

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, August 12, 2024
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

ROLL CALL: THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE: (Via ZOOM)

- Ms. Michelle Badger-Chair, Mr. Luis Pizano-Vice Chair, Ms. Katherine Jackson, Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood, Mr. Robert Morgan, Ms. Ashley Shaw, and Dr. James Sorensen was not in attendance.

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 Ms. Badger called the School Committee Meeting to order.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Badger led the Pledge of Allegiance.

"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 School Committee Commendations

A) Moment of Silence

2.1 Moment of Silence for Arthur Montrond

To observe a moment of silence for a former school department colleague, Mr. Arthur Montrond.

3.0 Comments from the General Public

There was no public comment.

4.0 Informational Items

4.1 Agricultural Opportunities for Plymouth Public Schools- 7:05 PM.

Plymouth County Commissioner Mr. Greg Hanley presented to the School Committee agricultural opportunities and land available to Plymouth Public Schools. The land is currently being used by the Sheriff and there are approximately seventy-five acres available to the public.

Ms. Badger asked if the committee had any questions for the Commissioner. Ms. Shaw asked for clarification on the bidding process for the property and if the Plymouth Public Schools would be sharing the property.

Mr. Hanley explained that the current proposed lease is nine acres for the Sheriff's Department and is looking to collaborate with 4H as well.

Mr. Hanley explained that in speaking with the School Committee he was looking to see if the Committee had an interest in utilizing some of this land for educational purposes.

Dr. Campbell explained that Mr. Mark Duffy, CTTE Director attended a meeting with Commissioner Hanley to learn more about agricultural opportunities for Plymouth students. Currently, twelve students attend Bristol Agricultural School because Plymouth Public Schools does not have an agricultural program.

Ms. Shaw asked about the cost of the land and stated that she was not in favor of taking the land away from the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Hanley reassured the committee that they would not be taking the land away from the Sheriff's Department.

Dr. Campbell asked Mr. Hanley to explain the level of commitment needed by CCTE Director Mark Duffy to this project if it was to move forward.

Mr. Hanley explained that this process will take years to develop. Mr. Duffy would likely partner with the 4H on this project.

Discussion was had regarding whether a vote needed to be taken on this or if it was an action item.

Ms. Badger stated that the committee must be mindful of budget constraints as they move forward.

Ms. Jackson stated that she would like to move forward with the letter of interest with the understanding that there is a lot to consider (funding) and the letter is only a step to look into the process.

Ms. Jackson moved to send a letter of interest to the Commissioner.

Mr. Mogan seconded the motion.

-Ms. Badger asked for clarification on who was sending the letter.

-Ms. Jackson stated that either she or Dr. Campbell could write the letter.
The vote carried 6-0.

4.2 Summer Building Projects Update- 7:34 PM

Dr. Adam Blaisdell updated the committee on summer school building projects.

4.3 2024-2025 SIP Presentation Schedule

To receive the schedule of 2024-2025 SIP Presentations to be made to the School Committee.

5.0 School Committee Matters

A) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review, and Appeal - 7:42 PM

5.1 MASC Policy Section(s) I, J, K & L

Dr. Rogers presented updates on policies. Dr. Rogers stated that the committee met on August 6, 2024. In attendance were Dr. Rogers, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Sorensen, Ms. Heywood, Ms. Velda Scott, and Ms. Christine Ricketts from the CPAC. The meeting was to address concerns made by Ms. Shaw at the School Committee Meeting in June 2024.

The policies below were updated by the committee.

- IHBA - updated sections 8, 9, and 12.
- IHBF- updated Homebound Instruction language
- IMGA- Service Animals in School policy was deleted (the policy will be revisited at a later date)
- Policy J and F
- JIH

Motion to approve made by Mr. Pizano Seconded by Ms. Heywood the recommended changes to Policies I, J, K & L be accepted and approved as presented.

5.2 Policy Manual Adoption

To vote on the adoption of the Plymouth Public Schools policy manual in its entirety.

Mr. Pizano moved to adopt the manual it was seconded by Ms. Jackson

Vote Carried 6-0

Ms. Badger thanked the committee for the hours of time and dedication they put into the policy manual.

B) Other Annual Committee Matters

5.3 Subcommittee and Liaison Appointments

Ms. Badger presented the subcommittee and liaison appointments for the 2024-2025 school year. Two additions were added: Ms. Heywood: Liaison to the Cape Cod Collaborative. Ms. Badger: Budget Subcommittee

6.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

6.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

- Administrative Retreat
- Back to School
- FAQs for Families
- Opening Day for Teachers

B) Retirement Announcements

6.2 Mr. Cioffi presented one retirement: Ms. Kathleen Caruke after 24 years of service. Mr. Pizano thanked Ms. Caruke for her dedication to the Plymouth Public Schools.

7.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

7.1 Ms. Jackson shared information on the events and visitors of Schichigama.

Ms. Jackson reported that the committee is reviewing the safety of walking routes.

Ms. Badger reminded the committee that every Wednesday afternoon there is a meeting with Dr. Campbell inviting the committee to attend if there is a topic they would like to discuss.

Ms. Badger reported on two studies to help with the budget process, transportation, and consolidation with the town.

7.2 Master Planning Committee Update

Mr. Morgan gave an update on the Master Planning Committee.

B) Plymouth Building Committee Report

7.3 Mr. Morgan gave an update on the Building Committee.

C) Personnel Reports

7.4 Mr. Cioffi announced twenty appointments and ten resignations

8.0 Unfinished and New Business

There was no unfinished or new business.

9.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion made by Ms. Heywood to approve the Consent Agenda with minutes removed. This was seconded by Mr. Mogan.

The vote carried 6-0

10.0 Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Ms. Badger pulled the minutes from the Consent Agenda. The minutes will be corrected with edits and submitted at the next meeting.

11.0 Executive Session

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Ms. Heywood and seconded by Mr. Pizano.

The vote carried 6-0

11.1 Executive Session - Collective Bargaining 8:22 PM

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

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the School Committee enters Executive Session to discuss strategy concerning collective bargaining where an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of

the Committee, under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(3).

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 PM