



# PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Public Work Session HS - Innovation Learning Center

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

### Call to Order at 8:03 PM

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

**Motion to:** Commence the Public Work Session

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

### I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

### II. Superintendent's Remarks

- Student Spotlight: Boys Varsity Bowlers - Coach Jim Davis

*Mrs. Flanagan thanked everyone for attending. She welcomed Dr. Joseph Netto to his first official Board of Education meeting. She then turned the meeting over to Dr. Salina.*

*Dr. Salina welcomed everything and said that we had a first for Plainedge School District. He congratulated two varsity bowlers, Stephen McClelland and Frank lemma. Dr. Salina asked the students to explain how they became interested in bowling. Frank lemma started bowling in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. He started with a 142 average, which is now 229. Stephen McClelland started bowling a year ago. He had a 130 average with is now 299. They each practice roughly five times a week.*

*Dr. Salina talked about the Adult Education, which was a pilot program that was approved last year. We had 30 people in the Zumba class and 29 in Boot Camp. We are now accepting registrations for the second session. We will also be holding a Paint and Create class. The programs are self-sustaining. He complimented Ms. DePaola on a great job.*

*Dr. Salina talked about the STARS program for before/after care which will begin in September of 2018. We have received over 360 applications. There is limited space available.*

### **III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations**

#### **a. Safety and Security in Plainedge Public Schools - Presentation**

*Dr. Salina talked about safety and security throughout the district. He has received many questions from the community. We are in the process of changing entrance procedures. We will have approximately 350 cameras throughout the district. Security vestibules are in the process of being fabricated and will be installed within the next 60-90 days.*

*Dr. Salina introduced Terrence McGivney from Scholar Chip to give a demonstration. They have been involved with up to 2,500 schools. They are partners with PowerSchool, and are highly secure. They have data centers in New York and Portland, Oregon. They are going to centralize safety information over time with very low maintenance. The smart card IDs are going to be given to high school students only. They will be able to take student attendance period by period and monitor unscheduled attendance. The devices will be across the lobby and are intended to be manned by security aide. System will alert if a student is suspended or deactivated. One person can operate two machines. The frame will turn green if a person is authorized and red if they are not. An alarm will also sound. Students will tap in and out during lunch periods.*

*Mr. Paris asked if students will need to tap out at the end of the day. Dr. Salina said that it is not being proposed at this time.*

*Dr. Salina discussed the encrypted network radio system we are instituting. We are installing Here Comes the Bus. The students will scan on and off the bus. It will let parents know when the bus is on the way. We are installing door notification systems to send an alert when a door is left opened.*

*Dr. Nezowitz talked about programs for emotional wellness. Olweus is a bully prevention program. We have Operation Respect at the middle school. They have a Book of the Month which talks about the same character trait across the entire building. The high school has a Best Buddies program, hazing prevention and National Coming Out Day. Dr. Nezowitz said that he feels that words are the*

*most important.*

*Dr. Salina said that we have an anonymous system (Report-It.Com) to report inappropriate behavior. We have a one button lockdown system. A video discussing Nassau County Police Department's RAVE system was played. Only 13 of the 56 school districts in Nassau County are in the 911 Center today. We have Fly Sense, the vaping and anti-bullying system installed in the high school bathrooms. Digital Fly is a social media monitoring system that looks for key words. Dr. Salina wants to see the results of the Digital Fly before he considers investing in it.*

*Mrs. Townson asked if lockdown drills are performed randomly throughout the day, which they are. She asked what happens with students who are in restrooms or in the cafeteria. There is adult supervision in the cafeteria and outside the bathrooms. Mrs. Townson said that her daughter was in the restroom at the time of the lockdown. The students were told to stand on the toilet, but this would cause the toilet to flush. Dr. Salina said that he would look into that.*

*Mr. Paris asked who in the building could initiate a lockdown in the building. Dr. Salina said that anybody in the main office has the capability. Mr. Szillus asked if sector cars were on another call when a RAVE alert came through, would that be a priority for them. Dr. Salina said that it would be given the highest priority. Mrs. Townson asked if people were receptive to the guards being unarmed. Dr. Salina said they were.*

**b. Third Draft 2018-2019 Budget Overview**

*Mr. Porrazzo said that everyone is familiar with the budget process at this point. He went over the proposed budget. We are at 3.28% at this point. The STARTS (before/after care) program will be self-sustaining. The Curriculum and Instruction Department is presenting their budget this evening. There were no questions.*

**c. Curriculum & Instruction 2018-2019 Budget Presentation**

*Dr. Nezowitz and Ms. DePaola went over the Curriculum & Instruction points of pride. We have many robotics experiences in which the students can participate. We have a new science committee. There is a 3.75% increase over last year's budget. Dr. Nezowitz talked about the different aspects of the budget. He stated that the STARS program will be self-sustaining at no cost to the taxpayers. Mr. Porrazzo explained that offsetting revenue does not impact the taxpayers.*

*Mrs. Townson said that she is amazed by our teaching staff. Mrs. Flanagan thanked Dr. Nezowitz and Ms. DePaola.*

**d. Nassau BOCES 2018-2019 Budget Vote and Board Nominations - Discussion**

*The Board discussed the three candidates running for Nassau BOCES and their budget. The Board agreed to support the candidates.*

**IV. Public Work Session**

**a. Fiscal Reports**

There were no questions on the fiscal reports.

1. **Cashflow - December 2017**
2. **Claims Report - January 2018**
3. **Claims Report - February 2018**
4. **Collateral Report - December 2017**
5. **Revenue & Budget Status Report A Fund**
6. **Revenue & Budget Status Report C Fund**
7. **Revenue & Budget Status Report F Fund**
8. **Revenue & Budget Status Report H Fund**
9. **Revenue & Budget Status Report V Fund**
10. **Warrant Reports #52-63**
11. **Treasurer's Report December 2017**
12. **Trial Balance December 2017**

**V. New Business**

Mrs. Townson said that she is very proud of the security measures being put into place.

**VI. Review of Business Agenda**

There were no questions on the business agenda.

**VII. Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items.

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

Mr. Fuchs, President of the Plainedge Federation of Teachers read a short statement showing very strong support to keep guns out of school. Both the PFT and NYSUT, who represents over 450,000 school staff feel that there is no place for guns in our schools. The PFT asks the Board to remain vigilant in increasing security measures, but not with guns. He thanked the Board.

Mrs. Flanagan thanked Mr. Fuchs and said how much the PFT is appreciated.

Mrs. Joann LoBello Cuneen said that we have three students who participated in the Reflections program and who advanced to State. Two of the students won an Award of Excellence and are moving onto National Reflections. They are 6<sup>th</sup> grade dancer, Marissa Vacarelli and 5<sup>th</sup> grade photographer, Thomas Lambrinon. Dr. Salina thanked Mrs. Cuneen for her support with the arts and the Reflection Program.

Mrs. Carol Hough asked if we were going to install metal detectors. Dr. Salina said that we are improving our entry system, but have no plans to install metal detectors, although we are open to considering all options.

Mrs. Alison Dunne asked if the system would only identify sex offenders. Would it identify those with a restraining order against them. Dr. Salina said that that would not be automatically reflected. She asked what would stop a student from walking around the scanner and are they located between the first and second set of doors. Dr. Salina said that the scanners will be monitored, and they are located between the doors. Mrs. Dunne asked if the security aides will tap the students in. Dr. Salina said that a multitude of people can do it. It is very difficult to duplicate the cards. The machines will be active during school hours. There are no plans to have them active during after-school events at this time. Mrs. Dunne said that she heard the Dr. Seuss program was very successful.

- 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

#### **IX. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 9:55 PM

**Motion to:** Adjourn the Public Work Session

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

Maureen Ryan

District Clerk