



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

241 Wyngate Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758
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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, February 11, 2016

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order

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

Motion to: Convene Regular Business Meeting at 8:00 PM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks /Student Spotlight - High School Chamber Group - Director: Laura Ruotolo

Dr. Salina introduced Mrs. Ruotolo and the High School Chamber Group who performed "Bailes Para Orquestra" by Richard Meyer.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Draft - Public Work Session - January 12, 2016

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

b. Draft - Regular Business Meeting - January 14, 2016

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
AYES:	Pascarella, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
ABSTAIN:	Debra Grieci

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Warrant Reports #43 - 49

a. Treasurer's Report

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

b. Warrant Reports - #43-49

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

V. Reports/Discussions/Presentations**a. Fine & Performing Arts 2016 - 2017 Budget Presentation - Stephen Hoffman**

Mr. Stephen Hoffman presented the 2016-17 Fine and Performing Arts Budget this evening. Mr. Hoffman's Budget is increasing \$25,164 for the year. The total budget is \$147,814. Mr. Hoffman stated the increase is due to new digital photography equipment, new easels for the AP Art class and a silk screening machine for t-shirt design. The increase in contractual is for royalty rights for Middle School and High School musicals, set designs and the smart music program. The uniform reconditioning increase is for kick line uniforms. The Board asked questions about contractual costs and equipment needs and Mr. Hoffman responded. Mr. Hoffman reviewed the district's overall equipment budget and we have been replacing instruments over the past five years.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed why studying music makes us better students. He then reviewed the NYS Learning standards and what classes are offered in K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. At the High School level the newest class being offered is digital photography II. The district has ample co-curricular opportunities for music and art students. This year we are hosting the NYSSMA competition for Farmingdale, Plainedge and Massapequa here at Plainedge in April. There will be approximately 2,500 participants for NYSSMA here at Plainedge. The district has 97% participation in music and 69% in art.

Mr. Hoffman then showed a video of students explaining the use of the smart music program. This program assists students to practice their music at home and receive feedback on their performance and technique. The program will grade them on tone, pitch and accuracy of their performance.

Mr. Hoffman then discussed future initiatives such as digital photography II, Smart music program, the integration of NYS learning standards, continuing district-wide participation in the art supervisors' association, and continuing staff professional development.

Mr. Gustafson asked where in the budget process are we going to make choices about which increases the district can afford and where we would need to make potential cuts. Mr. Gustafson felt this \$25K increase is substantial and he posed the possibility of what if we only had a \$15k increase when the board would discuss that option in the process. He questioned if we wait for all the budgets to be presented and then we discuss making decisions on each budget presentation. Dr. Salina responded and explained the thought process of where decisions would be made. Dr. Salina feels at this point the recommendations are beneficial to the students and that we can achieve all of the presentation initiatives. Mr. Gustafson asked about the restrictive tax levy .3%, Mr. Porrizzo responded that inflation is the biggest driver of the tax levy calculation which is out of our control. There was a discussion about the budget process and when we will have to make financial decisions. Mrs. Grieci asked about the facilities budget and the money allocated for utilities, she asked when we will see the energy performance contract benefits. There was a discussion that followed. Dr. Salina said there will be more adjustments at a later date.

b. Board of Education 2016 - 2017 Budget Presentation - Peter Porrizzo

Mr. Porrizzo presented the Board of Education 2016-17 budget. Mr. Porrizzo presented a 12.3 decrease or \$15k from 2015-16. Mr. Porrizzo reviewed all the budget drivers for the Board of Education budget. He also reviewed the district meeting budget for the annual school budget vote.

Mr. Gustafson asked questions about the budget vote contractual costs and a discussion followed. Mr. Gustafson then asked questions about the rising expenses in conference and travel. Mr. Paris stated that he felt that this Board would like to continue to attend conferences and webinars and further their professional development. Mr. Paris believes there are new Board members who should have the opportunity to attend educational seminars which is part of our board policy. He stated that while it might not all be used, we should have the funds available for the Board to educate themselves and to network with other Board members for the benefit of our school district. Mr. Pascarella asked about the \$11k increase and Mrs. Flanagan explained the method for the calculation which is that they estimated an average amount based on a few people attending each conference. Mr. Gustafson asked additional questions and there was a discussion that when we need to make final financial decisions this is an area of the budget he would like to review again.

VI. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Szillus spoke about the wonderful production quality of the Middle School play the Sound of Music. Mr. Szillus also attended the winter concerts at the elementary schools. Mr. Gustafson attended the Ethics bowl with Mrs. Flanagan, Mr. Paris and Dr. Salina at Hofstra University. Mrs. Grieci attended the Varsity Cheerleading trip to Florida. She also attended a wrestling match and is looking forward to county championships at Hofstra this weekend. Mrs. Townson attended the Middle School PTA forum to educate parents about social media, and she stated it was well attended. She also attended the Middle School play and she thanked Dr. Salina and the staff for going out of their way to keep the show going on even though we had a snow day. Dr. Salina gave credit to Mr. Dillon and his staff for their extra efforts. Mr. Paris stated he attended the girls' varsity basketball games, the winter elementary concerts, the quiz bowl and he's looking forward to the Washington DC competition. He also stated that the Drug Free, Health and Wellness Coalition will be developing an important workshop and information is coming soon. Mrs. Flanagan attended the wrestling match this weekend, the basketball games, Eastplain concert and the SEPTA meeting.

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

There were no questions.

VIII. New Business

Dr. Salina brought public attention to the items #9, 10 the donations from the lacrosse club and the 3d printer for the Middle school. He thanked each person/group for their generous donation.

Motion to: Approve items #1-44

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

1. 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.

2. Co-Curricular and Coaching Appointments - 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.

3. 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.

4. Adults and Children with Learning and Development Disabilities

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Adults and Children with Learning and Development Disabilities, for Special Education Data Collection, Analysis and Reporting (SEDCAR) Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

5. Association for Children with Down Syndrome

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and the Association for Children with Down Syndrome for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

6. Brookville Center for Children's Services

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Brookville Center for Children's Services for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

7. Developmental Disabilities Institute

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Developmental Disabilities Institute for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

8. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of Obsolete Equipment from the Plainedge Public Schools.

9. Donation - Plainedge High School Lacrosse

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the donation to the Plainedge High School Lacrosse Team of Sports Apparel & Equipment from an anonymous parent.

10. Donation - Plainedge Middle School Technology

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the donation of an Afinia H480 3D Printer, valued at \$1,299.00 to Mr. Czachor's classes in the Technology Department at the Plainedge Middle School, from Ms. Jennifer Dorane.

11. Health & Welfare Service Agreement - Amityville UFSD

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

12. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Amityville UFSD

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

13. Health & Welfare Services - Bay Shore UFSD

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

14. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Bellmore UFSD

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

15. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Comsewogue UFSD

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

16. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Connetquot UFSD

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

17. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - East Meadow UFSD

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

18. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Farmingdale UFSD

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

19. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Freeport UFSD

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

20. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Hempstead UFSD

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

21. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Hicksville UFSD

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

22. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Island Trees UFSD

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

23. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Levittown UFSD

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

24. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Lindenhurst UFSD

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

25. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Massapequa UFSD

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

26. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Merrick UFSD

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

27. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - North Babylon UFSD

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

28. Health & Welfare Services Agreement- North Bellmore UFSD

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

29. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - North Merrick UFSD

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

30. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Seaford UFSD

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

31. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - South Huntington UFSD

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.

32. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Wantagh UFSD

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

33. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - West Islip UFSD

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

34. Impartial Hearing Officer

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following appointment of Ms. Theresa Joyner as an Impartial Hearing Officer.

35. Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

36. Leake & Watts Services

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Leake & Watts Services for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

37. Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Marion K. Salomon & Associates, Inc. for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

38. Mid Island Therapy Associates

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Mid Island Therapy Associates for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

39. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

40. Seaford UFSD Tuition

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Seaford Union Fee School District for tuition for the 2015-2016 school year.

41. Summit School

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Summit School for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

42. The Hagedorn Little Village School

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and The Hagedorn Little Village School for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

43. Variety Child Learning Center

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and the Variety Child Learning Center for SEDCAR Flow-Through Funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

44. Wantagh UFSD Tuition

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

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

Mrs. Karageorges stated that at the December Board meeting the Board approved a district legislative advocacy committee she asked when the public would be notified about how the committee will be developed and where it will be advertised. There were questions and discussion about how the committee will be formed. Dr. Salina and Mrs. Flanagan responded.

X. Other

There were no other items.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 9:07 PM

Motion to: Adjourn Regular Business Meeting - 9:07 PM

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

XII. NOTES