



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Business Meeting HS - Innovation Learning Center

241 Wyngate Drive
Massapequa, NY 11758
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~ Minutes ~

Thursday, March 15, 2018

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	Absent
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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks

Mrs. Flanagan turned the meeting over to Dr. Salina. Dr. Salina thanked Mrs. Flanagan. He said that we would have a member of the Girls Track team at next Tuesday's meeting. Dr. Salina encouraged everyone to look on the district's website to view the students who received Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude's distinctions. Dr. Salina explained the difference in the awards.

III. Reports/Discussions/Presentations

1. Instructional & Administrative Technology 2018-2019 Budget Presentation

Dr. Le Vaillant complimented our three STEAM teachers who presented at the ASSET Conference.

Dr. Le Vaillant said that the budget is increasing 5.98% because of realignment.

Our equipment costs are down. He highlighted our upgraded projects, with a focus on foreign language and music. We have video conferencing. Plainedge TV can stream live. Mr. Gustafson asked if we have any initiatives for remote learning. Dr. Le Vaillant said that we have video conferencing now. We are ready to start construction on the STEAM rooms.

Mr. Gustafson asked if IXL does the same thing that eSpark does. Dr. Le Vaillant said that it is much better. Mr. Gustafson asked if technology has a choice of laptop. Dr. Le Vaillant said that Chromebooks are being introduced in Grade 8.

Mrs. Townson thanked Dr. Le Vaillant. She also finds IXL preferable to eSpark.

Mrs. Flanagan thinks that moving to Chromebooks is great.

There were no other questions.

2. Special Education 2018-2019 Budget Presentation

Mr. Maisano welcomed everyone. There is a 5.35% increase over last year's budget. Plainedge offers many vocational experiences for middle and high school students. Mr. Maisano went over Special Education's points of pride and current initiatives. Mr. Maisano talked about the PAES lab and how amazing it is. We have 33 students transitioning to Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. Gustafson asked if self-contained classes were maxed out. Mr. Maisano said they were not.

Mr. Spagnuolo thanked Mr. Maisano and Mrs. Murphy for a great presentation and program.

Mrs. Flanagan thanked Mr. Maisano and Mrs. Murphy.

Mr. Maisano thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Gustafson said that technology and special education are points of strength for the district.

3. Tax Cap Calculation Presentation

Mr. Porrazzo went over the drivers of the tax cap. There is a 2.26% over the prior year, which is the maximum allowed by law. The average is 2.42%.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes of the February 6, 2018 Public Work Session and February 8, 2018 Regular Business Meeting

RESULT:	TABLED [5 TO 0]
	Next: 3/20/2018 8:00 PM
AYES:	Flanagan, Gustafson, Townson, Spagnuolo, Netto
ABSENT:	Raymond Paris, Eric Szillus

V. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Warrant Report

Motion to: Approve the December 2017 Treasurer's Report and Warrant Reports #52-63

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

1. **Treasurer's Report - December 2017**
2. **Warrant Reports #52-63**

VI. Opportunities for Board of Education Members

Mrs. Flanagan talked about the science fairs. Dr. Netto said that the Dr. Seuss event was a breath of fresh air. Mrs. Flanagan attended the band festival. There were approximately 140 participants. She thanked administration and staff.

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

There were no questions.

VIII. New Business

Motion to: Approve Items 1-22 under New Business

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

1. **March 15, 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.

2. March 15, 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.

3. Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education and Preschool Special Education as to classification, evaluation, and education program as contained in the identified cases on file in the Office of Special Education, presented to the Board of Education by Bridget Murphy, Assistant Director for Special Education.

4. Withdrawal of Appointment of an Impartial Hearing Officer

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and a student's parents for the withdrawal of the appointment of Martin Kehoe, Impartial Hearing Officer effective immediately.

5. Destruction of 2017 Unused Election Ballots

WHEREAS on May 16, 2017, the Plainedge Union Free School District conducted its annual budget vote and election; and

WHEREAS the District Clerk is currently in possession of the absentee, affidavit, unused, defective and voided ballots resulting from such election; and

WHEREAS Education Law Section 2034(6) provides for the destruction of such ballots when a period of six (6) months from the date of the annual budget vote and election has elapsed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Plainedge Union Free School District orders the destruction of all unused, defective, and void ballots resulting from the May 16, 2017 election.

6. Nassau County Board of Elections

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Schools and the Nassau County Board of Elections to provide for rental of 3 DS200 Electronic voting machines, 1 BMD machine and 10 each of sample and absentee ballots.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Plainedge Union Free School District hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and Nassau County Board of Elections in the form attached hereto;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute the necessary documents to effectuate said Memorandum of Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

7. Uniondale Marriott - Junior Prom on May 18, 2018

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Long Island Marriott for the Plainedge High School Junior Prom being held on May 18, 2018.

8. Health & Welfare Services Agreement - Garden City UFSD

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Garden City Union Free School District for Health and Welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year.

9. Health & Welfare Service Agreement - Hicksville SD

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Hicksville School District for Health and Welfare services provided for the 2017-2018 school year.

10. Health & Welfare - South Huntington UFSD

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Service Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and South Huntington Union Free School District for the 2017-2018 school year for Health and Welfare Services provided to District students attending out of district schools.

11. Massapequa UFSD - Health & Welfare

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the Agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Massapequa Union Free School District for Health and Welfare services for the 2017-2018 school year.

12. Health & Welfare - Uniondale UFSD

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

13. Disposal of Obsolete Equipment

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the disposal of obsolete equipment from Eastplain Elementary School.

14. Premier Agendas/School Specialty

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the contract between Plainedge Public Schools and Premier School Specialty for agendas for all three elementary schools for the 2018-19 school year.

15. Review of Federal Single Audit Report

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2017.

16. New York State Comptroller Audit and Corrective Action Plan

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education accepts the New York State Comptroller's Audit and the Corrective Action Plans for the period of July 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017.

17. Nassau BOCES Board Nominations

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education nominates one or more candidates, specifically: Susan Bergtraum, Martin Kaye and Michael Weinick for a three year term to the Nassau BOCES Board effective July 1, 2018.

18. Budget Transfers - March 15, 2018

RESOLVED, that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 budget transfer in the amount of \$132,717.64;

AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 transfer in the amount of \$420,000.00.

19. Harmony Heights - 2017-2018

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Harmony Heights to furnish special classes at its education facilities for the instruction of certain pupils residing in the school district for the period of February 5, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

20. Propio LS, LLC

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and Propio LS, LLC, for interpretation services for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

21. The Right Start Foundation

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and The Right Start Foundation to host a one day financial literacy program to prepare high school students to plan for future financial matters.

22. More Than A Gym, Ltd.

RESOLVED that the Plainedge Board of Education approves the agreement between Plainedge Public Schools and More Than a Gym, Ltd., for speech services for designated students for the period February 12, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

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

Dr. Salina said that we are right where we need to be financially. We have internal and external auditors visit on a regular basis. We are the 28th district with the exact same state audit report. Many of the items contained in the report were mischaracterized. We look at the reserves to see where to get the money to work for the schools. We have not floated any bonds. We have

used 13.5 million dollars for capital improvements inside the school. The community decides at the annual budget vote in May whether they approve of the plan. We will be talking about reserves next week. We have an excellent Moody's rating. We do not borrow money. We are always willing to listen and happy with the programs we have implemented. The public is welcome to review the audits and corrective action plans. Mr. Sheffield asked if we knowingly exceeded the state regulations and mandates for reserves. Dr. Salina said that we are not in excess. There are multiple reserves, which will be discussed on March 20th.

Mr. Beyrouthy had questions about the before and after care program. He understands the view to improve on the quality of care offered by Center Island Pre-School and the move away from babysitting. He asked what our program involves as it can be very expensive with four children. He asked if anything can be done about the cost. Dr. Salina said that we looked at two programs, which could be as much as \$500.00, with a 10% sibling discount. There is no requirement to keep a child in the program for the full day. It averages out to \$3-4.50 per hour per child. Flexible times will not work. Dr. Salina had nothing negative to say about the prior provider; the district is just heading in a different direction. There were 320 registrants with limiting seat left. Mr. Beyrouthy asked if Center Island's current teachers could be hired. Dr. Salina said that it is a possibility.

Sara Cimino is an Eastplain parent that loves the school district. Mrs. Flanagan said that we were happy to have her here. Mrs. Cimino read the Security PowerPoint. She feels that the security aides should be armed. She asked if the windows and doors were going to be bullet-proofed. Dr. Salina said that he is not aware of any local school districts that have bullet-proof glass, but some do have film. Dr. Salina said that there are many new measures in place. He realizes that windows are a weakness. We need to re-educate the students. Dr. Salina is listening closely to the community and will watch armed personnel closely, nothing is out. Mrs. Cimino then asked what the lice procedure regarding notification to parents is. The grade is notified but she feels that the classroom should be told. She also commented on the lack of snow removal at Eastplain. Dr. Salina said he would discuss this with the Director of Facilities.

Joann LoBello Cuneen asked if anything could be discussed with the Town of Oyster Bay about the potholes on Wyngate Drive. Dr. Salina said that he would have the Director of Facilities call the Town after doing an inspection of the road. Mrs. Cuneen asked if the person scanning the IDs will look to make sure it is the person. Dr. Salina said that the screens are large enough to make sure it is a match. Who will the security aides be directly reporting to? Dr. Salina said that the Director of Facilities and Summit Security, the money will come from staffing.

Mrs. Maureen Kurtzman asked if the teachers from Center Island will be permitted to apply for positions with the school district. Dr. Salina said that they are allowed. Mrs. Flanagan said that we shared this information with Center Island. Mrs. Kurtzman said that the teachers are not aware of this. Mrs. Kurtzman said that many parents will be paying significantly more with the district's program. Dr. Salina said that the district is going in a different direction. Mrs. Kurtzman said that many children only go for a few hours a week.

Mrs. Alison Dunne said that she is very happy with the security upgrades and the drills that the students do. She wanted to know if the troubled students are monitored. Dr. Salina said that we have support services and child study teams talking about students with any concern. Mrs. Dunne pointed out that there were a lot of red flags ignored in Florida. Dr. Salina said that we have many professionals providing mental health support. Administrators are in the hall between classes and out with the buses, and look for difference in patterns. Dr. Nezowitz said that a lot of what goes on behind the scenes is confidential. Mrs. Dunne asked if the vestibules

were going to have shatter proof glass. Dr. Salina said he is more concerned with the doors, which is why we are putting sensors on the doors.

Mrs. Angela Pappi is a concerned parent of a 6 and 10 year old. She had to have a discussion with her six year old that anyone can walk in the front door because they are never closed. Dr. Salina said that the new vestibules will address this, and asked for her patience. She asked if the decision of arming the security aides is going to a vote. Dr. Salina said that it is not. She wanted to know if the high school is going to be air conditioned. Dr. Salina encouraged her to come to the March 20th meeting.

Mrs. Christine Shepherd asked if students are going to denied access to the outdoor area at the high school. Dr. Salina said that security cycles through there. He will speak to the Director of Facilities about possibly remodeling that area.

Mrs. Isabella McClancy is a Levittown employee and has children attending Eastplain's after care program. Levittown's programs are much less expensive. She suggested we might want to find out how they do it.

Mrs. Jennifer Dorane would like us to consider other options for the before and after care program. It should not be an extended education program. She also said that if we are going to increase staffing, please do so with armed guards. She doesn't think teachers should be armed but guards should be. She thanked everyone for working so hard to keep the district safe.

Mr. Beyrouthy said he is a graduate of the Class of '97. He asked if the guards now are armed. Mrs. Flanagan said they are not. He wanted to know what the benefit of hiring additional unarmed guards would be. He understands that there were emails concerning a middle school student and that child was being bullied. He wanted to know if anything happened to the students who did the bullying. Dr. Salina said that there is always an investigation performed. The students are seen by the dean and administrators. There is discipline if there is something that led to this behavior. Society has changed and each threat is being taken seriously. We work with the families. We are required to call 911. We offer many character education programs.

Mrs. Cimino mentioned that another school had an issue with a child who was able to Google certain images. What precautions do we have in place? Dr. Salina said that all schools provide filtering services. There are problems that occur with images and children are quite creative. He encouraged Mrs. Cimino to speak with her child.

There were no other questions.

X. Other

There was nothing further.

XI. Notes

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at 9:55 PM

Motion to: Adjourn the Public Work Session

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

Maureen Ryan

District Clerk