

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY OCTOBER 16, 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, Ms. Kim Savery, Mr. Robert Morgan, Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE FROM ADMINISTRATION WERE:

- Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Rogers, 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 -7:00 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."
 - Ms. Badger moved the Student Recognition to the beginning of the agenda.

2.0 School Committee Commendations- 7:02 PM

- **2.1 Math Coordinator, Dr. Kelly Bitinas** gave an update on the Freckle Math Program and acknowledged Plymouth Elementary and Middle School students summer achievements in Math.
- **Break: 7:14pm**
- **2.2 Social Studies Coordinator, Dr. Robert Powers and Science Coordinator Ms. Alison** introduced exchange students and chaperones from Milan. One student and a Chaperone discussed the experience they had so far in and out of the classroom and their excitement to experience more in the coming days.

3.0 Comments from the General Public- 7:20 PM

- Ms. Badger paraphrased our Public Comment Policy.
- **3.1 Comments from Community Members- 7:22 PM**
 - Mr. Dale Webber-20 Stafford Street Plymouth MA: Mr. Webber spoke about the upcoming fiscal year and budget regarding COBRA.
 - Mr. Tom Pinto- 14 Cooper Street Plymouth MA: Mr. Pinto supported comments made by Mr. Webber regarding COBRA and the recruitment and retention of Plymouth Public School Staff.

4.0 Student Representative Reports- 7:26 PM

- Plymouth North High School
 - **4.1** David Christopher Brown updated the School Committee and the community on the happenings at Plymouth North High School.
- Plymouth South High School
 - **4.2** Maya DePaul updated the School Committee and the community on the happenings at Plymouth South High School.

5.0 School Committee Matters-7:34 PM

- **Out-of Town, Overnight or International Field Trips.**
 - 5.1 Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, Mr. Michael Caplel requested an International field trip request to take place on June 21, 2024.
 - Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth VPA International Field Trip to Plymouth United Kingdom 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 proposed Plymouth VPA International Field Trip to the United Kingdom 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

- 5.1 Job Description Adoption, Amendment and Review
- 5.2 .Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Erik Cioffi presented a job description for a District Wide Reading Specialist.
 - Superintendent's Recommendation: That the job description for Reading Specialist be accepted and approved as amended.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the job description for Reading Specialist be accepted and approved as amended'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0

6.0 Program Updates- 7:55 PM

Director of Accountability and Curriculum Coordinators

6.1 MCAS Update provided by: Director of Accountability, Ms. Karen Vennett- ELA Coordinator, Dr. Lisa White-Math Coordinator, Dr. Kelly Bitinas- Science Coordinator, Ms. Alison Riordan.

*5 Minute Break

7.0 Communications- 8:59 PM

A) Superintendent's Report

7.1 Superintendent's FY24 SMART Goals

Dr. Christopher Campbell presented his FY24 SMART Goals which include:

- One Professional Practice Goal,
- One Student Learning Goal
- Two District Improvement Goals.
- Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as Presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as Presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0

7.2 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

- The Commissioner visited Plymouth Public Schools to thank the district for the efforts in welcoming newcomer families.
- SEL & Mental Health Grant Award for the district.
- CTE Advisory Dinner
- PNHS Play "Nora's Lost"

8.0 Reports - 9:28 PM

8.1 Letters

Ms. Badger, Mr. Pizano and Ms. Jackson presented a draft of a letter to the Committee of congratulations to Manomet Elementary for their 2023 National Blue Ribbons School award. Dr. Sorensen suggested that the letter be sent by Ms. Jackson, Secretary.

Ms. Badger will have the letter sent out with edits made by the Committee and sent by Ms. Jackson.

A) Committee Member Reports

8.2 Reports and Proposals from Committee Members- 9:28 PM

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

Mr. Pizano reported on West and Manomet Fire Stations progress.

Mr. Pizano reported on the progress of school roofs at West, Federal Furnace and Indian Brook Elementary Schools as the contractors work toward completion.

Dr. Blaisdell reported that the architects are working on a punch list of items.

Mr. Pizano informed the Committee that the contractor will be attending the November 9th School Committee to provide updates on projects.

C) Personnel Reports

8.3 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations 9:35 PM

Mr. Erik Cioff announced recent appointments, leaves and resignations to the School Committee Members.

9.0 Unfinished and New Business-9:36 PM

9.1 Unfinished Business

9.2 New Business

There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

10.0 Other School Committee Matters

10.1 Resolutions

To Receive recommendation(s) relative to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) Resolutions and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the School Committee Official Voting Delegate to MASC be authorized to vote at the MASC Annual Business Meeting on behalf of the Plymouth School Committee in support of Resolution 5 – Full Funding of Transportation Costs for Students in Foster Care and State Care.

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10.2

MASC Resolutions

As a group Mrs. Jackson, Mr. Pizano, and Ms. Badger reviewed the list of expiring resolutions and did some work to find resolutions they thought that the committee could support for next year's conference. They discussed the four resolutions: 1) Transportation Costs 2) Banning Polystyrene 3) Addressing Homework Gap and Wifi and 4) Resolution for Access to Menstrual Supplies. Mrs. Jackson asked the Committee to review and share any feedback they might have and that the Advocacy committee would bring them back shortly for consideration of the committee.

10.3

DEI Resolution

Mr. Pizano shared that the Advocacy committee had worked with Dr. Campbell to put together this resolution for the committee to adopt. Dr. Sorensen mentioned he was concerned that we would become resolution heavy and wanted to know why we as a committee would want to adopt more resolutions. A discussion was had among the members regarding this topic.

ORIGINAL - Motion

11.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

11.1 To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee approve the 10/16/23 Consent Agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL

motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 10/16/23 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 1

Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 1 - 0

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Chairperson's Adjournment- 9:52 PM

To adjourn the regular meeting of the Plymouth School Committee.