



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session & Regular Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

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Tuesday, April 5, 2016

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Catherine Flanagan	President	Present	
Raymond Paris	Vice President	Present	
Debra Grieci	Trustee	Present	
Dennis Gustafson	Trustee	Present	
Douglas Pascarella	Trustee	Late	9:09
Eric Szillus	Trustee	Present	
Sisi Townson	Trustee	Present	
Edward A. Salina	Superintendent	Present	
Guy J. Le Vaillant	Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Instructional Technology	Present	
Todd Winch	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present	
Peter Porrazzo	Assistant Superintendent for Business	Present	
Christopher Dillon	Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration & Special Projects	Present	

2. Motion to: Open Public Work Session - 7:04 pm

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
AWAY:	Debra Grieci, Douglas Pascarella

3. Motion to: Open Executive Session - 7:05 pm

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
AWAY:	Debra Grieci, Douglas Pascarella

4. Motion to: Adjourn Executive Session - 7:34 pm

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
AWAY:	Douglas Pascarella

5. Motion to: Reconvene Public Work Session at 8:00 pm

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
AWAY:	Douglas Pascarella

I. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Flanagan led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Superintendent's Remarks

a. Student Spotlight - Recognition of Valedictorian/Salutatorian/Summa cum Laude

Dr. Salina along with Principal Robert Amster presented certificates to the Valedictorian, Salutatorian and Summa cum Laude students for the Class of 2016. Principal Amster addressed the community about the 19 summa cum laude students who achieved a weighted average of 100 or higher for seven semesters of high school. They were also recognized at a breakfast in February. Once this recognition ceremony was completed Dr. Salina then spoke about some recent administration changes. Dr. Salina spoke about recent promotions and appointments that the Board was announcing this evening. Mr. Joseph Maisano will be the new Director of Special Education, and Mr. John Reynolds will be the Assistant Principal of the High School. The district also hired two new employees - Bridget Murphy as the Assistant Director of Special Education and Mr. Joseph Jaronczyk as the Director of Facilities. Mr. Pascarella was absent at the time of voting.

Motion to: Accept items #2, 11 under New Business

RESULT:	APPROVED [6-0-1]
MOVER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Grieci, Paris, Townson, Szillus
AWAY:	Pascarella

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations**a. Advisory - Instructional & Administrative Technology 2016-2017 Budget Presentation - Dr. Guy LeVaillant**

Dr. Guy LeVaillant presented the 2016-2017 Instructional & Administrative Technology budget. Some of the district's top overall goals are to enhance access to technology 24/7, provide interactive multimedia capabilities in the classrooms, and enhance technology integration and professional development. The budget to budget increase is \$56,896 or 2.93%. This is about 2.2% of the overall district budget. The largest increases are occurring in Central Data - BOCES services and computer instruction contractual and software. There were many upgrade projects completed in 2015-2016 some of them included expanding the iPad one to one program, installing mirror 360 district-wide, implementing SplashTop for Interactivity from mobile devices and projectors, the continuation of e-Spark. The Innovation Learning Center formerly the Board room has been completed. The district continues to perform a technology needs assessment each year. Some new initiatives for 2016-2017 are the continued replacement of out of date equipment, enhancing telecommunications network, continuing support of expansion of Research and STEAM initiatives, implementing wireless document cameras, and upgrading the student research classroom. There is a multi- year plan for network upgrades.

Mr. Gustafson asked how old the oldest whiteboard is - Dr. LeVaillant said we are replacing some of them, some we are able to retrofit with a new bulb kit. There is a district-wide replacement plan schedule. The average life span is 5-7 years of a white board. For the one to one program in 2016-2017 for the High School we are looking at chrome books or other mobile solutions other than iPads, there will be an exploratory committee to research alternatives. We are continuing to expand our STEAM and Robotics initiatives. Mr. Gustafson asked why there is an issue of usage of iPads in grades 9-10, Dr. LeVaillant responded that the iPads are not the device of choice, they lack a keyboard. They are great for the smart music program and some special education programs. Mr. Paris asked about a projection system in the high school auditorium, Dr. LeVaillant responded. Mrs. Flanagan stated she is looking forward to hearing what the new committee will come up with for high school student devices.

b. Advisory - Revised Revenue Budget 2016-2017 Presentation - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Porrazzo presented a revised revenue budget for 2016-2017 as a result of the restoration of the Gap elimination adjustment and further reductions in budgeted expenses. Based on the increase of state funds, we will appropriate \$383,285 less from fund balance. Our new budget to budget increase is 1.47%. Dr. Salina spoke about the Gap elimination adjustment and that it has been restored. Mr. Gustafson asked about the amount being appropriated out of fund balance. Mrs. Grieci asked about the 2012-2013 appropriation and about the tax levy. Mr. Porrazzo stated that a lot of the revenue budget is still based on projections. Mr. Paris asked if we could get more state aid, Mr. Porrazzo stated it's possible but it depends on the areas where the district expends funds.

c. Advisory - Final Budget 2016-2017 Presentation & Deliberations - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Porrazzo presented the final draft of the 2016-2017 budget. Total spending is \$91,509,907 which is a 1.47% increase above last year. Mr. Porrazzo reviewed each of the budget drivers and their variance to the budget from each of the past presentations. Dr. Salina spoke about the special education needs that are driving the additional staffing needs to educate these students in-district. There was a discussion about the benefits to educating our student's in-district. Mr. Gustafson stated that he thought the budget process worked well this year and he is comfortable with the increase we are projecting.

d. Advisory - BOCES 2016-2017 Budget - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Peter Porrazzo presented the 2016-2017 BOCES administrative budget. The Board is scheduled to meet on April 19th at 7pm to vote on the budget and Nassau BOCES Board candidates.

e. Advisory - Middle School Athletics - 7/8 Girls Lacrosse Team Discussion

Dr. Salina received several communications from concerned Middle school parents about the girls 7/8 lacrosse team. The Board had a discussion about how to respond to the community's requests. Dr. Salina spoke about the Athletics and Physical Education budget presentation that Mr. LaBelle presented in February. Our current budget projects a 7/8 combined team. There are currently over 40 students interested in playing girls lacrosse. One of the difficulties is in attracting a qualified coach and assistant coach. The district and Mr. LaBelle inquired of Nassau BOCES if it's possible to add another team. Mr. LaBelle thinks he's found a possible coach. Dr. Salina spoke about the possible options/scenarios. Dr. Salina is recommending to the Board that we separate the students into 2 teams - a 7th grade and an 8th grade team. The district would need to do a transfer of salary from one department to interscholastic athletics because the current 2015-16 budget doesn't have a second team with a coach and related expenses allocated. It costs about \$7,000 - \$10,000 to cover the salary, BOCES fees, uniforms and equipment costs.

Mrs. Townson stated she felt that supporting athletics is very important and that keeping Middle school students involved in after school activities is imperative. Mr. Paris said the PAL 6th grade program is very strong and will be a feeder into the Middle School next year. He feels it's about learning the game in middle school. Mr. Szillus said 40 is a lot on a team, and cutting at the Middle School isn't a solution, and that as long as we can find the money in the budget he would like to go forward with adding the second team. Mr. Gustafson asked if 23- 7th graders and 17 -8th graders is enough to field 2 teams, he fully supports the addition. Mrs. Grieci asked if we will have money in the budget for next year to keep two teams and that we should plan on it now since we're adopting the budget tonight. Dr. Salina said we would plan to have two teams for next year. Mr. Pascarella supports the additional team. Mrs. Flanagan said our children belong here in our school playing on our fields.

IV. Review of Business Agenda

There were no questions

V. Future Agenda Items

There were no items.

VI. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard - Question & Answer Period - (On Agenda Items Only)

1. Mr. Palmer from Plainedge Youth Lacrosse thanked the Board for adding this team. He suggested that the district speak to all the clubs about enrollment.
2. Denise Fischetti said she is thrilled that the Board is creating another team.
3. Joanne Lobella asked for further description of the Executive Director position. Dr. Salina responded with a description of what the position would entail.

VII. Adjournment of Public Work Session

1. **Motion to:** Adjourn Public meeting at 9:10 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus

VIII. Convene Regular Business Meeting

1. **Motion to:** Convene Regular Business Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
SECONDER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus

IX. Approval of Minutes

- a. **Motion to:** Accept Minutes of March 22, 2016

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Debra Grieci, Raymond Paris
SECONDER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus

X. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Gustafson congratulated the Robotics team and said he was sorry he missed the competition.

Mrs. Flanagan attended the ASSET conference where the students were teaching the adults, she said it was a great experience. She also attended with other Board members some of the high school boy's lacrosse games.

XI. New Business

Motion to: Accept Item #1 under New Business

Mrs. Flanagan read the resolution and called for a roll call.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus

1. Adoption of the 2016-2017 Budget

WHEREAS, a proposed school district budget for the 2016-2017 school year has been prepared by the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of a public hearing which will be held on the proposed budget on May 10, 2016, it is

RESOLVED, that the estimated expenses of the Plainedge Union Free School District, as set forth in the proposed budget in the amount of **\$91,509,907** is hereby approved. Copies thereof shall be made available at each school building, district office, and public library a proposition for the approval thereof shall be presented to the school district voters on May 17, 2016, at the annual meeting of the school district.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Catherine Flanagan	yes
Debra Grieci	yes
Dennis Gustafson	yes
Raymond Paris	yes
Douglas Pascarella	yes
Eric Szillus	yes
Sisi Townson	yes

Motion to: Accept items #3-10, and 12-14 under New Business

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus

2. Personnel Action Report

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.

3. Co-Curricular 2015-2016

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the following co-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2015-2016 school year with compensation as provided in the collective bargaining agreement with the Plainedge Federation of Teachers.

4. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education

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 Dr. D. Stephanie Lamanno, Chairperson of the Committee on Preschool Special Education and Committee on Special Education.

5. Amended Appointment of Election Inspectors

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the appointments to serve as election inspectors for the May 17, 2016 Annual School Budget Vote.

6. Cooperative Bid - Bus, Van, Auto Parts & Transmission

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the participation in a Cooperative Bid for Materials and Supplies (Bus, Van, Auto Parts & Transmissions).

7. Donation - John H. West PTA

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the donation from the John H. West PTA in the amount of \$500.00 for the 5th grade field trip to be deposited in the Trust & Agency account.

8. Donation - John H. West Red Ribbon Contest

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the donation from National Family Partnership in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the John H. West School for winning the Red Ribbon Week contest.

9. Health & Welfare Services - South Huntington

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Service Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and South Huntington Union Free School District for the 2015-2016 school year.

10. Memorandum of Agreement - CSEA, Local 1000, Local 865 for the Aides & Monitors Unit

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Plainedge Union Free School District hereby ratifies and approves the Memorandum of Agreement dated 2/26/16, between the School District and the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc., Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Unit 18, Nassau Educational Local 865 for the Aides and Monitors Unit and authorizes the President of the Board of Education and/or Superintendent to execute the new collective bargaining agreement incorporating the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement.

11. Non-Aligned Personnel

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Employment Agreement effective May 23, 2016 - June 30, 2016 for the Director of Facilities III,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President to execute said Employment Agreement.

12. Plainedge Public Library Type II Project

WHEREAS, the Plainedge Public Library is seeking to embark upon a capital improvement to replace the lower level HVAC unit at the Library ("Library Project");

WHEREAS, the Library is a public school library, and as such, the Library requires authorization from the Board of Education before undertaking the Library Project at the Library facilities;

WHEREAS, said Library Project is subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);

WHEREAS, the Library Project is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c);

WHEREAS, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has examined the information provided by the Library related to the Library Project and has determined that said Library Project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c) of the SEQR Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the above-referenced Library Project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQR; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Plainedge Public Library to undertake the necessary steps to proceed with the capital improvement for the replacement of the lower level HVAC unit at the Plainedge Public Library.

13. TGI Office Automation

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and TGI Office Automation for maintenance service agreement for the MBM 207M folder machine.

14. William P. Lamont

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and William P. Lamont for Poetry workshops for Middle School students from May 9-12, 2016.

XII. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard - Question & Answer Period

1. Maryann Karageorges stated that she was aware that the Plainedge library budget will not be on the ballot this year because it is not being increased and therefore it's not required to be on the ballot but the library trustees will be on the ballot. She asked how will the school district explain that somehow to the public as to why the library budget is not on the ballot? She stated that it may be confusing to the public since the trustees are on the ballot but the budget is not. She wanted to know how the Board would inform the community about this. Dr. Salina responded that it will not be on the ballot, but the library trustees will be on the ballot. He stated that the library is not increasing their budget therefore, they are not legally required to add a resolution to the budget ballot but he has been discussing this issue with our attorneys. He stated he currently didn't have a final answer on how this would be handled but he is aware of the situation and working towards a resolution.

2. Joanne Lobella asked about opt out numbers. Dr. Salina stated it was approximately 78% in grades 3-8.

XIII. Other

XIV. Adjournment of Regular Business Meeting

1. **Motion to:** Adjourn Regular Business Meeting at 9:42 pm

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Debra Grieci, Trustee
SECONDER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus