

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Monday, February 10, 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 and 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 6:30 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 to 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 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 Executive Session**

### **2.1 Executive Session - Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel**

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2).

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Committee enters an Executive Session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2).

**ORIGINAL - Motion** Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Moved, Member (**Dr. James Sorensen**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the School Committee enters Executive Session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: 7- Aye 0 -Nay

### **2.2 Reconvene to Open Session 7:05 PM**

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** That the Committee reconvene to open session.

## **3.0 School Committee Commendations**

### **A) Moment of Silence**

#### **3.1 Moment Of Silence: Ms.Eileen (Ellen) O'Dwyer**

To observe a moment of silence for former Director of the Food Service Program, Eileen O'Dwyer.

### **B) Student Recognition**

#### **3.2 Central Office Art Exhibit Achievement Recognition at Nathaniel Morton Elementary School**

The administration recognized students for their artistic achievement in creating artwork that was displayed at the Central Office from September 2024 to January 2025.

#### **4.0 Comments from the General Public**

There were no public comments.

#### **5.0 Student Representative Reports**

A) Plymouth North High School

##### **5.1 Anna King - PNHS Student Representative**

Anna King provided an update on the happenings at PNHS.

B) Plymouth South High School

There was no update given.

#### **6.0 Program Updates**

A) Program Directors

##### **6.1 VPA Update - Mr. Mike Caple, VPA Director**

Mr. Mike Caple provided a program update to the school committee.

B) Curriculum Coordinators

##### **6.2 ELA Department Update - Dr. Lisa White**

Dr. Lisa White and Department Head Ms. Shelley Terry provided an update on the English Language Department.

#### **7.0 School Committee Matters**

##### **A) Other School Committee Matters**

##### **7.1 Proposed 2025-2026 Plymouth Public Schools' Academic Calendar**

Dr. Stacey Rogers presented the committee with the 2025-2026 Plymouth Public School calendar.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed 2025-2026 Plymouth Public Schools' Academic Calendar be accepted as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Ashley Shaw) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed 2025-2026 Plymouth Public Schools' Academic Calendar be accepted as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0**

Dr. Stacey Rogers presented the committee with the 2025-2026 Plymouth Public School Committee Calendar.

Two edits were made to the calendar.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed 2025-2026 Plymouth Public School Committee meeting dates be accepted as presented.**

**Member (Ms.Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member ( Ms.Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed 2025-2026 Plymouth Public School Committee meeting dates be accepted as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (7) Nay: (0). The motion (carried )with edits.**

7.3 First Student, Inc. - Agreement for Student Transportation Services

Dr. Blaisdell presented recommendations to approve the student transportation contract for FY26 between the Town of Plymouth Public Schools and First Student America, Inc., and take the necessary action.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the contract for School Bus Transportation for FY26 between the Town of Plymouth Public Schools and First Student America, Inc.

ORIGINAL - MotionMember ( Mr. RobertMorgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the

School Committee approve the contract for School Bus Transportation for FY26 between the Town of Plymouth Public Schools and First Student America, Inc'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (7) Nay: (0).

The motion was carried unanimously.

## **8.0 Communications**

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

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

-Advisory & Finance Subcommittee F Vote - Advisory & Finance Committee: Operating Budgets Vote: Wednesday, Feb 19, 2025, 7:00 PM - Nathaniel Morton Elementary School Proposed Parking / Driveway / Playground Renovation -Shichigahama, Japan Exchange - Meeting with Acting Commissioner - Reflections Anthology Celebration (Feb 12, PSHS, 6:30) -Dr. Campbell gave his Superintendent Goals Update

#### **B) Retirement Announcements**

Mr. Cioffi announced the retirement of Mr. Michael Spencer after 13 years of service in the District.

Ms. Jackson congratulated Mr. Spencer on his years of service with the Plymouth Public School District.

## **9.0 Reports**

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

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

#### **9.2 Master Planning Committee Update**

There was no report given.

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

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

There was no report given.

## **C) Personnel Reports**

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

Mr. Cioffi announced 2 resignations, 3 classified appointments, and 3 leaves.

### **10.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

### **11.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

#### **11.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

**Superintendent's Recommendation:** That Plymouth School Committee approve the 02/10/2025 Consent Agenda as presented.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Seconded** to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 02/10/2025 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(7)** Nay: **(0)**. The motion **(carried )**.

Mr. Pizano adjourned the meeting at 9:38 PM.

