



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session HS - Innovation Learning Center

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order at 8:05 PM

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 Nezwitz	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present
Peter Porrazzo	Assistant Superintendent for Business	Present
Lisa DePaola	Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction	Present

I. Pledge of Allegiance/Remembering 9/11 - A Moment of Silence

Mrs. Flanagan talked about the events of September 11, 2001. Those assembled recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

II. Superintendent's Remarks

Mrs. Flanagan turned the meeting over to Dr. Salina, who welcomed everyone. He said that he is always excited for the opening of a new school year. There were many programs that ran at the Middle School during the summer. Opening day went flawlessly. He received many positive emails and texts. Our capital projects are moving forward. The building administrators joined us to share their opening day experiences. Dr. Salina turned the meeting back over to Mrs. Flanagan.

Mrs. Flanagan thanked administration. She knows that planning begins very early for the opening of school.

III. Reports/Discussions - 2017 Opening of Schools

a. Elementary School Principals' Report - Opening of School

Mrs. Flanagan introduced the elementary school principals. Mr. Mannino was filling in for Mrs. O'Brien.

Mrs. Thearle said that there was such positive energy on opening day and the rain held off until the children were in school. They have held bus and fire drills. The students love STEAM.

Mr. Mannino said that Eastplain had an amazing opening. There were many nervous parents and students. They have held their beginning of year assemblies.

Mrs. Muscarella talked about Sail into Kindergarten held on August 30th. This is a program that was developed in Plainedge. It has been shared with other districts around the country. Back-to-School Night was held on the second day of school, which received a very positive response. Mrs. Muscarella introduced former Plainedge students who are attending Molloy College for education.

b. Middle School Principal's Report - Opening of School

Mr. DeRiso introduced Mr. Vitale and Mrs. Wiesman, the Assistant Principals at the Middle School. He reported that this year was the best opening ever. They had a great PTA meeting. Everyone is enjoying social media. The student council gave mums to every professional in the building with a poem. School supplies were collected for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. He talked about the new furniture in the building.

c. High School Principal's Report - Opening of School

Mr. Amster reported on the opening day at the high school. This was his 15th opening as principal and it was the best yet. He thanked Mrs. Flanagan for coordinating the senior breakfast.

d. Director of Special Education Report - Opening of School

Mr. Maisano, Director of Special Education, visited all the buildings on Opening Day. He commended the principals and staff for all their hard work. He wants to introduce a pilot program from the Denver conference into West and Schwarting. There is a job support and career program for 11th and 12th grade students to be compensated for up to 220 hours. There is a regional Special Education Task Force. We have a new Augmentative Device Specialist. We had a very successful summer program. Mr. Maisano also reported that Plainedge has a wonderful reputation.

e. Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics Report - Opening of School

Mr. LaBelle, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, reported that they had the best opening of all. Sports at the Middle School are going well. He has learned a lot about kickline. There is a new booster club for Soccer. One of the coaches son had a seizure. Parents from the booster club went with the new coach to the hospital with gifts for the child.

Mrs. Flanagan thanked all the administrators.

f. Capital Projects Update

As a background to the capital projects, at the end of the 2014/2015 school year, district administration analyzed the district's needs and came up with a list of projects to be completed over the next five years. We are in the third year. NYSED has developed a new program where they will have consultants review plans, but it still goes back to the State for their review. Phase 1 (Level 1) projects involve structures that already exist. Phase 2 (Level 2) are brand new structures. STEAM rooms are Level 2. Our architect calls NYSED twice a week for updates. We are going to put storage containers under the bleachers and put up a wall that matches the concession stand and bathrooms. Pictures of the work were taken over the summer. Mr. Jaronczyk said that the custodians have done an exceptional job. There was also work done at the main office at Eastplain and the John H. West playground and roof. Mr. Gustafson asked when senior parking would become available, which is approximately November 1st.

g. 2017-2018 Board of Education Committees & Liaisons - Discussion

Mrs. Flanagan reviewed each Board of Education Committee. Committees can be formed at any time at the discretion of the Board. The Board recommendations were as follows:

Joe Caruso is the chairperson of the Audit Committee. There were no changes.

It was decided to dissolve the Legislative Advocacy Committee for now as the Board members advocate on a monthly basis.

Mr. Szillus felt that it was a good idea to maintain the Policy Review Committee and suggested that perhaps we can send suggestions online and have a final recommendation for all to review. He is also willing to chair the committee again. Mrs. Flanagan volunteered to work with Mr. Szillus.

It was decided not to name a BOCES liaison to attend their monthly meetings as everyone is free to attend whenever they would like.

The Health, Wellness & Drug Free Youth Coalition needs to continue. Mr. Paris and Mr. Gustafson will remain as members. Everyone is free to attend.

Mr. Gustafson said that he would be willing to act as a mentor to new Board members.

There were no other recommendations.

IV. Public Work Session**a. Fiscal Reports**

There were no questions on the fiscal reports.

1. August 2017 Claims Report**2. Warrant Reports #9-15**

V. New Business

There was no new business

VI. Review of Business Agenda

There were no questions on the Business Agenda.

VII. Future Agenda Items

There was nothing.

VIII. Question and Answer Period (Agenda Items only)

Mr. Fuchs, President of the PFT, wanted to thank Mrs. Karageorges on behalf of himself, teachers and TA's for her years of service.

There were no other questions.

IX. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:00 PM

1. Motion to: Adjourn the Public Work Session

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