



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

241 Wyngate Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758
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~Minutes~

Thursday, March 10, 2016

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Catherine Flanagan | President | Present | |
| Raymond Paris | Vice-President | Present | |
| Debra Grieci | Trustee | Present | |
| Dennis Gustafson | Trustee | Late | 8:03 PM |
| Douglas Pascarella | Trustee | Late | 8:05 PM |
| Eric Szillus | Trustee | Present | |
| Sisi Townson | Trustee | Present | |
| Dr. Edward A. Salina | Superintendent | Present | |
| Todd Winch | Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction | Present | |
| Peter Porrazzo | Assistant Superintendent for Business | Present | |
| Dr. Guy J. Le Vaillant | Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources & Instructional Technology | Present | |
| Dr. Christopher Dillon | Assistant to the Superintendent for Administration & Special Projects | Present | |

2. Motion to: Open Regular Business Meeting - 8:00 PM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

Dr. Salina introduced Middle School Mathematics teacher Mr. Michael Vitale. He was the recipient of the December 2015 98.3 FM Teacher of the Month Hall of Fame. Mr. Winch briefly spoke about how beloved Mr. Vitale is by the students, staff and parents of Plainedge and that he even went online and voted for him. Mr. Winch congratulated him and then he introduced Mr. DeRiso who told a few anecdotes about Mr. Vitale.

III. Approval of Minutes

a. Public Work Session - February 9, 2016

1. Motion to: Accept Minutes

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

b. Regular Business Meeting - February 11, 2016

1. Motion to: Accept Minutes

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

IV. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Warrant Reports #50-55

a. Treasurer's Report

1. Motion to: Accept Treasurer's Report

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

b. Warrant Reports # 50-55

1. Motion to: Accept Warrants #50-55

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

V. Reports/Discussions/Presentations

a. Tax Cap Calculation 2016-2017 Presentation - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Porrazzo presented the 2016-2017 Tax Cap Calculation. The major drivers are the LIPA Pilot, loss of building aid, energy performance contract and transfer of capital. Mr. Porrazzo described the LIPA Pilot litigation and how that case will impact our tax levy. The capital exclusions help lower our tax levy, this year there is no inflation which negatively impacts the tax levy. The maximum allowable tax levy this year is 1.39%. Mrs. Grieci asked what changed the tax levy amount from the first presentation and Mr. Porrazzo explained that the LIPA pilot amount wasn't finalized until last week and the decision to transfer \$300,000 to capital accounted for the difference.

b. Planning for Our Children's Future - Capital Planning Update & Capital Proposition 2016-2017 - Dr. Christopher Dillon

Dr. Dillon presented the Capital Planning update and the 2016-2017 Capital proposition for the school budget vote. The district is recommending a capital proposition of \$6,428,000 to be used for capital projects. Last year we established the Capital Reserve II and it was funded with \$9,122,733. Many other districts need to have bond referendums to accomplish capital projects, Plainedge has been fortunate enough to have capital reserves for these projects. Our number one priority is to replace roofs, they are an immediate need. Next, we must submitted plans for our STEM learning centers in all three elementary schools. The top projects to accomplish are the High School roof, John H. West roof, two High School bathrooms, upgrades to the High School athletic facility, and the continued replacement of smart boards. These are all state aidable projects. There was a discussion about the timetable of when any of these projects could be accomplished, Dr. Salina and Dr. Dillon stated that New York State is running very far behind in the approval process. Mr. Pascarella asked if when we allocate this amount, we would deplete Capital reserve I. Mrs. Grieci asked about the differences between last year and this year's amounts in each of the two capital reserves. Mrs. Grieci asked what accounts for the increase in capital plan. Dr. Dillon responded it was moving up the High School athletic facility upgrades into year 2 instead of year 3 since New York State Education Department is running so far behind. There was a Board discussion about the changes between our original capital plan and how the costs have increased regardless of moving projects a year earlier there would have been higher costs.

Dr. Dillon showed a variety of slides about the proposed athletic facility. There was a discussion about the proposed lighting and how there might be an impact on the local neighbors. Mrs. Grieci asked about how much additional seating will be gained, Dr. Dillon said it depends on the final architects designs. Mr. Gustafson asked how much we would spend over the next three years in capital, then Dr. Dillon reviewed how much would be left in reserves. Mrs. Grieci asked about the water fountains that the students could fill up their water bottles. Dr. Dillon and Dr. Salina responded. Mr. Paris thanked Dr. Dillon for the presentation and stated he thinks it's great to move up the athletic facility a year earlier. The Board reviewed the three year plan and discussed the projects that are planned for 2019-2020. Dr. Salina stated that some of these projects are based on teacher and instructional needs and some projects are subject to change. Mr. Pascarella thinks the lighting may be a negative impact to the community, he would like to see the cost of the lights. There was a Board discussion about lighting.

VI. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Szillus attended the string and band festival and he said the caliber of performance was outstanding. He also attended the Dr. Seuss reading program at Plainedge library, there were 50 families in attendance and he thought it was a positive event. He also went to the Eastplain science fair and stated the students were very excited to show off all of their experiments. Mrs. Grieci attended the 1st county cheerleading competition and the squad is now at the New York state competition. Mr. Paris attended the same events as Mr. Szillus and also two quiz bowl

events. He stated that the quiz bowl team is now seeded in the national quiz bowl in Washington DC in April. Mr. Szillus mentioned the boys lacrosse team is practicing and he asked everyone to come and support the team and the Crease club. Mrs. Townson attended the education is at the crossroads forum and she said it made her realize how Plainedge is special since our district focuses on the whole child education. Mrs. Flanagan thanked the community and Board for their support of her children and family during this week.

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

1. Joe Karam - thank you for inviting us, for the past decade we have seen other school district's facilities and now we are glad that our time is coming, we all want the same facilities that all the other districts around us have. Our fields have gotten better but we appreciate that you are making the athletic fields happen.

2. Tim Drake - he commends the Board on the upcoming plans, he wants to thank us for doing this, it will be great for the community.

3. Anne Weeks - she's thrilled that we are replacing the bleachers, she had an accident on them and is scarred, she implored the Board to use union labor, her children are happy about the upcoming plans.

4. Joseph Galente - thanked Mr. Vitale as a great role model for our kids, he thinks the projects is a great idea. He had a question about the doors, he asked about new security measures, once you enter the building you're in, he wants to know if there's anything planned in the future that would improve our security in the buildings. Dr. Salina responded that access is the number one problem. Dr. Salina stated that we are replacing interior doors, not exterior doors and that he is always open to any suggestions about improved security.

5. Andy Rothstein - he thinks this capital proposal works on all levels, what it does for all our community members, this will act as a great focus of the community, he mentioned that the lighting will not be as intrusive as in other districts, he has experience within the Town of Oyster Bay building facilities like our plan and he thinks it's going to be a great focal point for the community.

VIII. New Business

The Board of Education is excited to announce Dr. Salina has a new contract and will be with Plainedge until 2020. Mrs. Flanagan spoke about the accomplishments during Dr. Salina's tenure. Dr. Salina thanked everyone for their continued support.

1. **Motion to:** Accept New Business items #1-18

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

2. **March 10, 2016 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. **March 10, 2016 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. **Bell Auto (Summer 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017)**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Bell Auto School for Driver's Education training for the Summer 2016, Fall 2016, and Spring 2017.

7. **Budget Transfer**

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2015-2016 budget transfers in the amount of \$140,000.

8. **Donation - Cablevision Donation to High School Key Club**

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the donation from Cablevision in the amount of \$500 for the Plainedge High School Key Club.

9. **Donation - PTSA Donation to High School International Club**

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the donation from Plainedge PTSA in the amount of \$200 for the Plainedge High School International Club.

10. Donation - Target Donation to Class of 2016

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves a donation from the Target Take Care of Education Program to the Plainedge Class of 2016.

11. Donation - Target Middle School Student Council

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves a donation from the Target Take Care of Education Program to the Plainedge Middle School Student Council.

12. Dr. Petrosky

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Dr. Petrosky for a neuropsychological evaluation for the 2015-2016 school year.

13. Employment Agreement

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the President of the Board of Education is authorized to execute the employment agreement with Dr. Edward Salina dated March 10, 2016 which replaces and supersedes the employment agreement dated April 14, 2011 and amendments thereto.

14. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Syosset UFSD

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

15. Island Trees Inter-Municipal Transportation Agreement

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-municipal Agreement between the District and the Island Trees UFSD, in accordance with the terms and conditions attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Inter-municipal Agreement on behalf of the District.

16. Kidz Therapy Services

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

17. Munistat Services

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Munistat Services for fiscal advice and competitive bidding on TAN Annual SEC filing for the 2016-17 school year.

18. Obsolete Equipment

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of Obsolete Equipment from Plainedge Public School District for Central Office.

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

There were no comments.

X. Other

XI. Adjournment

1. **Motion to:** Adjourn Regular Business Meeting at 9:27 pm.

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

XII. NOTES