

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, January 27, 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,
- Ms. Ashley Shaw and Ms. Christina Bryant (were 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. 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 to 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 Annual Organization

2.1 Plymouth School Committee Reorganization

Mr. Pizano turned the meeting over to Dr. Campbell to explain the reorganization process, for the following positions:

A. Chairperson

B. Vice Chairperson

C. Secretary

Dr. Campbell asked the committee for a nomination of Chairperson.

Ms. Jackson nominated Mr. Pizano for Chairperson.

Mr. Pizano accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Pizano was voted in unanimously.

Mr. Pizano asked the committee for nominations of the Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Pizano nominated Ms. Jackson.

Ms. Jackson accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Jackson was voted in unanimously.

Mr. Pizano asked for nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Jackson nominated Mr. Morgan for Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Morgan accepted the nomination.

Mr. Morgan was voted in unanimously.

Superintendent's Recommendation: To receive nominations for the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Secretary to the School Committee and take the necessary action(s).

3.0 Comments from the General Public

3.1 Indian Brook Elementary School Community Service Project

GirlScout Troop #84535 made wishing bracelets and sold them at Indian Brook's holiday event. 100% of their proceeds were donated. They donated \$150 to the food pantry at South Shore Community Action Council and with the rest of their funds they went shopping at BJ's and purchased healthy foods to send home to families who are part of Indian Brook's Food for kids backpack program. The girls learned about the importance of giving back to their community and helping others.

4.0 Student Representative Reports

A) Plymouth North High School

4.1 Quinn Hales gave an update on the happenings at Plymouth North.

B) Plymouth South High School

4.2 Lily Morse gave an update on the happenings at Plymouth South.

5.0 School Committee Matters

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

5.1 PSHS International Field Trip Request - Austria, Germany, and Switzerland -02/12-21/2026

Ms. Alison Shaver and Mr. Eric Walker PSHS teachers came before the committee to propose a trip to Europe.

Dr. Sorensen expressed concern over the high price of the trip. (\$3600.00)

Mr. Walker explained that students will have opportunities to fundraise for the trip.

Ms. Shaver stated that students in need would be given financial support.

Mr. Pizano asked how much fundraising money was raised for a prior trip to Italy.

Ms. Shaver stated approximately \$3500.00 was raised.

Dr. Sorensen asked if there were students that have received a scholarship to attend field trips.

To Receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed Plymouth South High School international field trip, and take the necessary action(s). Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth South High School international field trip to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion

'That the proposed Plymouth South High School international field trip to Austria, Germany, and Switzerland be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 1. (Dr. Sorensen)The motion (carried). 4 - 1

5.2 PNHS Out-of-Town/Overnight Field Trip Request - Cooperstown, NY - 04/25-26/2025 Cooperstown

Athletic Director Justin Dominguez and Coach Dwyane Follette came before the committee to request permission for an overnight field trip.

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

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School out-of-town/overnight field trip Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School out-of-town/overnight field trip Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 -

6.0 Program Updates

A) Program Director-Mr. Brian Byrne

EDTV Director, Mr. Brian Byrne provided a program update on the Educational Television department and curriculum.

B) Curriculum Coordinators

6.2 Math Department Update - Dr. Kelly Bitinas

This update was postponed. An update will be given at a future meeting.

7.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

7.1 Dr. Campbell gave the committee an update on the following:

Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

-Advisory & Finance: Presentation of Subcommittee F: Thursday, January 30
-Saturday Meeting: February 1 - Nathaniel Morton Elementary School
Proposed Parking / Driveway / Playground Renovation - Shichigahama,
Japan Exchange -Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Planning Meeting -
Equity Audit: Planning Meeting with MAEC - No place for Hate: MLK Weekend
- Article 19: Feasibility & Schematic Design (Hedge School) - Community
Conversations: Town Meeting Recording

B) Retirement Announcements

7.2 Retirements

Mr. Cioffi announced three retirements: Ms. Mara Evans, DW Teacher of Students with hearing and vision impairments. Ms. Evans has 11 years of service with PPS. Ms. Katherine Murray a Paraeducator with 27 years of service in the district. Mr. Clifford Collie teacher with 28 years of service.

Ms. Jackson congratulated the retirees on their combined 66 years of service to the Plymouth Public School District.

C) Letters

7.3 Acknowledgement of Gift

The School Committee acknowledged a gift to the Plymouth Early Childhood Center from retired PPS kindergarten teachers.

8.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

8.1 Reports and Proposals from Committee Members

No report was given.

8.2 Master Planning Committee Update

Mr. Morgan announced that there are two upcoming meetings.

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

8.3 Report from the Plymouth Building Committee Liaison

Mr. Mogan updated the committee on the fire stations, updated the 10-year capital plan with the town, roof projects, and Hedge and Cold Spring-next steps.

C) Personnel Reports

8.4 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Mr. Cioffi announced 5 appointments, 4 resignations, and 6 leaves.

9.0 Unfinished and New Business

Nothing was reported.

10.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

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**To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda
Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School
Committee approve the 01/27/2025 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 01/27/2025 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0)

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Chairperson's Adjournment

Mr. Pizano adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.