



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting Board of Education - Board Room

241 Wyngate Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758
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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, January 14, 2016

8:00 PM

Board of Education - Board Room

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Catherine Flanagan	President	Present	
Raymond Paris	Vice President	Present	
Debra Grieci	Trustee	Absent	
Dennis Gustafson	Trustee	Present	
Douglas Pascarella	Trustee	Present	
Eric Szillus	Trustee	Present	
Sisi Townson	Trustee	Present	
Edward A. Salina	Superintendent	Present	
Todd Winch	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present	
Peter Porrazzo	Assistant Superintendent for Business	Present	
Christopher Dillon	Assistant to the Superintendent for Business and Special Projects	Present	

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

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Approval of Minutes

a. Draft - Special Session - November 19, 2015

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
SECONDER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
AYES:	Catherine Flanagan, Raymond Paris, Sisi Townson, Eric Szillus
ABSTAIN:	Douglas Pascarella, Dennis Gustafson
ABSENT:	Debra Grieci

b. Draft - Public Work Session - December 8, 2015

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

c. Draft - Regular Business Meeting - December 10, 2015

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

III. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Warrant Report #37 - #42

a. Treasurers Report

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

b. Warrant Reports #37 - #42

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

IV. Reports/Discussions/Presentations**a. Transportation Budget 2016 - 2017 - Presentation - Christopher Dillon**

Mr. Dillon stated that a lot has gone on this year. He spoke about the Interim Director of Transportation, John Robertson and stated that he has been instrumental in helping the Transportation Department move in the right direction. Mr. Dillon stated that Mr. Robertson has helped improve safety and technology functions in the Transportation Department and thanked him for all of his contributions. He also thanked Rick and Cathy for filling in the gaps in the interim, before Mr. Robertson came on board.

Mr. Dillon went through his presentation, speaking on a number of items, such as the number of students that are being transported through the department. Mrs. Flanagan asked about the outside companies and the contracts. Mr. Dillon stated that the issue that was with a particular company was handled. He discussed the overview of staff who manage the Transportation Department as well as the breakdown of the fleet of equipment used, such as the number of large and small buses and the average age of buses when they get pulled from usage. He stated that the average age of buses in use is decreasing due to the healthy replenishment schedule that has been created. Mr. Dillon went through the bus fleet summary and Mr. Gustafson asked when the buses are typically taken out of service. Mr. Dillon stated that buses are typically phased out, around the 15 year mark, give or take.

Mr. Dillon continued his presentation and gave a summary of purchase history that showed where there have been recent purchases of new buses and explained the gaps in purchasing over the years as well as discussed the eight-year bus purchasing schedule. He spoke about the purchase of 3 vans and 1 large bus - as recommended for the 2016 - 2017 school year. Mr. Gustafson asked if additional drivers needed to be hired due to the additional bus purchases and Mr. Dillon explained how this would be structured/managed. Mr. Pascarella asked where the buses are refueled and Mr. Dillon stated that they are refueled on location.

Mr. Dillon stated that there is a \$1300 Budget to Budget increase from 2015 - 2016 to 2016 - 2017 and discussed the bus purchase breakdown and cost per bus and gas vans.

Lastly, Mr. Dillon discussed new initiatives for the Transportation Department and the improvement of the Transfinder software, which is the Transportation Department data management system. He spoke about the improvement of the radios, stating that they have all been updated to digital, which allows for the ability to talk to the buses at a much further capacity. Mr. Dillon also explained that they are exploring implementing the Child Check-Mate system into the buses, as another added layer of protection and safety for the students. Mr. Pascarella asked if this would be included in the 16 - 17 budget and Mr. Dillon stated that it would be something that is contractual either this year or next year. Mr. Pascarella asked about the savings on gasoline. Mr. Dillon stated that fuel prices have come down in general and that the overall gasoline costs for the buses and vans have definitely come down as a result. Mr. Gustafson and Mrs. Flanagan both thanked Mr. Dillon and the Transportation Department for a job well done.

V. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Gustafson thanked Mrs. Flanagan for organizing the Board of Education retreat. He stated that he was appreciative for the opportunity and also thanked Mr. Szillus for helping to spearhead. He attended Stony Brook University with the Robotics team and explained what the challenge is going to be for this year's project, stating that it's awesome, very interactive and should be great.

Mr. Szillus thanked Mrs. Flanagan for organizing the Board of Education retreat. He stated that he felt everyone took something home that night and asked Mrs. Flanagan to please continue activities like that for the Board of Education. Mr. Szillus also attended concerts at the elementary schools and stated that the music program is amazing and that he is proud of the students and the teachers.

Mr. Paris attended a few girls and boys varsity basketball games stating that both of the teams are great, draw a really good crowd and are fun to watch. He attended the financial aid awareness night for college bound kids and stated that there is a lot of aid out there that most people don't know about and that he found it very interesting to see how many ways there are to get extra money aside from just local scholarships. Mr. Paris felt it was a good night and stated that the presentation from the evening is on the Guidance website as are many scholarship forms.

Mr. Pascarella attended the annual Plainedge Council of PTA's Presidents Principals Dinner, stating it was a very nice night for everyone and thanked the Council of PTA's for hosting it.

Mr. Szillus wished Mr. Pascarella a Happy Birthday.

Mrs. Townson stated that she too felt the Board of Education retreat was a great team building effort, stating that even with diverse personalities, it was great to be able to share ideas and come away with a positive attitude towards doing what's best for Plainedge.

Mrs. Flanagan stated that the Board of Education retreat was great and thanked everyone for participating. She was in attendance at many concerts and spoke of the miniature golf outing at John H. West. Mrs. Flanagan commended Mr. Levitan and Mr. Giovanelli for doing such an outstanding job, going over the top this year and that it was a great morning.

Mr. Pascarella stated that the NYSSBA Board of Education retreat was great and thanked Mr. Westfall for his hard work and for being such a great trainer.

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

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

There were no questions.

VII. New Business

Mrs. Flanagan addressed the Board of Education to approve New Business Items # 1-21 on the Business Agenda. Dr. Salina walked in two items from the floor. The first item was item #22 - Commencement of Action Against Nassau County and LIPA. He explained the item to the Board of Education and asked if the Board would be in favor of taking action against Nassau County and LIPA. Dr. Salina then read the second addendum, Item #23, Plainedge Educational Secretaries Memorandum of Agreement and explained to the Board of Education what the MOA was about. He suggested taking a vote on all new business items #1 - 21 and # 23 as amended, and doing a roll call vote on Item # 22. Mrs. Flanagan addressed the Board and asked if the Board of Education approves all Items #1 - 21 & #23 as amended. All new business items were approved as amended. Mrs. Flanagan then took a roll call vote on new business

addendum item #22, for those interested in taking action against Nassau County and LIPA.

Motion to: to approve items #1 - 21 & #23

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the following co-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2014-2015 and 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 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. Andrew Herman

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Andrew Herman for a "College Admissions for the Student Athlete" workshop on March 2, 2016.

5. Memorandum of Agreement - Best Buddies Club

Be it resolved that the Board President is authorized to execute a memorandum of agreement dated November 18, 2015, with the Plainedge UFSD and the Plainedge Federation of Teachers regarding the High School Club position titled "Best Buddies Club".

6. Budget Transfer

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2015-2016 budget transfer in the amount of \$50,000.

7. Capital Assets Accounting Policy #6300

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the revisions to the Capital Assets Accounting Policy.

8. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

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

9. Disposal of Obsolete Textbooks

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of Obsolete Textbooks from the Plainedge Public School District.

10. Donation - Robotics Club

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the donation to the High School Robotics club in the amount of \$500 from the Institute of International Education on behalf of the GE Foundation STAR Award.

11. Donation - Schwarting Elementary School

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the donation of Playscapes to Schwarting Elementary School from the Schwarting PTA.

12. Dr. Edward Petrosky

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Dr. Edward Petrosky for related services from January 1, 2016 - June 30, 2016.

13. Health and Welfare Services Agreements

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.

14. Laboratory Corporation

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Lab Corp. for services rendered August 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

15. Metro Therapy Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreements between Plainedge Public Schools and Metro Therapy for related services for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

16. MKSA, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and MKSA, LLC for related services for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

17. N.Y. Therapy Placement Services Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and NY Therapy Placement Services Inc. For related services for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

18. Premier Agenda - 2016-2017 - Middle School

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Premier Agendas to provide student agendas for the middle school.

19. Premier Agenda - 2016-2017 - High School

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Premier Agendas to provide student agendas for the high school.

20. Revision to the District School Year Calendar 2016-2017

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education adopt the revised 2016-2017 District school year calendar.

21. US Medical Staffing

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and US Medical Staffing for related services for July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016.

22. Commencement of Action Against Nassau County and LIPA - Addendum

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Ingerman Smith, L.L.P., to commence legal action against the County of Nassau, the Nassau County Treasurer, the Nassau County Legislature, the Nassau County Executive and the Long Island Power Authority (“LIPA”), and other proper parties as deemed necessary by counsel in connection with Nassau County’s implementation of the LIPA Reform Act and LIPA’s payments-in-lieu- of-taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the payment of a maximum of \$250 per hour as compensation to its attorneys, subject to a separate letter of engagement with the Firm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
ABSTAIN:	Douglas Pascarella
ABSENT:	Debra Grieci

23. Plainedge Educational Secretaries - Memorandum of Agreement - Addendum

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education of the Plainedge Union Free School District and the Plainedge Educational Secretaries in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President and/or Superintendent of Schools to execute said Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

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

- All questions are directed to the Board of Education President
- Each speaker is limited to two minutes in total
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There were no questions.

IX. Other

Mr. Pascarella asked that if going forward, the minutes could indicate the time that a person arrived, rather than just be marked "late". Mrs. Flanagan addressed the Board of Education and asked if this was something that they were OK with. All Board of Education members present were OK with such notation in the minutes. Mrs. Flanagan asked Dr. Salina if in laying out the minutes going forward, notating the specific time would be possible in the new MinuteTraq system. Dr. Salina stated that he would research it and would get back to Mrs. Flanagan and the Board of Education.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:33 PM

1. **Motion to:** adjourn Regular Business Meeting - 8:33 PM

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

XI. NOTES