



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Work Session & Regular Business Meeting
HS - Innovation Learning Center

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Thursday, October 19, 2017

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order - Public Work Session Meeting

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Catherine Flanagan	President	Present
Raymond Paris	Vice President	Present
Dennis Gustafson	Trustee	Present
Sonny Spagnuolo	Trustee	Present
Eric Szillus	Trustee	Present
Sisi Townson	Trustee	Present
Edward A. Salina Jr.	Superintendent	Present
Guy J. Le Vaillant	Deputy Superintendent	Present
Eric Nezowitz	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present
Peter Porrazzo	Assistant Superintendent for Business	Present
Lisa DePaola	Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present

Motion to: Convene the Public Work Session at 8:02 PM

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus, Spagnuolo

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

- Student Spotlight - NYSSMA All-State Ensemble Participants - Winter Conference

Mrs. Flanagan turned the meeting over to Dr. Salina.

Dr. Salina welcomed everyone. He said that he was very excited to recognize some very special students, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Michael Vitale and Ms. Jessica Yedwab.

Mr. Vitale introduced four seniors who will be participants in the NYSSMA All-

State Ensemble Winter Conference. The students went through a grueling audition process. They were selected among thousands across the state. Plainedge has had one student every few years. This year, we have four. He congratulated the students, teachers and said that Music is one of the hardest working departments in the district. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Yedwab, who gave a background for each student. She told them that this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and to enjoy every minute of it.

Dr. Salina and Mrs. Flanagan thanked Mr. Vitale and Ms. Yedwab and congratulated the students.

- Facilities Update

We are finishing the roof at John H. West. We are working with our architect and attorneys to follow up on the status of the Phase 2 projects. The State had a new model for project renewal that they decided not to use.

- Announcement - Homecoming 2017

There is more work to be done on the field, but we are able to hold Homecoming on October 28th at 2:00 PM. Homecoming involves approximately 225 students (Cheerleaders, Kickline and Athletes). Mrs. Flanagan thanked Dr. Salina on behalf of the Board for making this happen. Dr. Salina thanked the Board for splitting the project so that Phase 1 could be done.

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations

1. Review of 2016-2017 Board of Education Goals and Establish the 2017-2018 Goals

Dr. Salina said that the Board of Education looks to set goals to provide direction to the staff. He went through last year's goals and said that the goals for 2017/2018 were similar. We have been doing this for the past three years. This is a working document. The goals will be adopted at the November 16th meeting.

We are expanding our academic programs. We have seen an increase in the students' writing ability through Teachers' College. Mr. Gustafson asked what means we have to measure the increase, and asked Dr. Salina if he could provide indicators to the Board. Dr. Salina said that we see the quality of the work. We also have NWEA assessments, but he can provide the Board with indicators. The ELL program is in each school. Classrooms have personalized libraries. Mr. Gustafson said that flexible seating was a goal for last year and asked why it was also a goal for this year. Do we want to expand this? Dr. Salina said that the initial flexible seating was for the elementary schools. We are now looking to move this model into secondary classrooms.

We are arranging virtual field trips through BOCES where students can visit the San Diego Zoo or go to the aquarium from their classrooms. We have a new reinforcement program, IXL. There is a new TV studio in the high school and one will be built in the press box in the athletic complex. Mr. Gustafson questioned the language "continue to encourage". Dr. Salina explained that students opt into the classes they want, but he would willing to change the language to whatever

the Board would like. After a brief discussion, it was decided to leave the language as is for now.

The Board continues to be very involved in the community. We are doing a lot with social media, which is very well received. The Board attends community events and conferences. We always look to expand the Senior Gold Card program. We have 6,200 homes in the district, with only 1,770 having school children in them.

We are going to once again host a Realtors Breakfast in the spring of 2018. We are going to pilot an Adult Education Program.

We are always looking to expand our instructional technology.

We would like to develop a budget to maintain our programs, staying within the tax limit. The ongoing and future projects are a result of reserves.

Our Facilities Department has an excellent maintenance and custodial staff. We are hoping to get the approval for the STEAM rooms in the not too distant future.

There were no further questions.

Mrs. Flanagan said that the goals will be voted on next month.

2. Commencement Level Assessment - Regents

Ms. DePaola and Dr. Nezowitz presented Commencement Level Assessment - Regents. Ms. DePaola said that we are a New York State Reward School for High Achievement, which means we ranked in the top 20% for ELA and Math. The scores are delayed by a year.

There are 467 students enrolled in the 16 AP courses that are offered this year. We have college level courses offered through Molloy, Long Island University, St. John's University and SUNY Farmingdale.

English Common Core stayed about the same in passing. Mr. Paris asked if we were going back to a June only test. Ms. DePaola said that that could be a discussion with the high school. Our passing rate for Algebra stayed about the same as last year with mastery increasing 15%. We are outperforming Nassau County. Geometry passing rate increased by 7%, mastery increased by 12%. Only one child didn't pass the Algebra II Regents.

Mr. Szillus said that he was very impressed with the U.S. History mastery rate. We increased mastery by 10% in Global and Geography. Mr. Gustafson said that we are consistent but still behind the county on mastery.

The passing rate for Living Environment was high and mastery increased by 13%. Earth Science passing rate is high, with mastery increasing by 6%. Mastery increased by 15% on the Physics Regents. Chemistry has very similar statistics.

Mrs. Townson said that data can be skewed, although she was implying that we did. Dr. Nezowitz said that we can compare students over time. Mrs. Townson said that we are doing far better in that our students are accelerated. Dr. Nezowitz said that that was correct.

IV. Public Work Session

a. Fiscal Reports

There were no questions on the fiscal reports.

1. **Cashflow - August 2017**
2. **Claims Report - September 2017**
3. **Collateral Reports - July & August 2017**
4. **Revenue & Budget Status Report A Fund**
5. **Revenue & Budget Status Report C Fund**
6. **Revenue & Budget Status Report F Fund**
7. **Revenue & Budget Status Report H Fund**
8. **Revenue & Budget Status Report V Fund**
9. **Treasurer's Reports July & August 2017**
10. **Trial Balance July & August 2017**
11. **Warrant Reports #16-23**
12. **1st Quarter - Student Activities Report**

V. Review of Business Agenda

There were no comments on the Business Agenda.

VI. Future Agenda Items

There were no future business items.

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

Jill Auerbach, a parent of a boy at John H. West, asked Dr. Salina if the self-contained robotics lab would be open to all students. Dr. Salina responded that they would not, but suggested she get in touch with Mr. Maisano.

Joseph Karam, a resident for over 20 years said that he has lived in the district through three superintendents. He said he paid very high taxes and the conditions of the buildings were terrible. He now pays lower taxes and the fields have never looked better. He commended administration and the Board of Education for their work on the budget.

VIII. Adjournment of Public Work Session

The meeting was closed at

Motion to: Adjourn the Public Work Session

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

IX. Convene Regular Business Meeting

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

X. Approval of Minutes

Motion to: Approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2017 Public Work Session

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
SECONDER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus, Spagnuolo

a. DRAFT - September 12, 2017 Public Work Session Minutes

Motion to: Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2017 Regular Business Meeting

RESULT:	APPROVED [4 TO 0]
MOVER:	Raymond Paris, Vice President
SECONDER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
AYES:	Catherine Flanagan, Raymond Paris, Sisi Townson, Eric Szillus
ABSTAIN:	Dennis Gustafson, Sonny Spagnuolo

b. DRAFT - September 14, 2017 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

XI. Approval of Treasurer's Reports and Warrant Reports

Motion to: Approve the Warrant Reports #16-23 and July and August 2017 Treasurer's Reports

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

- a. **Warrant Reports #16-23**
- b. **Treasurer's Reports July & August 2017**

XII. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mr. Gustafson attended the Varsity Boys Volleyball Games, as well as College Night and Financial Aid Night presented by the Guidance Department.

Mr. Paris attended the Varsity Boys undefeated Soccer Team games, as well as the football games. He attended the Smart Bond meeting and saw a demonstration.

Mrs. Flanagan attended the High School Academic Honor Society inductions. She thanked everyone for being out among the community.

XIII. New Business

Motion to: Approve Items No. 1 through 27 under New Business.

An addendum was introduced as Item Number 28 under New Business. A motion was made by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mrs. Townson to accept the previous motion as amended. All were in favor.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sisi Townson, Trustee
SECONDER:	Eric Szillus, Trustee
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Szillus, Spagnuolo

1. October 19, 2017 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. October 19, 2017 Co-Curricular 2016-2017

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the following co-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2016-2017 school year with compensation as provided in the collective bargaining agreement with the Plainedge Federation of Teachers.

3. October 19, 2017 Co-Curricular 2017-2018

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the following co-curricular and coaching appointments for the 2017-2018 school year with compensation as

provided in the collective bargaining agreement with the Plainedge Federation of Teachers.

4. Budget Transfer - October 19, 2017

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 budget transfer in the amount of \$892,601.64.

5. Donation of Poster Printer

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the donation of a poster printer to Plainedge Middle School from the Middle School Chamber Orchestra, Middle School Drama Club and the Middle School Science Club.

6. Increase Budget for Donation

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves an increase to the 2017/2018 budget for the donations received from the Middle School Drama Club, Science Club and Chamber Orchestra for the purchase of a poster maker

Debit Account:

A.522.00/2110.200.09.0000/Teaching Equipment - \$2,300.00

Credit Account:

A.980.00/2705.000/Gifts and Donations - \$2,300.00

7. External Audit

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the External Audit Report as prepared by Cullen and Danowski LLP for the school year 2016-2017.

8. Professional Development Plan - 2017-2018

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Professional Development Plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. Seneca Consulting Group, Inc.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Agreements between Plainedge Public Schools and Seneca Consulting Group, Inc., for consulting services concerning compliance with the Affordable Care Act for the 2017-2018 school year.

10. Plainedge High School Extra-Curricular Clubs - Charter Applications

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Extra Curricular Club Charter Applications for Plainedge High School.

11. Plainedge Middle School Extra-Curricular Clubs - Charter Applications

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Extra Curricular Club Charter Applications for Plainedge Middle School.

12. Music Theatre International - John H. West Elementary School

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Music Theatre International for Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.

13. Music Theatre International - Eastplain Elementary School

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Music Theatre International for the purchase of the Showkit for Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr. on behalf of Eastplain Elementary School.

14. Addendum to the Contract - Whitney Academy 17-18 - Evaluation

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the addendum to the Placement Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and the Whitney Academy for July 1, 2017 to June 20, 2018.

15. Acme Bus Corp

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Massapequa Montessori for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to St. Martin of Tours, Gersh Academy and W Tresper Clarke High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Waldorf School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Holy Family, Roslyn High School, Long Island School for the Gifted, Our Lady of Mercy Academy, St. Dominic's High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to St. Mary's High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Sacred Heart High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to

Plainedge High School and Plainedge Middle School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Friends Academy for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Division Avenue High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Long Island Lutheran for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Grace Lutheran School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to Chaminade High School for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Acme Bus Corp for transportation to MDQ Academy, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton and St. Martin de Porres for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

16. Nassau BOCES - Transportation

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Nassau BOCES for transportation to Nassau BOCES Barry Tech and Nassau BOCES Center Special Education for September 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

17. Nassau BOCES Contract Number 216151

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the consent form for piggybacking on Nassau BOCES Contract Number 216151.

18. Renewal - Mill Neck Interpretive Service

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Mill Neck Services for sign language interpreter services for the district for the 2017-2018 school year.

19. Walsworth Yearbooks

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Walsworth Yearbooks for yearbooks for Plainedge Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year.

20. Roslyn Union Free School District

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Roslyn Union Free School District for tuition for September 5, 2017-June 22, 2018.

21. Michael J. Cunningham, Speech-Language Pathologist

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Michael J. Cunningham, Speech-Language Pathologist, P.C. for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

22. YES Community Counseling Center

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement for social work services at the elementary schools between Plainedge Public Schools and YES Community Counseling Center for the 2017-2018 school year

23. Senior Prom - Lessings TPCC Group (Bourne Mansion 6/20/18)

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Lessings TPCC Group for the Class of 2018 Senior Prom to be held at Bourne Mansion on June 20, 2018.

24. Fogarty Enterprises

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Fogarty Enterprises for faculty and students caps, gowns and stoles for Plainedge High School Commencement Ceremony on June 21, 2018 at Hofstra University.

25. Obsolete Textbooks

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

26. The Reading & Writing Project - Professional Development

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Teachers College Reading & Writing Project and Plainedge Public Schools for the 2017 - 2018 school year.

27. The Reading & Writing Project - District Conferences

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between The Reading & Writing Project and Plainedge Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year.

28. Civil Service Employees Association – 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 Civil Service Employees Association 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.

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

Mrs. Jill Auerbach asked the Board if the district had any policies or procedures in place regarding allergy aware classes. Mrs. Flanagan said that there were no specific policies or procedures, but the district is aware of allergies. Mrs. Auerbach asked if there were any plans to put something in place. Mrs. Flanagan said that there were no conversations to put anything in place. Mrs. Auerbach said that she was given different answers from the staff as to how allergies are handled. Dr. Salina assured Mrs. Auerbach that the staff takes the health and safety of the children very seriously, and she should continue to work with her school personnel. Mrs. Auerbach feels that there is a genuine disconnect as far as the treatment of allergies is concerned.

Mr. Carl Antaki lives on N. Chestnut Street and had concerns regarding the sports complex. He asked about the gates being constructed on N. Chestnut Street. Dr. Salina assured Mr. Antaki that the gates would be locked on a daily basis and that they were to be used on a limited access. Mr. Antaki asked if there were ever gates located on N. Chestnut Street. Dr. Salina said that they were there approximately thirty years ago. Mr. Antaki asked if they were closed to prevent young drivers speeding down the block. Dr. Salina said again that the gates would only be opened for emergency vehicles, fire department vehicles and inbound buses. This is a safety issue in that it is not safe for buses to back out. Mr. Antaki asked why this is being rushed. Dr. Salina explained that renovations are being done at this time. The gate that was there is in a state of disrepair and we now have the money to improve the area. Mr. Antaki asked if this was only being done for football games. Dr. Salina said that it was not. Mr. Antaki asked if we are going to reconsider this decision. Dr. Salina said we are not.

Mrs. Atkins, a resident of N. Chestnut Street said that when she spoke with Dr. Salina, he said that the gate was limited to football. Dr. Salina said that he told her athletic events. We would have inbound buses for all sports using the complex whenever necessary. Mrs. Atkins wanted to know why this wasn't discussed with the residents, and we should have been morally and ethically transparent. Dr. Salina said that we were morally and ethically transparent when the community voted for the projects and the health and safety for all children. Mrs. Atkins said that the district was deceitful and unethical and should be more specific with their goals and plans.

Mr. Andy Rothstein said that he took exception with anything being called unethical. Crash gates are essential and he didn't understand why this was a problem. The district made it clear that the gates would not be used on a regular basis. He has worked for the Town of Oyster Bay for many years. Every park has an emergency exit. The district is doing the renovations the right way.

Mrs. Olympia Krounos agreed with Mr. Rothstein about emergency vehicles, but does not feel that sports team should come down N. Chestnut. They can go another way.

Dr. Chris Miller is a resident of N. Chestnut, living closest to the high school. His house has been personally affected. Dr. Salina came to his house, and he in turn visited Dr. Salina's

office. They had come to an agreement, but this was before Dr. Miller learned about the gate. He wanted to hear from a Board member about any specific incidents that took place prompting this decision. Mrs. Flanagan said that there were no specific incidents. We now have the money to improve the facilities. It has just been fortunate that we have not had any incidents. The situation we have now is not safe for the buses. We are improving the facilities, not making N. Chestnut a thoroughfare. Dr. Miller felt that there should be more of a basis for affecting over forty houses on N. Chestnut.

Mr. Antaki asked why the buses weren't able to use Fern with only two houses on the block, rather than N. Chestnut with 40+ houses. Dr. Salina said that we need three points of egress. Mr. Antaki said that he never saw the information regarding the budget vote and wanted to know if he could obtain that information. Dr. Salina told him to speak to the District Clerk at the end of the meeting. We would be happy to send him the budget brochures. Mr. Antaki asked how many people voted in favor of the budget. Dr. Salina said that 74% of those voting. Mr. Antaki asked if they voted to open the gates. Dr. Salina said not specifically. Mr. Antaki said that the information would be irrelevant and that the district was very deceitful.

XV. Other

There was nothing further.

XVI. Adjournment of Regular Business Meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:36 PM

Motion to: Adjourn the Regular Business Meeting

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