



PLAINEDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Work Session HS - Innovation Learning Center

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~ Minutes ~

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

8:00 PM

HS - Innovation Learning Center

***Note: The Board is scheduled to meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Central Office Conference Room. At that time, they are expected to enter into Executive Session. The Board will vote to enter Executive Session until the regular meeting which begins at 8:00 p.m. in the HS - Innovation Learning Center.**

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Catherine Flanagan	President	Present
Raymond Paris	Vice President	Present
Dennis Gustafson	Trustee	Absent
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 8:05 PM

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

II. Superintendent's Remarks**Performance of Twelve Trios for Two Violins and Viola by J. Hadyn -
Directed by Mrs. Laura Ruotolo**

Dr. Salina introduced Mrs. Laura Ruotolo who introduced three orchestra students who performed for the Board. Mrs. Flanagan thanked the students and Mrs. Ruotolo.

Board of Education Recognition

Dr. Salina said that November is Board of Education appreciation month. He thanked the Trustees, and said that there is much more work involved in being a Trustee than appears. They attend regular monthly meetings and respond to emails on a regular basis. They take the time to attend extra-curricular events. The benefit of being a Board Trustee is the positive impact that they have on children. He thanked the Board for all that they do.

III. Public Hearing: Smart Schools Bond Act

Mrs. Flanagan said that we were now entering into a public hearing on the Smart Schools Bond Act Preliminary Investment Plan.

Dr. Le Vaillant discussed the District's instructional technology and core beliefs. We have a variety of tools for students and professionals. In 2014, the state awarded schools 2 billion dollars for technology. Plainedge received almost 2 million dollars. There is no deadline for use of the funds. We exceed bandwidth. We improved technology. We upgraded telecommunications and our wireless network. We updated classroom instructional space, outfitted STEAM rooms. There was a chart which showed the allocation of funds. We must fund non-public schools for certain devices.

There were no questions from the Board. Mrs. Flanagan asked if there were any questions from the public.

Maureen McTiernan asked if we did this already. Dr. Le Vaillant said that we were approved for the funding. We have to have a hearing and file an investment plan. The State reviews it to make sure everything is in line with the theme. Ms. McTiernan said that this did not appear to cater to gifted children. Dr. Le Vaillant said that STEAM is a similar theme. This is specifically to fund technology.

Mr. Kussman asked if this was a proposed bond. Dr. Le Vaillant explained that this is a State bond and is not putting any debt on the district.

There were no other questions.

IV. Reports/Discussions**a. College and Career Readiness**

Ms. DePaola discussed the results of the SAT, ACT, AP and post-HS graduation. There is a new SAT which includes math and reading seen in college. They went from ten sections to four or five and 1,600 from 2400. Since 2013, Plainedge has outperformed the state and the nation. The essay is now optional. Mr. Paris asked if it was included in the score. It is not.

Dr. Nezowitz talked about the SAT subject tests. 88 students out of 237 took the SAT subject tests. Some colleges ask for this in their admission process. Our ACT is lower than the state, but higher than the nation.

Mr. Amster said that 331 AP exams were given Tiered weighting changed in 2014-2015, but came into play around 2017. We rated a 23.9 excellence score.

Mrs. Jones talked about college admission. We had 1,222 applications in 2017. The cohort was smaller than the previous year. The percentage of accepted applications dipped in 2017. Five was the average number of applications. The number of students attending two and four year schools is self-reported. Mr. Paris asked if it was different than the year before. Mrs. Jones said that it was not. It is in line with what we usually see. College attendance is based on the national student clearinghouse. We had 87% of students enroll and attend college in 2016. The retention rate for our student is 92%. The graduation rate is based on six years. We had 67.6% of the Class of 2011 graduate within six years; 52.2% graduated within four years. We are using Naviance, a 9th Grade interest inventory, pre-ACT is given to sophomores and juniors take the PSAT. Twelve schools participated in instant decision days this year.

There were no questions. Mrs. Flanagan thanked everyone for the presentation.

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

There were no questions on the fiscal reports.

- 1. Cashflow September**
- 2. Claims Report - October 2017**
- 3. Collateral Report - September 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 Report September 2017**10. Trial Balance September 2017****11. Warrant Reports #24-32****VI. New Business**

There was no new business.

VII. Review of Business Agenda

There were no questions on the Business Agenda.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

IX. Question and Answer Period (Agenda Items only)

Four drama students submitted a proposal for a third drama production which would be run by the students towards the end of the school year. Mr. Cipriano would be happy to be the advisor. Dr. Salina suggested that the students talk to Mr. Amster.

The students said that directing or choreographing could be done by juniors and seniors. Students participating would attend at least once a week, preferably twice. The rehearsals would begin in early April and performed in late May or early June. Financial concerns could be met either out of the drama budget or fundraisers like bake sales or Chipotle. They could sell club tee shirts districtwide. Academics would come first.

Mrs. Flanagan suggested that they speak to Mr. Amster.

Ms. Maureen McTiernan said that her son is gifted and would like the Board to consider bringing back the enrichment program. Her son is not challenged enough. Perhaps we could have a pull-out program. She also asked that instead of choosing an instrument when he reaches 4th grade, could he continue playing the piano. Dr. Salina said that we adopted enrichment for all students. He also said that there is no piano inside band or orchestra. He suggested that she speak to her son's teacher about appropriate work.

Ms. Lisa Corrano asked if the community will be notified if the arrested student returns to school. Dr. Salina said that he cannot answer that because it would be a violation of FERPA.

X. Adjournment of Public Work Meeting

The meeting was closed at 9:06 PM

Motion to: Adjourn the Public Work Session

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