

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, April 7, 2025
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

ROLL CALL: THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

- Mr. Luis Pizano- Vice Chair, Ms. Katherine Jackson- Secretary, Dr. James Sorensen, Mr. Robert Morgan, Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood, Ms. Ashley Shaw, Ms. Christina Bryant

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION WERE:

- Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Dr. Stacey Rogers, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Erik Cioffi, School Business Administrator, Dr. Adam Blaisdell.

1.0 Call to Order 7:00 PM

1.1 Mr. Pizano called the School Committee Meeting to order.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Pizano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

1.3 Land Acknowledgement

Ms. Jackson read the Land Acknowledgement.

"We acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded ancestral homeland of Indigenous Peoples whose enduring presence we humbly recognize. We honor the Wôpanâak People as the original stewards and the Herring Pond Wôpanâak as the surviving tribe indigenous to these lands. In our commitment to lifelong learning, we acknowledge historical injustices to the native people of this land and vow to educate ourselves, our community, and our students on the First Peoples and the hardships they endured. We offer this as a small, but essential, step towards building a culture of respect, truth, and accountability."

2.0 Comments from the General Public

2.1 Comments from Community Members

Mr. Tom Pinto, President of the EAPC, came before the Committee to speak on the topic of moving the Preschool to PSMS.

Ms. Jamie Maccafferri, Teacher at Plymouth Early Childhood Center. (PECC)voiced concerns about moving PECC from PCIS to PSMS.

Ms. Heidi King, Speech Language Pathologist, PECC. Ms. King expressed concerns about the preschool move.

Ms. Meredith Woodinski, Teacher at PECC. Ms. Woodinski expressed concern about the move to PSMS.

3.0 Student Representative Reports

A) Plymouth North High School

3.1 Anna King - PNHS Student Representative

Anna King gave an update on the happenings at PNHS.

B) Plymouth South High School

3.2 Shea Braz - PSHS Student Representative

Shea Braz gave an update on the happenings at PSHS.

4.0 School Committee Matters

A) Out-of-Town, Overnight, or International Field Trips

4.1 PNHS Out-of-Town Field Trip Request - Houston, TX - 05/20-22/2025
PNHS DiS 2025 Championship Race Field Trip Request - Houston, TX, May, 2025 To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed PNHS Out-of-Town field trip to Houston, TX for the DiS 2025 Championship Race, and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School Out-of-Town field trip to Houston, TX for the DiS 2025 Championship Race be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Ms. Christina Bryant) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School Out-of-Town field trip to Houston, TX for the DiS 2025 Championship Race be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7, Nay: 0. The motion carried. 7 - 0

B) Job Description Adoption, Amendment, and Review

4.2 Job Description - Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations

Job Description for Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations: To receive recommendations relative to the job description for Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations and take the necessary action.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the job description for Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations be accepted and approved as presented. **ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson)** Moved, Member **(Ms. Christina Bryant)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the job description for Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7**, Nay: **0**. The motion **carried. 7 - 0**

4.3 Job Description - Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Job Description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction To receive recommendations relative to the job description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction and take the necessary action.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the job description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Moved, Member **(Ms. Ashley Shaw)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the job description for Director of Curriculum & Instruction be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. The motion **carried. 7 - 0**

5.0 Other School Committee Matters

5.1 Appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers as Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations

To discuss the appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers to the newly revised position of Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations, which includes responsibilities as the District's Director of Special Education, and take the necessary action(s). This includes responsibilities as the District's Director of Special Education and taking the necessary action(s). This appointment, as recommended by Superintendent Dr. Christopher Campbell, reflects Dr. Rogers' qualifications and extensive experience in educational leadership, special education, and curriculum development.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Plymouth School Committee approve the appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers to the newly revised position of Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations, which includes responsibilities as the District's Director of Special Education. This appointment reflects Dr. Rogers' qualifications and extensive experience in educational leadership, special education, and curriculum development.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (**Ms. Christina Bryant**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Plymouth School Committee approve the appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers to the newly revised position of Assistant Superintendent of Academic Operations, which includes responsibilities as the District's Director of Special Education. This appointment reflects Dr. Rogers' qualifications and extensive experience in educational leadership, special education, and curriculum development. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**.

5.2 Recommendation for the Relocation of the Plymouth Early Childhood Center

Dr. Campbell gave a presentation regarding the relocation of the Plymouth Early Childhood Center from Plymouth Community Intermediate School, 117 Long Pond Road, to Plymouth South Middle School, 488 Long Pond Road, effective July 1, 2026, and taking the necessary action (s).

- Ms. Shaw asked about the cost of the move.
- Dr. Blaisdell indicated that it would cost approximately \$200,000.
- Ms. Shaw expressed concern that the PECC staff is not in favor of the move from PCIS to PSMS.

- Ms. Bryant asked that a motion be made to discuss the move in more detail.
- Ms. Jackson suggested that more answers are needed to make a well-informed decision.
- Ms. Heywood asked about the constant movement of the program and the possibility of the PECC growing, as well as needing two locations.
- Ms. Heywood asked if the proposed new school(through the MSBA) could be considered a preschool site.
- Dr. Campbell indicated that it could be.
- Mr. Morgan asked if the staff and the Director supported the move.
- Ms. Erica Barrett, Principal at PS MS, and Ms. Denise Tobin, Director of PECC, spoke to the Committee in support of the move.
- The school Committee discussed having an opportunity to see both locations and learn more about the pros and cons of the move.
- Mr. Pizano suggested that the Committee needs a more comprehensive plan, details, and a long-term plan. He suggested a collaborative committee be formed of administration, staff, parents, and a school committee member to determine if, where, and when the move should be made.
- Dr. Campbell will provide the committee with detailed costs, significant renovations, and concerns about classrooms at a future meeting.
- Ms. Shaw would like to see a comparison of all of the options regarding the move.
- Dr. Rogers mentioned that there is a significant cost if the program is split into two locations.

*5 Minute Break 7:30 PM

6.0 School Improvement Plans

6.1 Indian Brook Elementary School - SIP

Principal, Ms. Erica Manfredie, presented the IBES 2024-2025 School Improvement plan.

6.2 Manomet Elementary School - SIP

Principal Dr. Patrick Fraine presented the MES 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan.

7.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

7.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

Dr. Campbell provided a report on the following: Town Meeting Update - MSBA Site Visits: Week of March 31st - 6th Annual EdTV Student Film Festival

B) Retirement Announcements

7.2 Retirements

Personnel Retirements Report

- Mr. Cioffi, Assistant Superintendent HR, announced 4 retirements
- Ms. Sandy Burgess, Project Growth Para, PNHS. 15 years of service
- Ms. Jodi Armfield CNA, NMES 18 years of service.
- Mr. John Lehmann, Science PCIS, 24 years of service.
- Mr. Michael McGuinnis, Social Studies Teacher, PSHS 25

Ms. Jackson thanked the retirees for their combined 82 years of service to the district.

8.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

Ms. Heywood reported that she attended the EDTV Student Film Festival and commended students and staff for their work.

Ms. Jackson reported that she attended the EDTV Film Festival, the Education Foundation Gala, and the MASC dinner.

Ms. Bryant reported that she has joined her committees. She has met with PAC, NMES, and will meet with MES on 4/28/2025.

8.2 Master Planning Committee Update

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

Mr. Morgan reported that the next meeting will be Apr 16, 2025 .

The next public forum will be May 22, 2025 at PSMS.

C) Personnel Reports

8.4 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Mr. Cioffi announced one appointment, eight leaves, and three resignations.

9.0 Unfinished and New Business

There was no unfinished or new business.

10.0 Superintendent's Goals

10.1 Dr. Campbell presented his Superintendent's Goals in preparation for the final Summative SY24-25 Superintendent Evaluation.

10.2 Superintendent's Evaluation

Mr. Pizano asked that the committee give their evaluations to him in two weeks.

Dr. Sorensen asked Dr. Campbell to provide him with a hard copy of his goals.

11.0 Public Hearings

11.1 Massachusetts School Choice Participation

The inter-district school choice law (G.L. c.76, s.12B) requires all districts to accept incoming school choice students unless the school committee votes not to participate or votes to limit the number of incoming students in particular grades. The required school committee vote must be taken annually, before June 1, for participation in the following school year. All districts must report their school choice participation plans to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education using this survey by June 1 for the following school year. This information will be published on the Department's website to inform families of their school choice options.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the School Committee vote to withdraw from inter-district school choice for the 2025-2026 school year.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Christina Bryant) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the School Committee vote to withdraw from inter-district school choice for the 2025-2026 school year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7, Nay: 0. The motion carried. 7 - 0

12.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

12.1 To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda, Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Plymouth School Committee approve the 04/07/25 Consent Agenda as presented. ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 04/07/25 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7, Nay: 0. The motion carried. 7 - 0

13.0 Adjournment

13.0 Mr. Pizano adjourned the meeting at 9:26 PM.