

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
MONDAY JANUARY 22, 2024  
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

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**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 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 - 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**

Convene to Executive Session

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** Convene to Executive Session

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Moved, Member (**Mr. Luis Pizano**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Convene to Executive Session'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (**7**) Nay: (**0**). the motion carried.

**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 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).

### **2.3 Executive Session - Special Education Regulations and School Committee's Support To comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirements.**

To discuss strategies with respect to Special Education Laws and Regulations pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(X) and take the necessary action(s).

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** To discuss strategies with respect to Special Education Laws and Regulations pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(X) and take the necessary action(s).

### **2.4 Reconvene to Open Session**

Ms. Badger reconvened the session at 7:00 PM

### **3.0 Comments from the General Public**

Ms. Badger explained the guidelines of Public Comment.

### **3.1 Comments from Community Members**

Mr. Brian Fitzgerald 17 Huntington Rd Plymouth MA

Mr. Fitzgerald praised the school committee regarding their understanding of the budgetary process.

### **4.0 Student Representative Reports 7:02PM**

#### **4.1 PNHS Student Representative Report -Quinn Hales**

Quinn Hales gave an update on the happenings at PNHS.

#### **4.2 PSHS Student Representative Report - Lillian Morse**

There was not a student representative present for PSHS.

### **5.0 Informational Items 7:05 PM**

#### **5.1 Presentation of U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps**

LCDR James McLaughlin spoke to the committee about the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Plymouth students Kylie Wilson and Lincoln Renaud spoke to the committee about their experiences in participating in the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

The committee thanked both students and their commander for their presentation.

### **Break**

#### **5.2 Central Office Artwork Awards 7:22PM**

The committee joined students and their parents at NMES to recognize student artwork that has been displayed at the Central Office.

## **6.0 Other School Committee Matters 7:39PM**

### **6.1 SEPAC 2023-2024 School Committee Presentation**

The SEPAC Committee presented their annual review.

There are seven members of the committee: Ms. Velda Scott, Ms. Rose Caladrone, Ms. Christine Costa, Ms. Merabeth Ekbohm, Ms. Nicole Hay, Ms. Christine Ricketts and Ms. Holly Gay.

Ms. Scott presented the slide presentation to the committee.

Ms. Caladrone presented on literacy statistics.

Ms. Ricketts spoke about dyslexia.

Ms. Gay spoke to the committee about inclusion.

The School Committee thanked the committee for their presentation.

Mr. Pizano asked the committee to forward any notes they have so he can review them.

## **7.0 Program Updates 8:15PM**

### **A) Program Directors**

#### **7.1 VPA Coordinator Update - Mike Caple**

Mr. Caple, VPA Coordinator, gave the committee an update on the Visual and Performing Arts.

### **Superintendent's Recommendation:**

## **8.0 School Committee Matters 9:00 PM**

### **A) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review and Appeal**

#### **8.1 MASC Section E and F Policies for Approval**

Dr. Rogers presented the committee with edits to E and F Policies.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** That the recommended changes to MASC Section E and F Policies for approval, 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 recommended changes to MASC Section E and F Policies for approval, 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**

## **9.0 Communications**

## **9.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent 9:02 PM**

Strategic Planning will be February 5, 2024

Filming of PSA regarding vaping. This should be ready to see in late February or early March.

Youth Substance Use Coffee and Conversation Forums

School Fees will be discussed at the Saturday Morning School Committee Meeting (Feb 3, 2024)

FY 25 Budget Proposal update: Dr. Campbell proposed that the committee consider a vote at a future meeting to have a level service budget allocated for FY25.

Ms. Jackson thanked the administration for all of their efforts in the budget process.

The committee supported Dr. Campbell proposal.

Ms. Badger asked the committee to vote on the budget at a special meeting.

Discussion was had about posting this meeting within 48 hours.

It was decided to have a virtual meeting at 3:00 PM January 25, 2024.

## **9.2 Plymouth Public Schools Retirements**

Mr. Cioffi presented one retirement to the committee.

Mr. Pizano thanked Ms. Andrea Lavin, a SPED Teacher for her 36 years of service in PPS.

## **10.1 Committee Member Reports**

Ms. Savery updated the committee on Shichigahama.

Ms. Jackson attended the PYC meeting, Acapella concert, Diversity Committee Meeting and the Hedge School Council Meeting as well as the Coffee and Conversation meeting.

Ms. Heywood moderated the MKL Breakfast.

Ms. Badger stated how impactful the Coffee and Conversation Meeting was for both Students, parents and the school community.

## **10.2 Plymouth Building Committee Reports**

Mr. Morgan informed the committee on building matters.

The building committee has a tour of Fire Station 2 on February 8, 2024.

## **Superintendent's Recommendation:**

## **10.3 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations**

Personnel Report

Mr. Cioffi informed the committee that there are 2 cert appointment 1 parental leave 7 medical leaves and 5 resignations

**Superintendent's Recommendation:**

**11.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no new or unfinished business.

**12.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Ms. Katherine Jackson)** Moved, Member **(Mr. Kim Savery)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To approve the Consent Agenda' 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**

**Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM**