



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session HS - Innovation Learning Center

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order

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

2. Motion to: Open Public Work Session - 7:01 pm

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

3. **Motion to: Open Executive Session - 7:03 pm**

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

4. **Motion to: Adjourn Executive Session - 7:41 pm**

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

5. **Motion to: Reconvene Public Work Session - 8:02 pm**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Flanagan, Gustafson, Townson, Szillus
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I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

Dr. Salina spoke about the various Plainedge events he has attended over the past month. Dr. Salina also mentioned the impending snowy weather. Dr. Salina spoke about attending the Ethics Bowl at Hofstra, all the winter elementary concerts, the All-County concerts at the Tilles Center. He spoke about the Great Kindness Awareness week at the elementary schools and that we are currently holding Kindergarten registration week.

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations

a. Staff Spotlight - Literacy Coaches Presentation - Todd Winch, Stacey Schwartz, Danielle Terravecchia, Allison Wasserman

Mrs. Flanagan introduced the Literacy Coaches who are presenting this evening. Dr. Salina then introduced Mr. Winch who spoke about the reading and writing

programs at Plainedge. Mr. Winch then provided some background about how Plainedge came to become part of the Teachers College program. This has been an ongoing initiative for the past two years. There is a literacy coach in each of the elementary schools. This is the first year of the writing program. Ms. Wasserman spoke about the role that each literacy coach has in each of the different buildings and gave examples of what she does in each of the grade levels. Each grade receives two periods with the Teachers College staff developer. She described how they work with the building staff, the Principals and with Mr. Winch. She spoke about some of the conferences they have attended, and the information and best practices they are bringing back to the classroom. They reviewed several videos of the Principals speaking about how continuing professional development is so important to the literacy program.

Ms. Terravecchia spoke about the typical writing workshop in the classroom. She explained how the teachers use small groups, conferences and independent work to help develop each student's writing skills. When the teacher is working in a one on one or in small groups the other students are independently working on their own writing work, they also have writing partners they can work with.

Ms. Schwartz spoke about the share part of the lesson. They can partner share, small group share, and a whole class share which spotlights student work on the document cameras. The teaching share is a great opportunity to teach them a new way and have them use it immediately. She played videos of the students explaining how the program works. The writing workshop focuses on three types of writing - narrative, opinion, and informational. Ms. Wasserman asked the Board to open their envelopes which contained their presentation and asked them to read the chart in the envelope. Teacher's College makes their writing interdisciplinary so they are bringing in social studies and science. The coaches discussed the expectations for each grade level, the pre and post on demand assessments conducted, and the rubric used to assess students. This helps the teacher to determine their small groups and it helps the students self-assess. They will be continuing their work with Teacher's College, and teachers are going to workshops in NYC at the Teacher's College. They are preparing for Teacher's College Reading program next year.

Mr. Gustafson spoke about how much he loved the program. He asked how often the three coaches meet and if the three schools are consistently receiving the same lessons and units. The coaches responded that they have a schedule and they're constantly refining it. Mr. Gustafson asked how we are incorporating this at the Middle School and High School level. Mr. Winch spoke about his presentation last year about restructuring the Middle School and

adding 1/2 day of writing at the Middle School. The plan is for the Middle School to become a Teacher's College school, they won't have a coach but they will have Teacher's College professional development to have a vertically aligned K-8 curriculum. Teacher's College is only K-8. Mr. Gustafson asked if reading will also be in the Middle School. Mr. Winch doesn't have the full plan yet. Teacher's College is a 5-7 year plan, it's very intensive for it to be fully implemented. Mr. Szillus requested that maybe next time they could bring some of the students to the meeting to celebrate their work. Ms. Towson said thank you to all the teachers and that this program is going to help the children embrace reading and writing. Mrs. Grieci thought the video clips were excellent. Mrs. Flanagan thanked them and mentioned that this is a major shift for the district and this is great for the children.

b. 2nd Draft of 2016-2017 Budget Presentation - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Porrazzo presented the second draft of the 2016-2017 budget. He reviewed the budget calendar briefly and the upcoming monthly schedule of presentations. In January the first draft was presented to the Board as well as the Facilities and Transportation budgets. We are at a 2.51% increase over the 2015/16 adopted budget.

c. Physical Education, Health & Interscholastic Athletics 2016-2017 Budget Presentation - Jamie LaBelle

Mr. Jamie LaBelle presented the 2016-17 Physical Education, Health and Interscholastic Athletics budget. Mr. LaBelle thanked the community for their involvement, support and assistance with our athletic programs. There's a 5.67% increase from last year, or \$16,945. Budget drivers are increase in AED's, fitness room exercise/safety upgrades, replacement of team safety equipment, professional development for coaches, and replacement of district uniforms. He discussed that lacrosse helmets will become the next wave in the concussion focus. This year we need to comply with NYS ball adoption, NYS has signed a deal with Spalding balls, we will need to buy all new athletic balls. Mr. LaBelle spoke about the number of opportunities for Middle School students to participate in Middle School sports (over 500). There are over 700 opportunities in the High School for participation in athletics. Mrs. Grieci asked about volleyball which seems to be declining, there is no Middle School or JV teams. Mr. LaBelle discussed new program initiatives including sports medicine, rhythm and movement, fitness, and competitive games. We are continuing to update facility aesthetics, athletic safety equipment, the district uniform inventory and storage area.

Mr. Szillus spoke about the Crease club donation and the lacrosse helmets. These are among the highest quality helmets. There isn't a helmet rating similar to football but it's coming. Mrs. Grieci asked if there's a replacement schedule plan for uniforms and safety equipment. Mr. LaBelle maintains all of this and he has a 4 year schedule for replacements. Mrs. Flanagan said we are moving forward with the breakout of rhythm and movement and sports medicine, she asked if we received positive feedback which Mr. LaBelle said has been great. Mr. Gustafson raved about Mrs. Knee for the work she does with the students. Mrs. Grieci asked about the trainer's schedule and Mr. LaBelle stated he schedules him for the events that might have the highest potential for injury.

d. APPR & Teacher Certification Presentation - Todd Winch

Mr. Winch presented APPR & Teacher certification. First he reviewed the current district APPR plan and how the teachers are evaluated. Observations/artifacts accounts for 60%, state measure accounts for 20%, local measure accounts for 20%. Changes to APPR this year (2015-16) - the commissioner decided that ELA and Mathematics scores cannot be used in any way to evaluate principals or teachers. The impact on elementary teachers for this year only they will receive their measure based on 60 point observation/evaluation. Middle school teacher evaluations are varied based on whether they receive a growth score from SED and which subject matter they teach. There's no change at the High School. Moving forward for the next four years - the district will need to develop SLO's that do not use the Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics scores. 3012-D is the new plan which needs to be in place by September. There is no 100 point score next year, teachers/principals must have 2 observations and one by an independent observer and no local measure.

Mr. Winch then went on to describe the Tenure changes. Tenure is now a 4 year process. Teachers need to have effective or highly effective ratings in 3/4 years, teacher rated ineffective in their last year can't receive tenure, teachers who received tenure in another district can have 4 years reduced to 3.

Mr. Winch then discussed changes to Teacher certification. All teachers must register their license with the state. Teachers who currently hold a Professional certification require 175 hours of professional development every 5 years to keep your license active, next year that will be lowered to 100 hours every 5 yrs. In July the 5 year period will start over for everyone. Only approved agencies can provide the 100 hours that counts towards professional development. Teachers who do not register within the year will not be able to teach.

IV. Public Work Session

a. Fiscal Reports

1. Cafeteria P&L
2. Cash Flow Summary-November 2015
3. Claims Audit Report - January 2016
4. Claims Audit Report - December 2015
5. Collateral Report-November 2015
6. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund A
7. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund C
8. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund F
9. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund H
10. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund V
11. Treasurer's Report
12. Trial Balance Report November 2015
13. Warrant Reports - #43 - 49

There were no questions on the fiscal reports

V. New Business

There was no new business.

VI. Review of Business Agenda

There were no questions on the business agenda.

VII. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

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

1. Joe Sinai - a parent mentioned his child's ipad can't access the Journey's app because it doesn't have adobe. Dr. LeVaillant stated he would assist the parent after the meeting. The same parent discussed the gym floor at Schwarting and had concerns that it was a cement floor and he asked if we would consider a new floor in the gym. Dr. Salina said this project was not currently in the 5 year plan because the floor is functional and there were other higher priority items.

IX. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:35 PM

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X. NOTES