

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

ROLL CALL: THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE:

- Ms. Michelle Badger-Chair, Mr. Luis Pizano-Vice Chair, Ms. Katherine Jackson-Secretary, Dr. James Sorensen, Ms. Kim Savery, Mr. Robert Morgan,
Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE FROM ADMINISTRATION WERE:

- Superintendent, Dr. Christopher Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Instruction, 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 Chairperson's Call to Order

1.2 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 Executive Session 6:31 PM

2.1 Executive Session - To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

That School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather

than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) (1).

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That School Committee go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)(1)'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **(7)** Nay:

(0). The motion **(carried)**. **(7) - (0)**

Dr. Sorensen asked if the person the committee would be talking about was aware of this.

Dr. Campbell informed the committee that this individual was aware. Move this above.

3.0 School Committee Commendations 7:01 PM

3.1 Moment of Silence for Marie Therese Duerden

Marie Therese Duerden of Plymouth, MA passed away peacefully at the age of 85 at Newfield House on January 1, 2024. Marie received her undergraduate and master's degrees in teaching from Boston State College and began her teaching career at Millis High School and later at Norfolk County Agricultural High School. In the late 1970s, Marie moved her family to Plymouth, where she was a school administrator as well as an English teacher for the next 30 years. Marie loved sharing her knowledge of literature with students and is remembered for her lively teaching style.

4.0 Comments from the General Public

Ms. Badger read the public comment policy.

4.1 Comments from Community Members 7:02 PM

Ms. Rose Caldarone-32 Sharps Drive Plymouth MA

Ms. Caldarone addressed the committee regarding and read a statement on behalf of SEPAC.

Ms. Caldarone asked the committee to consider having a SEPAC Member be included in the screening committee for Special Education Director.

Ms. Holly Gay- 51 Alden Street Plymouth MA

Ms. Gay read a statement to the committee regarding Special Education.

5.0 Student Representative Reports 7:07 PM

A) Plymouth North High School

5.1 DC Brown gave an update on the happenings at PNHS

B) Plymouth South High School

5.2 Maya DePaul gave an update on the happenings at PSHS.

6.0 Informational Items 7:15 PM

6.1 Community Donations

Dr. Lisa White and Ms. Jennifer Mulvaney informed the Committee about the One Author One School Book initiative that will be taking place across the district. The Plymouth Education Foundation and Kiwanis Club made donations to this initiative.

Mr. John Machedo spoke on behalf of the Kiwanis Club.

Mr. Sean Costa, President of the Plymouth Education Foundation addressed the committee and gave Dr. White the donation for this One Author One School One Book initiative.

Dr. Babini gave an update on all of the School Initiatives that have been supported by the Education Foundation.

Dr. White gave each School Committee Member a copy of the Anthology books.

Ms. Annemarie Kelly (Plymouth Elks) presented two donations. One for the Music Department and the other for PNHS Dance Team.

Mr. Mike Caple thanked the Elks members for their donations.

Mr. Justin Domingues thanked the Elks on behalf of the PNHS Dance Team.

Ms. Badger thanked all of the donors for their generous donations.

7.0 School Improvement Plans 7:33 PM

7.1 PNHS SIP Update - Mr. Peter Parcellin

Principal Mr. Peter Parcellin presented his School Improvement Plan to the committee, which is in its third year. Mr. Parcellin highlighted three specific goals.

The Committee commended Principal Parcellin on his initiative to reach every student at Plymouth North High School

8.0 School Committee Matters 7:49 PM

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

8.1 PNHS Out-of-State Field Trip Request - Orlando, FL - 03/26-30/2025

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed PNHS School overnight field trip and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Orlando, FL be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (**Mr. Luis Pizano**) Moved, Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Orlando, FL be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**. the motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

8.2 PNHS Overnight Field Trip Request ~ Bridgeport, CT - 02/25-27/2024

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Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Bridgeport, CT be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ms. Kim Savery**) Moved, Member (**Mr. Robert Morgan**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to Bridgeport, CT be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**.

The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

B) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review and Appeal 8:49 PM

8.3 Policy Sections G & H Review

Proposed changes to Policy Sections G & H will be voted on in the next School Committee Meeting.

Ms. Badger asked for clarification on the gift giving policy regarding wish lists for classroom teachers.

Discussion was had among the committee to clarify this policy. Donations for the classroom are permitted, teachers must keep receipts, and notify the Superintendent of the classroom donations.

C) Other School Committee Matters

8.4 Proposed 2024-2025 Plymouth Public Schools Academic Calendar

Dr. Campbell presented the proposed Plymouth Public Schools Academic Calendar to the School Committee.

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed 2024-2025 Plymouth Public Schools Academic Calendar be accepted as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Moved; Member (**Mr. Luis Pizano**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'that the proposed 2024-2025 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**

9.0 Program Updates

9.1 Athletics Update - Mr. Justin Domingos (PNHS) & Mr. Scott Fry (PSHS)

PNHS AD, Mr. Justin Domingos and PSHS AD, Mr. Scott Fry presented their athletics program update.

9.2 CTE Program Update - Mr. Mark Duffy

Mr. Duffy presented the Program update for **CTE**.

9.3 PHA Program Update - Dr. Jim Demers

Dr. James Demers presented the Program update for Plymouth Harbor Academy.

10.0 Communications

A) Superintendent's Report

10.1 Reports and Proposals from the Superintendent

* Strategic Planning * Coffee & Conversations (Tuesday, Feb 13) * School Fees* Exploring Concept of Regional Transportation Collaborative * Reflections Anthology (February 6th) * PCIS Musical (Shrek) February 2nd *Screening Committee: South Elementary Principal Search, Anthology (February 6th) * PCIS Musical (Shrek) February 2nd

B) Retirement Announcements

10.2 Retirements

Mr. Cioffi shared three retirements: Mr. Frank Veira Jr, Ms. Nancy Rozack and Ms. Dori Kondracki.

Mr. Pizano thanked the retirees for the combined 83 years of service to the district.

C) Letters

10.3 U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Ms. Jackson read a letter of thanks from the Sea Cadet Corps.

11.0 Reports

A) Committee Member Reports

11.1 Committee Member Reports

Ms. Savery reported on Shichigahama.

Ms. Jackson attended the Anthology, Shrek Junior and a virtual PYDC meeting.

Ms. Badger shared Plymouth Area Collaborative information. She also thanked the committee for coming together to approve the budget. Both Ms. Badger and Ms. Jackson met with the Select Board to discuss how to move forward with the budget process.

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

11.2 Plymouth Building Committee Reports

Mr. Morgan gave an update on the West Plymouth fire station. He also reported on the windows at IBES.

Mr. Pizano thanked the crew for the outstanding work that was done to make the West Plymouth Fire station state of the art facility.

C) Personnel Reports

11.3 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Mr. Cioffi informed the committee that there were 4 appointments, 3 medical leaves and accepted 2 resignations.

12.0 Unfinished and New Business

There was no unfinished or new business to discuss.

13.0 Approval of Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ms. Robert Morgan**) Moved, Member (**Ms. Katherine Jackson**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to approve the Consent Agenda
Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **7** Nay: **0**.
The motion **Carried. 7 - 0**

14.0 Adjournment

14.1 Chairperson's Adjournment

Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at 9:24PM

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