

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2023
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

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

- Ms. Michelle Badger-Chair, Mr. Luis Pizano-Vice Chair, Ms. Katherine Jackson-Secretary, Dr. James Sorensen, Mr. Robert Morgan, Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE FROM 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 Chairperson's Call to Order - 6:30 PM

- Ms. Michelle Badger called the meeting to order and led the assembly into the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance -7:00 PM

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

2.0 Executive Session

2.1 Convene to Executive Session

2.2 Executive Session - Collective Bargaining

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee and the chair so declares, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3), and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3).

(Mr. Morgan) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL Motion that The School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Committee, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (6) Nay: (0). The motion carried.

2.3 Reconvene to Open Session. 7:05 PM.

3.0 Comments from the General Public 7:05 PM

3.1 Ms. Amanda Cassen 217 Beaver Dam Road Plymouth MA

Ms. Cassen came before the Committee with concerns about the kindergarten age policy in Massachusetts.

4.0 Student Representative Reports- 7:10 PM

4.1 Student Representative Report - PSHS - Lily Moore

Lily Moore gave an update on the happenings at PSHS.

4.2 Student Representative Report - PNHS - DC Brown

DC Brown gave an update on the happenings at PNHS.

5.0 Program Updates- 7:15 PM

A) Program Directors

5.1 Ms. Kelly Macomber, Family & Community Engagement Specialist, Ms. Vicky Butler Executive Director of Plymouth County Outreach (PCO) and Ms. Carilyn Rains, Director of Health Services

-Ms. Macomber explained PYDC and how the district partners with PCO. In addition, she explained how their efforts and collaboration have helped to bring Naloxboxes to every school in the district free of charge. Naloxboxes are a community based public health response to the opioid epidemic.

-Ms. Rains talked about the various community partnerships within PPS and health services which provide many resources for our students and staff. Ms. Rains spoke about the importance of having Naloxboxes in the school for community safety and awareness.

-Ms. Butler explained that the Plymouth County Outreach is a collaboration with 27 municipal police departments in Plymouth County that helps to make tools available for those struggling with addiction and to reduce fatal overdoses in the county.

-Ms. Macomber presented a Naloxbox to the Committee.

-Ms. Butler explained that inside the Naloxbox contains a dose of Narcan, a breathing barrier and instructions. She also explained the MA Good Samaritan Law, which protects individuals.

-Dr. Sorensen clarified that Plymouth County is 'hardest hit 'in terms of overdoses and is second to Brockton. He asked Ms. Butler if she knew why Plymouth is so high.

-Ms. Butler stated the size of Plymouth as well as other factors such as the diverse population play a role in the high numbers.

-Dr. Sorensen expressed his concerns about 'plugs' contacting students.

-Ms. Macomber informed the committee that there will be Narcan training brought to the community.

-Discussion was had regarding where the Narloxboxes will be placed.

-Dr. Campbell indicated that they would be placed near the AD near the Gymnasiums.

5.2 Family & Community Engagement Program Update - Kelly Macomber 7:38 PM

Ms. Macomber informed the committee on the growth of the program and increased communication efforts. Highlights included:

25-40 individuals attend monthly meetings

Digital updates have been to coalition members over 70 different organizations

Email reach of 120 Community Providers and 115 school-based staff.

Coalition Successes

Professional Development, Training, Drug Take Back Events

Event Flyers

Family Engagement/ translated for families

Lending Library kids attend at Hedge snack book resources for families

6.0 School Committee Matters

6.1 Student Activity Reports

Dr. Blaisdell informed the committee that the Student Activities are audited.

Dr. Sorensen asked about the difference between the principal's discretionary account and fund.

Dr. Blaisdell stated that they are the same.

Dr. Soresnen suggested that they are called the same at each school.

Discussion was had regarding the renaming of accounts to make them uniform.

Discussion was had about the principal's discretionary account and Student Activities accounts.

Ms. Badger asked about money raised by classes.

Dr. Blaisdell stated that the money follows the kids. When a class graduates, the process is returned to the students for reunions or gift it back.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the report relative to the Student Activity Accounts for Plymouth Public Schools be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the report relative to the Student Activity Accounts for Plymouth Public Schools be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 6 - 0

6.2 MASC Policy - Section D

To receive recommendation(s) relative to Policy Section D and take the necessary action(s).
Superintendent's Recommendation: To approve MASC and PPS Policy Section D in form.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To approve MASC and PPS Policy Section D in form'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 2 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 2 - 0

7.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

7.1 Dr. Campbell update the Committee on the following items:

- *Budget Preparations (FY25)
- *Podcast Recording (Hometown Voices)
- *Coffee and Conversations
- *Transportation Reimbursement
- *Children's Business Fair
- *National*Blue Ribbon Conference: Manomet Elementary
- *Strategic Planning Process: Focus Group Sessions

B) Retirement Announcements

7.2 Retirements

Mr. Erik Cioffi shared that there were four letters of intent to retire.

Mr. Pizano on behalf of the School Committee congratulated the retirees on their 107 years of combined service to PPS.

8.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

Ms. Jackson attended the business and craft fairs at PNHS. Ms. Jackson also attended the literacy night at PCIS.

Mr. Morgan attended the Veterans Day Tribute at PNHS.

Ms. Hayward attended the Wellness and Safety Committee meetings. As well as the Business Fair.

Ms. Badger attended the Business Fair and Unified Athletics.

Ms. Badger and Ms. Jackson met with Representative Muratore regarding transportation for the district.

Ms. Badger remarked that Ms. Savery was voted in as a life member of the MASC.

Ms. Badger shared an email from Ms. Savery to the Committee regarding resolutions.

1. Resolution 1 passed, with some discussion. (MECO Program)
2. Resolution 2 passed, with no discussion (Investigation transportation bidding process)
3. Resolution 3 part 1 and 2 failed. (Regional transportation)
4. Resolution 4 was tabled. (Diversity Equity Inclusion)
5. Resolution 5 passed with changes. (Building Grants; Increase Grants accelerated reports)
6. Resolution 6 tabled. (Cameras on busses)
7. Resolution 7 tabled. (MCAS)
8. Resolution 8 Approved with amendments (Safe storage of firearms)

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

Mr. Morgan updated the Committee on the elementary school roofs. There is an issue with the rooftop units. Architects, contractors and project managers are working on some language on a possible settlement.

Mr. Morgan gave an update on the fire stations. Station 2 may be completed in December. Station 5 is working on issues, station 4 is waiting for approval from the town.

C) Personnel Reports

8.1 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Personnel Reports

Mr. Cioffi updated the committee with 4 resignations, 3 appointments and extended parental leave.

9.0 Unfinished and New Business

There was no unfinished business.

Ms. Badger suggested that in the future the School Committee form a committee to create a handbook.

Dr. Campbell mentioned the MASC Section B School Committee Policies would serve as a resource to the PPS School Committee.

10.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee approve the Consent Agenda as presented. ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 6 - 0

11.0 Adjournment

Ms. Badger adjourned the School Committee Meeting at **-8:28PM.**