

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday, March 17, 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 (was not in attendance), 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 7:00 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 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 Peoples 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 - 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: The School Committee enters 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).

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the School Committee enters 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)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (6) Nay: (0). The motion (carried)

2.2 Reconvene to Open Session

Superintendent's Recommendation: Reconvene to Open Session

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Bryant) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Reconvene to Open Session. ' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (6) Nay: (0). The motion (Carried).

There were no public comments.

3.0 Student Representative Reports

A) Plymouth North High School

3.1 Quinn Hales - PNHS Student Representative

Quinn Hales gave an update on what is happening at PNHS.

B) Plymouth South High School

3.2 Lily Morse - PSHS Student Representative

Lily Morse gave an update on what is happening at PSHS.

4.0 School Improvement Plans

4.1 Plymouth North High School SIP Update - Mr. Peter Parcellin

Principal Peter Parcellin presented the school improvement plan for Plymouth North High School.

5.0 Program Updates

A) Program Directors

5.1 Plymouth Harbor Academy Program Update - Dr. James Demers

PHA Presentation materials

Director James Demers provided an update on Plymouth Harbor Academy.

B) Curriculum Coordinators

5.2 Math Department Update - Dr. Kelly Bitinas

Mathematics Coordinator Kelly Bitinas provided an update on the District-Wide Math Program.

6.0 School Committee Matters

A) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review, and Appeal

6.1 MASC Policy IKF - Participation in Graduation Ceremony

To receive recommendation(s) relative to Policy IKF and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: The recommended changes to Policy IKF are accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Ms. Christina Bryant) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the recommended changes to Policy IKF be accepted and approved as presented Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 6 - 0

B) Other School Committee Matters

6.2 Cape Cod Collaborative: Articles of Agreement Discussion Membership. (This was moved up in the agenda at 7:07 PM)

Ms. Hope Hansom from the Cape Cod Collaborative addressed the school committee on membership and partnership with the Plymouth Public School District.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Accept and approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To accept and approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried. 6 - 0

6.3 Special Education Director Interim Appointment

To discuss the appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers as Interim Director of Special Education, effective immediately. Dr. Rogers will continue to serve in her current capacity as Assistant Superintendent while the district explores a more permanent solution for the position of Special Education Director.

Superintendent's Recommendation: The School Committee should approve the interim appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers as Interim Director of Special Education, effective immediately. Dr. Rogers will continue to serve in her current capacity as Assistant Superintendent while the district explores a more permanent solution for the position of Special Education Director.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the School Committee approve the interim appointment of Dr. Stacey Rogers as Interim Director of Special Education, effective immediately. Dr. Rogers will continue to serve in her current capacity as Assistant Superintendent while the district explores a more permanent solution for the position of Special Education Director. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried. 6 - 0

7.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

7.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

Dr. Campbell reported on the following:

- Massachusetts Secretary of Education Mr. Patrick Tutwile will visit Plymouth
- Nathaniel Morton Elementary School Proposed Parking / Driveway / Playground Renovation
- Precinct Caucus Meetings
- FY26 Budget Book
- First View Bus Tracking App

B) Retirement Announcements

7.2 Retirements

Mr. Cioffi announced one retirement, Ms. Nancy Stanton, paraeducator, after 28 years of service to the district.

Ms. Jackson thanked Ms. Stanton for her 28 years of dedicated service to the Plymouth Public Schools.

8.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

8.1 Reports and Proposals from Committee Members

Ms. Jackson inquired who on the school committee will attend the town meeting on April 5, 2025.

Ms. Jackson attended school council meetings at PSMS.

Mr. Pizano reminded the committee about two upcoming interviews:

April 10, 2025 -Social Studies Coordinator and March 27, 2025- PSMS Principal.

Mr. Pizano will send a reminder to the committee members to see who will attend the Town Meeting.

8.2 Master Planning Committee Update

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

8.3 Report from the Plymouth Building Committee Liaison

Mr. Morgan provided an update on the following:

- Plymouth Area Coalition presentation.
- Sell the new headquarters for DPW.
- Memorial Hall feasibility study.
- HVAC replacement at the Police Station.
- Fire Stations

C) Personnel Reports

8.4 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Mr. Cioffi reported 4 appointments, 8 Leaves, and 4 resignations.

9.0 Unfinished and New Business

9.1 Unfinished Business

9.2 There was no new or unfinished business.

Ms. Heywood inquired about the vote at the selectboard regarding guns in public buildings.

Dr. Campbell will invite the Chief of Police to the next school committee meeting to answer any questions.

Mr. Pizano inquired about legal representation and guidance regarding this matter.

Dr. Campbell will consult legal counsel.

10.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee approve the 3/3/25 Consent Agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 3/3/25 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 6 Nay: 0. The motion carried. 6 - 0

12.0 Adjournment

12.1 Chairperson's Adjournment

Mr. Pizano adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM.

