

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, April 28, 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 (was not in attendance), 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

Ms. Sarah Maloney of Plymouth Ma, came before the committee to ask the committee to allow her son Luke Maloney to go to middle school at PCIS rather than his PSMS.

Jake Maloney came before the committee to advocate for his brother to go to PCIS instead of PSMS.

Friends of Luke Aidan Anderson and London (no last name given) spoke in support of Luke Maloney attending PCIS.

3.0 Student Representative Reports

A) Plymouth North High School

3.1 Anna King - PNHS Student Representative

Anna King gave an update on what is happening at PNHS.

B) Plymouth South High School

3.2 Lily Morse-PSHS Student Representative

Lily Morse gave an update on the happenings at PSHS.

4.0 School Improvement Plans

4.1 Hedge Elementary School - SIP

Principal, Ms. Kristin Wilson, provided the committee with the 2024-2025 Hedge Elementary School Improvement Plan.

4.2 Federal Furnace Elementary School - SIP

Principal, Ms. Stacey Perry, provided the committee with the 2024-2025 Federal Furnace School Improvement plan.

5.0 School Committee Matters

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

5.1 PSHS Overnight Field Trip Request - Marlborough, MA - 05/01-03/2025

PSHS Skills USA Overnight Field Trip Request - May 2025

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed Plymouth South High School overnight field trip, and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth South High School overnight field trip for the SkillsUSA State Conference to Marlborough, MA, be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (**Ms. Ashley Shaw**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the proposed Plymouth South High School overnight field trip for the SkillsUSA State Conference to Marlborough, MA 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**

5.2 PSHS Out-of-Town Field Trip Request - Atlanta, GA - 06/23-27/2025

PSHS SkillsUSA Nationals Field Trip Request - June 2025

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed Plymouth South High School out-of-town field trip, and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth South High School out-of-town field trip for the SkillsUSA National Conference to Atlanta, GA, be accepted and approved as presented.

***No vote taken will be brought before the School Committee at a later date.**

5.3 PNHS Overnight Field Trip Request - Hyannis, MA - 03/04-06/2026

PNHS MASC Spring Conference Field Trip Request - March 2026

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip, and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Hyannis, MA, for the MASC Spring Conference be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Moved, Member (**Mr. Robert Morgan**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Hyannis, MA for the MASC Spring Conference 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**

5.4 PSHS Out-of-Town Field Trip Request - Nashville, TN - 04/16-19/2026

PSHS Vocal & Theatre Dept. Trip to Nashville, TN

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed PSHS Out-of-Town Vocal & Theatre Department field trip to Nashville, TN, and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth South High School Out-of-Town Vocal & Theatre Department field trip to Nashville, TN be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (**Mr. Robert Morgan**) Moved, Member (**Katherine Jackson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the proposed Plymouth South High School Out-of-Town Vocal & Theatre Department field trip to Nashville, TN 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

B) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review, and Appeal

5.5 MASC Policy IJOAA

Policy IJOAA - New

Dr. Rogers presented a new policy with regard to equity and accessibility for all students regarding excursions and international trips, regardless of financial status.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the recommended Policy IJOAA be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (**Dr. James Sorensen**) Moved, Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the recommended Policy IJOAA be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: **6**, Nay: **0**. The motion **carried. 6 - 0**

C) Job Description Adoption, Amendment, and Review

5.6 Job Description - Special Education Out-of-District Liaison

Mr. Cioffi presented to the job description for Special Education Out-of-District Liaison.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the job description for Special Education Out-of-District Liaison be accepted and approved as amended.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (**Mr. Robert Morgan**) Moved to approve with the new language, Member (**Ms. Christina Bryant**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the job description for Special Education Out-of-District Liaison be accepted and approved as amended'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: **6**, Nay: **0**. The motion **carried. 6 - 0**

5.7 Job Description - Assistant Director of Special Education

Mr. Cioffi presented to the job description for Assistant Director of Special Education.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Job description for Assistant Director of Special Education be accepted and approved as presented. **ORIGINAL - Motion** Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the Job description for Assistant Director of Special Education be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6, Nay: 0. **The motion carried. 6 - 0**

- Dr. Sorensen suggested that edits be made to the job descriptions regarding driver's licenses requirements.

D) Other School Committee Matters

5.8 Resolution for Transportation Reform

Ms. Jackson presented the Resolution for Transportation.

Superintendent's Recommendation: To receive recommendation(s) relative to the resolution for transportation reform to predatory pricing of school districts and take the necessary action(s).

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Ashley Shaw) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To receive recommendation(s) relative to the resolution for transportation reform to predatory pricing of school districts and take the necessary action(s)'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: **6**, Nay: **0**. The motion carried. 6 - 0 transportation reform to predatory pricing of school districts and take the necessary action(s). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the **vote was: Aye: 6Nay: 0. The motion carried. 6 - 0**

6.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

6.1 Dr. Campbell gave an update on the following:

Health and Safety Fair (Saturday, May 3rd) - MASC's Annual Advocacy Day:
Day on the Hill 2025 - Preschool Moving Scenario: Expenses

Dr. Blaisdell presented a detailed report of the expenses involved in the PECC relocation project.

Discussion was had among the committee members regarding two sites for PECC, costs, number of children in the program now and in the future. The discussion will be continued in future meetings.

B) Retirement Announcements

6.2 Retirements

Mr. Cioffi announced two retirements.

Ms. Linda Perry-Clear, Vocational Para at PSHS-17 years of service

Ms. Dorothy McGrath, Food Services PSMS-25 years of service.

Ms. Jackson thanked the retirees for their combined 42 years of service.

7.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

Ms. Shaw stated that some of the policies listed on the PPS website are using old language that had been changed by the Plymouth School Committee.

(Support Animal Policy-Police Interrogation Policy)

Mr. Pizano reminded the committee that they need to submit their Superintendent evaluations.

7.2 Master Planning Committee Update

Mr. Morgan gave an update on the proposed master plan. There will be a public forum on May 22,2025 at 6PM at PSMS.

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

7.3 Report from the Plymouth Building Committee Liaison

Mr. Morgan updated the committee on the Department of Public Works, the feasibility study for Memorial Hall and HVAC bids for the Police Headquarters.

C) Personnel Reports

7.4 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Personnel Report

Mr. Cioffi announced five appointments, and eight resignations.

8.0 Unfinished and New Business

8.1 Unfinished Business

8.2 New Business

There was no unfinished or new business.

9.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

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To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the Plymouth School Committee approve the 04/28/25 Consent Agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 04/28/25 Consent Agenda as presented'.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. **The motion carried. 6 - 0**

13.0 Adjournment

13.0 Mr. Pizano adjourned the meeting at **9:02 PM**