



# PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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## Public Work Session High School Library - Room A

~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

8:00 PM

High School Library - Room A

### Open Public Work Session

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

Motion to: Open Public Work Session - 7:02 pm

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Raymond Paris, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Douglas Pascarella
<b>LATE:</b>	Debra Grieci

**Motion to: Open Executive Session**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sisi Townson, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Eric Szillus, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Douglas Pascarella
<b>LATE:</b>	Debra Grieci

**Motion to: Adjourn Executive Session - 8:00 pm**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Debra Grieci, Trustee
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Raymond Paris, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Grieci, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Douglas Pascarella

**Reconvene Public Work Session - 8:05 pm**

**Motion to: Reconvene Public Work Session**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Raymond Paris, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Dennis Gustafson, Trustee
<b>AYES:</b>	Grieci, Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Douglas Pascarella

**I. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**II. Superintendents Remarks**

Dr. Salina spoke about Wednesday November 11, 2015 being Veterans Day and read a statement about Veterans Day, asking for a moment of silence. He then went on to speak about the NYSSBA Board of Education Recognition and thanked all of the BOE for their hard work and dedication to the students and the community. Mrs. Flanagan thanked Dr. Salina and the community for being at the meeting and for the kind words. The PTA council, informal dinner for Board of Education, handled by Mrs. Reisert and the PTA was also discussed. Mrs. Flanagan thanked Mrs. Reisert and PTA on behalf of the Board for doing such a thoughtful thing for the Board.

**a. Board of Education Spotlight: NYSSBA School Board Recognition**

**III. Reports/Presentations/Discussions****a. Curriculum Spotlight - Middle School Family & Consumer Science Club - Mr. Jonathan Mosenon**

*Mrs. Flanagan introduced Mr. Mosenon, who heads the Middle School Family & Consumer Science Club. The children stood in front of the room and Mr. Mosenon introduced each one in attendance, and highlighted their role in the club. He then spoke about what F.A.C.S is and what they do, showing a presentation. He explained that F.A.C.S used to be called Home Economics and explained how much more the curriculum covers now and explained what some of the topics are within F.A.C.S Mr. Mosenon stated that in F.A.C.S, what students learn in all of their classes helps them to apply it in the real world. Each one of the students in attendance read different topics that F.A.C.S covers and then Mr. Mosenon discussed current projects that the students have been working on to date, such as selling various items for charities and providing snacks at Parent Teacher Conferences. He also spoke about upcoming projects that the students will be working on and each board member and central office administrator received a head warmer, created by the students.*

**b. Board Discussion - Board of Education 2015-2016 Goals Follow-Up - Edward A. Salina, Jr.**

*Dr. Salina spoke about last month's meeting and the draft BOE goals, explaining that tonight is a follow-up discussion and that target deliverables have been updated.*

*Dr. Salina went through his presentation, starting with Goal setting and what the Board of Education is looking to accomplish for this coming year, as well as where they would like to go as a Board. As Dr. Salina went through each slide, he discussed various deliverables and highlighted any changes that occurred since the previous meeting. There was various input from Board members, such as Mr. Gustafson asking that the Board think about the SMART goals and looking to make the goals "Measurable" and Mr. Paris cited an example of what would be considered a measurable goal. There was a continued discussion around getting more specific with certain goals and perhaps creating a bulleted subset list beyond the initial goal. There were concerns expressed around doing so versus not doing so and Dr. Salina stated that he would think about things more, in terms of how to elaborate on them in the future.*

*The presentation continued as Dr. Salina went through each slide which contained each Goal and details around each goal. When discussing the Community Involvement and advocacy goal, he highlighted deliverables that the Board of Education is already doing, such as School Messenger notifications of the Board of Education meetings. He spoke about the*

*current successes of the Health, Wellness and Drug-Free Youth Coalition and how it is growing. There was a further conversation about the Advocacy section of that particular goal, ideas were discussed on how to best proceed in that area and it was determined that the Board of Education would look to form committees and would discuss further, during the next Board of Education meeting. Mr. Gustafson asked to add "advocacy committee" to the language of the advocacy goal. Dr. Salina stated that he would edit and have it ready for Thursday's meeting.*

*As the presentation continued, Dr. Salina spoke of the Instructional and Technology Goals, Finance Goals and Facilities Goals. He spoke of interactive classrooms and video conferencing in the High School, a continued fiscally sound budget year after year and the continued work being done to facilities around the district, with many initiatives being accomplished daily. Mr. Gustafson asked to Social Media to the Security Goal under Facilities. Mrs. Flanagan addressed the Board of Education and asked if they were OK with the addition. All were in agreement. Dr. Salina explained in brief, a program that he is exploring that would allow for more insight into social media initiatives.*

*Mrs. Flanagan asked if there were any questions and if the Board was OK with moving forward. Dr. Salina stated he would revise the Goals and send electronically to the Board.*

**c. Board Discussion - Public Q & A - Edward A. Salina, Jr.**

*Mrs. Flanagan explained what this topic is about and stated that last month, a Board of Education member asked about changing the Tuesday night's meeting Q & A to add 2 Q & A's so that community members could express whatever they would like to during both meetings. Mr. Paris explained why he brought this question up and the Board of Education discussed it. All Board of Education members in attendance were in agreement that they felt adding a second Q & A to the Public Work Session would be a good idea and after further discussion, it was decided that the Q & A during the Public Work Session would just be one Q & A where community members could ask anything to the Board, whether it be about the Agenda or something happening in the district. This new practice was put into effect the same evening.*

**d. Board Discussion - Capital Assets Accounting Policy #6300 - Peter Porrazzo**

*Mr. Porrazzo spoke about the Capital Asset Policy and where the Business Department is looking to make amendments to the policy. Dr. Salina explained where the original 3-4 year inventory recommendation came from, but that after further review of such, he would be comfortable*

*with doing the inventory every 5 years - which is the recommendation for the amendment to the policy. All Board of Education members in attendance, were in agreement to change the inventory review to every 5 years and change the policy to reflect such. The first reading of the amended policy would be placed on the next agenda.*

**IV. Agenda Items**

**a. Fiscal Reports**

There were no questions.

1. Cash Flow Summary - August 2015
2. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund A
3. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund C
4. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund F
5. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund H
6. Revenue & Budget Status Report: Fund V
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Trial Balance August 2015
9. Collateral Report
10. Claims Audit Report - September 2015
11. Warrant Report #19 - #28
12. Student Activities Report - 1st Quarter

**V. New Business**

Mr. Gustafson asked for clarification on this agenda item.

Dr. Salina stated that he will look into the necessity of keeping it on the agenda.

**VI. Review of Business Agenda**

There were no questions

**VII. Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Gustafson stated that in looking at transition options for the Special Education community, with the transition to life outside of High School upon graduation, he really liked what Bellmore-Merrick is doing and asked if it makes sense for our school to visit Bellmore-Merrick. He asked if it was possible to observe what they are doing or take some things away from what they do to improve our program.

Dr. Salina stated that he has shared before that whether going to something local or a conference, if there is something we could do, other people would need to be involved. Dr. Salina suggested that it might be worth a program comparative analysis. Taking a look at what is being done today, what is similar or different as compared to other schools - then exploring it further. He stated that if the Board wills it, he will investigate and provide an information update at a later date. The Board of Education was in agreement for Dr. Salina to go ahead and explore things further.

**VIII. Question and Answer Period**

- 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

Mrs. Flanagan explained that based on the previous discussion earlier in the evening that this Q & A would be one session designated for both agenda questions as well as community/district questions.

Mr. Kussman stated that he was at the Middle school for the Principals chat earlier in the evening and that those in attendance were taken to see F.A.C.S. program. He stated that he is very impressed with what the students are learning and doing and that he is hoping to see an expansion beyond the Middle School, maybe introducing it at the elementary school level.

Mrs. Flanagan echoed that the F.A.C.S. presentation was great, as is the program.

**IX. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9:50 PM

**1. Motion to: Adjourn Public Work Meeting - 9:50pm**

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

**X. NOTES**