



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

241 Wyngate Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758
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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, April 19, 2018

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

Call to Order

| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
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| Catherine Flanagan | President | Present |
| Raymond Paris | Vice President | Present |
| Dennis Gustafson | Trustee | Present |
| Joseph Netto | Trustee | Present |
| Sonny Spagnuolo | Trustee | Present |
| Eric Szillus | Trustee | Absent |
| 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 Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction | Present |

Motion to: Convene the Regular Business Meeting at 8:00 PM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

- Donation Presentation to the Best Buddies Club from Plainedge Youth Baseball and Rocco's Voice for Autism
Mrs. Flanagan welcomed everyone. She turned the meeting over to Dr. Salina. Dr. Salina thanked everyone for attending. He introduced Mr. Joseph Maisano, Director of Special Education to handle the night's special presentation. Mr. Maisano introduced Mrs. Gentile, Mrs. Spagnuolo and Mrs. Pannitti who

presented a \$3,000.00 donation to the Best Buddies Club from Plainedge Youth Baseball and Rocco's Voice for Autism. Mr. Maisano said that Best Buddies only has high school chapters. The school district is looking for creative ways for a feeder program. Mrs. Spagnuolo thanked the Board of Education for allowing them to attend the meeting. She thanked the advisors and the students. Dr. Salina thanked the guests for being so kind to the community.

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations

- Final 2018-2019 Budget Deliberations
Dr. Salina said that the PTAs unanimously approved the budget earlier in the evening. He said that the budget process begins in November 1 and thanked everyone for developing an efficient budget. This is the final deliberations. The tax levy is 1.75%. There were no questions from the Board.
Mrs. Townson thanked administration and her fellow Board members for all their effort.

IV. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the March 13, 2018 Public Work Session Minutes

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [5 TO 0] |
| MOVER: | Sisi Townson, Trustee |
| SECONDER: | Joseph Netto, Trustee |
| AYES: | Flanagan, Paris, Townson, Spagnuolo, Netto |
| ABSTAIN: | Dennis Gustafson |
| ABSENT: | Eric Szillus |

2. Approval of the March 15, 2018 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [5 TO 0] |
| MOVER: | Dennis Gustafson, Trustee |
| SECONDER: | Sonny Spagnuolo, Trustee |
| AYES: | Flanagan, Gustafson, Townson, Spagnuolo, Netto |
| ABSTAIN: | Raymond Paris, Eric Szillus |

3. Approval of the March 20, 2018 Public Work Session/Regular Business Meeting Minutes

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

V. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Dr. Netto attended the PFT We Make a Difference Award and thanked everybody. It promotes such pride for the district and a bond with the teachers.

Mr. Gustafson reinforced what Dr. Netto said. He feels that the evening combines so many disciplines. The jazz band was fantastic. He also attended the robotic competition at Hofstra. The team ended the regular season in 6th place out of 44, and are going to Nationals. He attended the FIOS1 Town Hall which he thought was great. He felt the commentator could be on a national network. Dr. Salina said that he was approached by Intralogic and Fios1, which is how this came about, and was very happy that the Police Commissioner could be here. The final product will be on the website in the not too distance future. Mr. Gustafson said that his favorite part of the evening was the students. Mrs. Flanagan said that the students were very well spoken.

Mr. Paris agreed with everything that was said. He also attended the opening day baseball parade. Dr. Salina said that it was the largest number of children in seven years.

Mrs. Flanagan said she attended all events. We Make a Difference brings everyone together. It's the one night that K-12 families attend. She thought the jazz band was fabulous.

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

There were no questions.

VII. New Business

1. Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget

WHEREAS, a proposed school district budget for the 2018-2019 school year has been prepared by the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, due notice has been given of a public hearing which will be held on the proposed budget on May 8, 2018, it is

RESOLVED, that the estimated expenses of the Plainedge Union Free School District, as set forth in the proposed budget in the amount of **\$93,851,980.00** is hereby approved. Copies thereof shall be made available at each school building, district office, and public library. A proposition for the approval thereof shall be presented to the school district voters on May 15, 2018, at the annual meeting of the school district.

The question of adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call,

which resulted as follows:

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| Catherine Flanagan | <u>YES</u> |
| Dennis Gustafson | <u>YES</u> |
| Joseph Netto | <u>YES</u> |
| Raymond Paris | <u>YES</u> |
| Sonny Spagnuolo | <u>YES</u> |
| Eric Szillus | <u>ABSENT</u> |
| Sisi Townson | <u>YES</u> |

Motion to: Accept Items #2-8 under New Business

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| RESULT: | APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Dennis Gustafson, Trustee |
| SECONDER: | Joseph Netto, Trustee |
| AYES: | Flanagan, Gustafson, Paris, Townson, Spagnuolo, Netto |
| ABSENT: | Eric Szillus |

2. April 19, 2018 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. April 19, 2018 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. Donation to Plainedge High School from New York Life

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the donation to the Plainedge High School in the amount of \$50.00 from YourCause, LLC Trustee for New York Life representing an employer matching program.

5. 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 2018-2019 school year.

6. Nassau BOCES - Hand-Held Radios

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approve the contract between Plainedge Public Schools and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County (Nassau BOCES) for 112 hand-held radios with rack chargers.

7. Health & Welfare - Hempstead UFSD

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Service Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Hempstead Union Free School District for Health and Welfare Services provided in the 2017-2018 school year.

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

Mr. Kussman asked who was running for the Board seats. Mrs. Flanagan said that Dr. Joseph Netto, Mrs. Townson, Dr. Lynnnda Nadien and Mrs. Jennifer Maggio is running for the one year seat. All candidates are running unopposed.

Mr. Beyrouthy said that he missed the last two meetings. He asked if the Board had ever considered video recording the meetings. Dr. Salina said that it was considered, but not recommended. The meetings always have audio recordings.

Mrs. Kathleen Bornkamp thanked Dr. Salina for his efforts with the sports teams. She asked for the status of baseball. Dr. Salina said as soon as the field is done, he will open it. All games are booked off site. The weather has not been cooperative and put us behind schedule. Mrs. Bornkamp said that the seniors had a bit of a challenge. They like to play music and this past week were told they were no longer allowed to play it. Dr. Salina asked who that directive came from. Mrs. Bornkamp told him the town. Dr. Salina said that he was unaware of this, but he would inquire. Mrs. Bornkamp asked about the criteria for the sports awards. Dr. Salina suggested she speak with Mr. LaBelle.

Mrs. Joann LoBello Cuneen asked about the National Walkout scheduled for April 20th. Dr. Salina said that the district did not support the walkout, but we will be monitoring it, and there would be no repercussions for students who participated. It was going to be a 17 minute break in the school day to recite the names of those murdered in Parkland, Florida.

Mrs. Andrea Sheffield said that she and her husband attended the FiOS1 Town Hall. She is very happy that there is open dialog and feels that it is very important that it continue. She thanked the Board.

IX. Other

There was nothing further.

X. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 8:32 PM

Motion to: Motion to Adjourn the Regular Business Meeting

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