



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session & Regular Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

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Tuesday, March 22, 2016

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order - Public Work Session of the Board of Education

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
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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

Dr. Salina this evening welcomed the High School Varsity Cheerleading team, coached by Ms. Amanda Shireffs. They are the Nassau County Champions and they placed 5th in New York State. Dr. Salina mentioned how cheerleading is now being recognized as a sport by the NCAA. Mr. LaBelle then spoke about the amazing season the team has had this year, Nassau Champions, 5th in New York State and they went to Nationals in Florida. Coach Shireffs then came forward and spoke briefly about the team as she presented along with Dr. Salina, Mrs. Flanagan and Mr. LaBelle the certificates to all the varsity cheerleaders.

III. Report/Discussions/Presentations

a. Advisory - 4th Draft of 2016-2017 Budget Presentation - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Peter Porrazzo presented the 4th Draft of the 2016-2017 budget. He reviewed the budget calendar and all the presentations that have occurred to date. There is a 1.62% proposed budget to budget increase from last year. There was an additional reduction in this draft of \$246,000 from revised health care costs. Mr. Porrazzo reviewed where we are in the budget presentation calendar. After tonight there is one presentation left for Instructional and Administrative Technology on April 5th. The Board will then finalize deliberations and move to adopt the budget on April 5th.

Mrs. Flanagan asked if Mr. Porrazzo feels that we could decrease the budget any more than currently projected. Mr. Porrazzo stated that it's a collaborative effort and we're continuing to work on the budget each week. Mr. Gustafson asked if Mr. Porrazzo could add the percentage reduction from each version back into the presentations. Mr. Porrazzo will add it to the next version. Mr. Gustafson asked what the average percentage increase in budget to budget is for other districts. Dr. Salina said it's different across all districts based on their financial position. Mrs. Flanagan stated she is happy to see that we added back the position at Schwarting. Mrs. Grieci asked what the driver of the healthcare reduction was - Mr. Porrazzo said it's based on more accurate projections from NYSHIP and who in the district is participating in the health care plans. Mrs. Grieci asked if we will see any additional budget savings from the energy performance contract and cut any more out of the facilities budget. Mr. Porrazzo said that oil prices are rising again and that we had made cuts already in that budget. Mrs. Flanagan asked when we will see the realization of the energy contract savings. Mr. Gustafson stated that it seems very difficult to measure the savings we achieve from the Energy Performance Contract. There was a discussion among the Board and Mr. Porrazzo about how and when the calculation for the savings will occur.

b. Advisory - Revenue Budget 2016-2017 Presentation - Peter Porrazzo

Mr. Peter Porrazzo presented the 2016-2017 Revenue Budget. He reviewed the proposed 2016-2017 state spending which is decreasing in the general fund (-2.7%) but increasing in the state funds (3.1%). He then reviewed the proposed P-12 education funding which is increasing in the General Support for Public Schools (GSPS) by 4.27% which includes an increase in computerized aids. Mr. Porrazzo reviewed how under the current law the aid is distributed between foundation aid, formula based aids, GEA, grants and performance grants. There was a discussion about the gap elimination adjustment and when the funds would be returned to the districts. Mr. Porrazzo then reviewed the 2010 - 2017 sources of revenue that the district receives - property tax, STAR, PILOT Payments, state sources, federal sources, use of money and property, charges for services and miscellaneous sources. The district's proposed 2016-2017 revenue will be \$91,644,907 which includes \$5,561,083 from reserves and fund balance. The district is using reserve money from the following funds: workers compensation, unemployment, employee retirement system (ERS) and employee benefits liabilities

(EBLR). Mr. Porrizzo then reviewed a three year trend of the various sources of revenue.

Mrs. Flanagan asked if we are appropriating more funds this year than in the past. Mr. Porrizzo said yes. He also said if state aid increases we could potentially allocate less from reserves but the state aid numbers fluctuate. Mr. Porrizzo thinks we will receive less in state aid this year than last year. Mrs. Grieci asked if he feels comfortable with our reserve allocation. He said he does. Mrs. Flanagan asked if the PILOT payments are lower because of the current LIPA litigation, Mr. Porrizzo said yes and that's why our projection is decreasing. Mr. Pascarella asked if the April state aid runs will make these projections change, Mr. Porrizzo said he hopes it will but it's too difficult to project. Mrs. Flanagan commented that the pie chart helps illustrate our current trends.

c. Advisory - 5-Year Fund Balance Projections Presentation - Peter Porrizzo

Mr. Peter Porrizzo presented the 2016-2017 5-Year Fund balance projections. He is projecting to use \$1,750,000 of reserves in 2016-2017. The proposed budget to budget increase is 1.62% and the tax levy is 1.39%. There is a slight increase in state aid of .49%. The tax levy is projected at \$64,259,355. Mr. Gustafson asked about the difference between unassigned and assigned fund balance. The unassigned is capped at 4% of the budget. Mr. Szillus asked how Mr. Porrizzo calculates the estimate of state aid, Mr. Porrizzo stated that it's a historical estimate and that he speaks to other Business officials before forecasting. Mr. Porrizzo explained how fund balance is derived. Mr. Pascarella asked if our fund balance is going to erode at some point but Mr. Porrizzo said we replenish it based on actual spending and actual revenues at the end of the year. Mrs. Grieci asked about the levels at which we can replenish the existing capital reserves. Mr. Porrizzo stated that capital 1 reserve can have about \$700,000 and capital 2 reserve can have \$2.5 million. Mr. Pascarella said we shouldn't be concerned about the fund balance depleting because we have good reserves to cover our initiatives. There was a discussion about replenishing the fund balance and the uncertainty of being able to plan at this point without final numbers from state aid. Dr. Salina said it's difficult to project this early, we are in excellent fiscal condition right now but we will continue to monitor all changes and see if anything changes with state aid and revenue projections. Dr. Salina stated we need to continue to be vigilant in our spending and planning. Mr. Gustafson mentioned that the one thing the Board can control is determining how much money we take out of reserves and fund balance to help balance our budget and not have to raise the tax levy. There was a Board discussion about historically how the district determined the fund balance projections.

IV. Review of Business Agenda

Mr. Pascarella asked about item #3 the Nassau consortium, Mrs. McCarthy responded.

Mr. Paris stated he is happy to see item #3 the Marc Mero presentation.

V. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

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

There were no questions

VII. Adjournment of Public Work Session

Motion to: Adjourn the Public Work Session - 8:50 pm

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

VIII. Convene Regular Business Meeting

1. **Motion to:** Open Regular Business Meeting - 8:51 pm

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

IX. Approval of Minutes

Motion to: Accept the Minutes of the March 8, 2016 Public Work Session

RESULT:	APPROVED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Douglas Pascarella, Trustee
SECONDER:	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
AYES:	Grieci, Pascarella, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
ABSTAIN:	Catherine Flanagan

Motion to: Accept the Minutes of the March 10, 2016 Regular Business Meeting

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

Motion to: Accept the Minutes of the March 15, 2016 Public Work Session & Regular Business Meeting

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

X. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Gustafson stated that he attended the Robotics competition in Troy where the team finished in 12th place. They are at Hofstra this weekend on Saturday and Sunday for their next competition. Mr. Szillus mentioned that Board attended the Wizards game and it was an amazing evening event. Mrs. Flanagan thanked the PFT/PTA and Mr. Fuchs for organizing the Wizards event. Mr. Gustafson mentioned how engaging and fun-filled the evening was and how great it was to see Plainedge filled with that much joy.

XI. New Business

Motion to: Accept New Business Items #1-16

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

1. March 22 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. March 22 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

3. ACME Bus Corp

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the amendment to the contract E257506 for transportation to Brennan High School between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for 9/1/2015 - 6/30/2016.

4. Appointment of Election Inspectors/Election Chairperson

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the appointments to serve as election Inspectors and the appointment of Steven Gilchrist as Chief Inspector for the May 17, 2016 Annual School Budget Vote.

5. Budget Transfer

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

6. Champion of Choices

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between the Plainedge Public Schools and Champion of Choices for a one day workshop on bullying, peer pressure and substance abuse and suicide prevention.

7. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between the Plainedge Public Schools and Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County for a one day assembly.

8. Educational Data Services

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Educational Data Services for cooperative bidding services for the 2016-2017 school year.

9. Health & Welfare Services - 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.

10. Health & Welfare Services - 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.

11. Health & Welfare Services - Uniondale UFSD

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

12. Marc Mero, LLC

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Marc Mero, LLC and Plainedge Public Schools for a one day workshop.

13. Nassau County Consortium

WHEREAS, a number of public school districts in Nassau County wish to jointly solicit proposals, together with the Nassau Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) for pupil transportation services for the 2016-17 school year (and any renewal period) in accordance with the applicable provisions of General Municipal Law;

WHEREAS, the public school districts and the BOCES have agreed to form a Cooperative (the “Cooperative”) for this purpose;

WHEREAS, the Plainedge School District is desirous of participating in the Cooperative for joint solicitation of proposals for pupil transportation services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement attached hereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to participate in the Cooperative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Inter-Municipal Cooperative Transportation Agreement (Recitals) attached hereto and authorizes the Board President to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

14. Obsolete Textbooks

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

15. WE Transport

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the contract for 30 day emergency transportation to Floral Park Memorial High School between Plainedge Public Schools and We Transport for Feb 11, 2016 - March 11, 2016.

16. WE Transport - Martin DePorres High School

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the contract for transportation to Martin de Porres High School between Plainedge Public Schools and We Transport for February 11, 2016 - June 30, 2016.

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

1. Mr. Martin Assente wanted to commend the Board on the presentation of the budget. He is here on behalf of Plainedge youth baseball for special needs children and he has a situation with fields. He organizes a baseball tournament for the Brian Moore scholarship fund and he stated he was denied access to the high school field. He would like to get the field when the school is not playing. It's a weekend event in July. Mrs. Flanagan asked him to get in touch with Dr. Salina directly. Dr. Salina said he would speak to him in-depth after the meeting to help coordinate his request. He also mentioned they are holding a dinner dance for the special needs

children to raise funds for their organization. Mrs. Flanagan asked him to provide all the details of his events to Dr. Salina so they could share them with the Board and community.

XIV. Adjournment of Regular Business Meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:17 PM

Motion to: Adjourn the Regular Business Meeting

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

XV. NOTES