

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Monday, January 6, 2025  
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

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**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, Ms. Ashley Shaw

**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.
- The Plymouth Select Board was in attendance: Mr. Richard J. Quintal Jr., Chair Mr. Kevin Canty, Vice Chair Mr. Charlie Bletzer, Mr. David M. Golden Jr., and Mr. John Mahoney Jr.

**1.0 Call to Order 7:00 PM**

**1.1** Mr. Pizano called the School Committee Meeting to order. 7:00 PM

**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**

"We acknowledge that we are meeting on the unceded ancestral homeland of Indigenous People 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**

There was no public comment.

## **3.0 School Committee Matters**

### **3.1 New School Committee Member Candidate Vote & Appointment**

Members of the School Committee and Selectboard will receive introductions, ask questions, and, by majority vote, select the person to temporarily fill Ms. Michelle Badger's open School Committee seat through May 17, 2025.

The following candidates spoke to the School Committee and Select board:

- Ms. Kathryn Morini
- Ms. Margaret Matthews
- Mr. Ronan Buchanan
- Ms. Debby Dugan
- Ms. Bethany Rogers
- Ms. Christina Bryant

Each candidate had 15 minutes to introduce themselves and answer the questions sent out before the meeting, as well as any questions that committee members may have.

After the candidates answered questions the committee moved to the nomination process.

- Mr. Golden nominated Ronann Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Bletzer.
- Ms. Shaw nominated Bethany Rogers seconded by Mr. Canty.
- Ms. Jackson nominated Christina Bryant seconded by Dr. Sorensen
- Dr. Sorensen nominated Margaret Matthews seconded by Mr. Morgan.

\* The vote was taken by the committee.

Ronan Buchanan: Mr. Mogan, Mr. Golden, and Mr. Bletzer 3 votes.

Bethany Rogers: Mr. Canty, Ms. Shaw, and Mr. Pizano. 3 votes.

Christina Bryant: Mr. Mahoney, Ms. Heywood, Ms. Jackson, Dr. Sorensen, and Mr. Quintal. 5 votes. Margaret Matthews 0 votes.

\*Another round of voting took place as there was no majority.

Discussion was had among the committee in support of their candidate of choice. Dr. Sorensen and Ms. Jackson advocated for Ms. Christina Bryant to be the nominee. Ms. Shaw, Mr. Canty and Mr. Pizano lobbied for Ms. Bethany Rogers. Mr. Golden Mr. Bletzer and Mr. Morgan advocated for Mr. Ronan Buchanan.

Mr. Ronan Buchanan- 3 votes

Ms. Rogers- 3 votes

Ms. Christina Bryant -5 votes.

\*The committee selected to do a 'sub-run-off'

A vote was taken between two candidates Ronan Buchanan and Bethany Rogers.

Ms. Heywood pointed out that both Ronan Buchanan and Bethany Rogers are former students in our community.

Lobbying continued for the two candidates.

Dr. Sorensen questioned Ronan Buchanan's readiness to be on the committee.

The sub-run-off vote was: 4 votes for Ronan Buchanan. 7 votes Bethany Rogers.

The final vote was between Christina Bryant and Bethany Rogers.

The vote was 4 votes for Bethany Rogers and 6 votes for Christina Bryant.

Mr. Golden abstained.

**Ms. Christina Bryant will fill Michelle Badger's seat until May 2025.**

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** That Plymouth School Committee nominate and appoint by majority vote a new school committee member to fill Ms. Michelle Badger's seat through the Plymouth May 2025 Election.

Mr. Pizano motioned to adjourn the joint session seconded by Mr. Canty. Mr. Quintal motioned to close the select board motion by Mr. Canty seconded by Mr. Mahoney.

\*5 minute break.

### **3.2 Local Competency Determination / Graduation Requirements**

Dr. Rogers presented the committee with a presentation on Competency Determination and Graduation Requirements. Discussion was had regarding a world language requirement to graduate. Mr. Peter Parcellin, Principal PNHS, and Ms. Patty Fry, Principal PSHS answered questions regarding graduation requirements.

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** That the local competency determination/graduation requirements be accepted and approved as discussed.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Ashley Shaw)** Moved, Member **(Ms. Katherine Jackson)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the local competency determination/graduation requirements be accepted and approved as discussed'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(7)** Nay: **(0)**The motion **carried**.

## **4.0 Communications**

### **A) Superintendent's Report**

#### **4.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent**

- MSBA Eligibility Orientation Meeting
- FY26 Budget Presentation: Joint Board Meeting: January 14, 2025
- Saturday School Committee Meeting: Feb 1, 2025

## **5.0 Reports**

### **A) Committee Member Reports**

#### **5.1 Reports and Proposals from Committee Members**

There were no updates.

#### **5.2 Master Planning Committee Update**

There was no update.

### **B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports**

#### **5.3 Report from the Plymouth Building Committee Liaison**

There was no update.

## **C) Personnel Reports**

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

#### **Personnel Report**

Mr. Cioffi reported two resignations, seven classified appointments and one school committee member appointment.

### **6.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business to report.

### **7.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **7.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Superintendent's Recommendation: The Plymouth School Committee approves the MMDDYY Consent Agenda as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Ashley Shaw) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL**

**motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the MMDDYY Consent Agenda as**

**presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (7)**

**Nay: (0)The motion was carried unanimously.**

Mr. Pizano adjourned the January 6, 2025, School Committee Meeting at 8:48 PM.