Chairperson of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education.

4. **Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of Obsolete textbooks.

5. **Bio Ridge Pharma LLC**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the contract between BioRidge Pharma, LLC and the Plainedge UFSD for EPIPENS for the 2013-2014 school year.

6. **Budget Transfers**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 budget transfers in the amount of \$40,000.00.

7. **TGI Office Automation**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the renewal of service contract between TGI Office Automation and the Plainedge UFSD for the address printer and 3-station folder inserter for the 2013-2014 school year.

8. **Bid for Auditorium Lighting**

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education does, hereby, award the bid for Auditorium Lighting for the 2013-2014 school year to Sensory Lighting & Sound Inc.

9. RFP for Special Education Audit

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education does, hereby, award the RFP for Special Education Audit for the 2013-2014 school year to Capital Region Education Council.

10. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of Obsolete computer equipment.

11. Labor Seasonal/Student/Summer Worker Rate

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the revised hourly wages based on new NYS minimum wage requirements effective 12/31/13:

Year 1	\$8.00 per hour
Year 2	\$8.50 per hour
Year 3	\$9.00 per hour

12. Adoption of the Board of Education Calendar for 2014-2015

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education adopt the 2014-2015 Board of Education Meeting calendar.

13. Seaford UFSD – DOR/DOL

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Seaford Union Fee School District for District of Location/District of Residence for the 2013-2014 school year.

14. Melville Marriott

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the contract between Plainedge Public Schools and Melville Marriott for the HS Junior Prom for the 2013-2014 school year.

15. Interscholastic Athletics Policy 5280

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Interscholastic Athletics Policy.

XI. Question & Answer Period

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XII. Other

XIII. Adjournment

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16. Testing Resolution

It is the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District is committed to providing its students with educational experiences that are rich in content and rigor, while helping students to become confident, passionate learners; and

WHEREAS, our nation's schools have been spending growing amounts of time, money and energy on high-stakes standardized testing, in which student performance on standardized tests is used to make major decisions affecting individual students, educators and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District believes that, as a result of inadequate planning for the implementation of the Common Core Standards by the New York State Education Department, as well as the current focus on standardized testing, there has been a negative impact on our students' educational experience. The aggressive timeframe for implementation has generated more unease than growth for students, teachers and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District supports educational accountability in public schools, but believes that the overreliance on high-stakes standardized testing in state and federal accountability systems is undermining educational quality in United States public schools. This over-reliance on standardized testing hampers educators' efforts to focus on a broad range of learning experiences including innovation, creativity, problem-solving, collaboration and communication – all critical skills needed to compete in our increasingly global society and economy; and

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District believes that the current assessments do not appropriately reflect Common Core Standards or predict college and career readiness. Therefore, the Plainedge Public School District does not subscribe to the message of failure that is being sent to many of our students. The new tests offered in elementary and middle school are unwieldy and burdensome and have no proven track record as a measure of college readiness.

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District believes that the current tests especially fail to appropriately accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and English Language Learners, resulting in test scores that do not represent an accurate measure of student achievement or potential. Furthermore, the tests and testing schedule have a disproportionate negative effect on children with developmental differences, disabilities and English Language Learners and they are developmentally inappropriate for a vast number of children. Lastly, the

current data shows that increased testing does not result in optimized learning outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District calls on Governor Cuomo, Commissioner King, the New York State Legislature and the Board of Regents to reexamine public school accountability systems currently in use, and to develop a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing and more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning, and is used to support students and improve schools; and

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public School District believes that student data should be utilized solely for the purpose of evaluating student learning and access to personal information should not be shared with any third party vendors; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education hereby demands that data on Plainedge students not be transmitted to InBloom or any other private third party provider.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Public School District requests that the Governor, the Commissioner of Education, the New York State Board of Regents, the State Education Department, and the New York State Legislature all work together to suspend the current system of student assessment. Furthermore, we request that the Commissioner involve all stakeholders in the development of a revised, research based, age appropriate assessment program with a well thought out timeline; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Public Schools calls upon the United States Congress and the United States Department of Education to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as the “No Child Left Behind Act,” reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability.