



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session HS - Innovation Learning Center

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~Minutes~

Tuesday, June 7, 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	6:42 pm
Dennis Gustafson	Trustee	Present	
Douglas Pascarella	Trustee	Late	7:20 pm
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 - 6:34 PM

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

3. Motion to: Open Executive Session - 6:36 PM

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

4. Motion to: Adjourn Executive Session - 8:02 PM

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

5. Motion to: Reconvene Public Work Session - 8:08 PM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendents Remarks**a. Student Spotlight - K-12 STEAM Robotics Demonstration**

Dr. Salina welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then announced that we would be moving into the High School gymnasium for a presentation of our K-12 STEAM Robotics demonstration. Everyone followed into the gym and proceeded to move through the various robotics stations to experience all of the different demonstrations.

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations**a. Advisory - Realignment of Course Weighting Presentation - Todd Winch**

Mr. Todd Winch presented the newly realigned course weighting for academics. The purpose of course weighting is to ensure that students are not penalized for taking demanding classes. Our current weighting is very flat - AP, Honors and College courses have a 10% weighting average (1.10). The district is proposing a new weighting: AP - 1.10, College/Honors/Pre-college advanced courses - 1.05, all others - 1.0. The reason for this is to equalize weighted grades in accordance with the level of challenge a course provides. Mr. Winch then presented examples of other district's weighting scales. The new course weighting structure would apply to the current cohort of students entering into 8th grade in the fall 2016-17 school year, which is the graduating class of 2021.

Mr. Pascarella asked if this new course weighting might change the percentage of students taking AP vs. college or regents classes. Mr. Winch said he doesn't know if our students choose based on the weighting or based on what they feel they will be the most appropriate class for themselves. Mr. Gustafson asked

where this change will have an impact - college transcript, number of summa students, calculating Valedictorian and Salutatorian rankings. Mr. Winch said the reason behind this was to develop a more differentiated scale between AP courses and other courses. Mr. Paris stated he noticed that the AP weighting in other districts went as high as 1.15.

IV. Public Work Session

a. Fiscal Reports

Mr. Pascarella commented that the claims report looked great.

1. **Cash Flow Summary March 2016**
2. **Claims Audit Report April 2016**
3. **Collateral Report March 2016**
4. **Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund A**
5. **Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund C**
6. **Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund F**
7. **Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund H**
8. **Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund V**
9. **Treasurer's Report**
10. **Trial Balance Report March 2016**
11. **Warrant Reports #69-74**

V. New Business

There was none.

VI. Review of Business Agenda

There were no questions.

VII. Future Agenda Items

There were no items.

VIII. Opportunity for the Public to be Heard - Question and Answer Period (Agenda Items only)

Mrs. Flanagan stated that for tonight anyone could ask anything on agenda or any other item.

There were no questions.

IX. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting

- 1. Motion to:** Adjourn Public Work Session - 9:10PM

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