

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Monday, November 18, 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, 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.

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

**1.1** Ms. Badger called the School Committee Meeting to order.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Badger 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 School Committee Commendations**

**A) Moment of Silence**

## **2.1**

Moment of Silence: Mr. Karl Braun, Jr.

**To observe a moment of silence for former Plymouth Public Schools' physical education teacher and athletic director, Karl Braun, Jr.**

## **3.0 Comments from the General Public**

**3.1** There was no public comment.

## **4.0 Student Representative Reports**

### **A) Plymouth North High School**

#### **4.1 Quinn Hales - PNHS Student Representative**

Quinn gave an update on the happenings at PNHS.

**There was no update for PSHS.**

## **5.0 Informational Items**

Ms. Alison Riordan introduced the committee to the Italian Exchange students and teachers. Student Angelica Bellman, Ms. Susanna Frank, a teacher from Collegio San Carlo, and their American Host family and sister, Molly Whitecotton (PSMS), as well as Ms. Erin Durkee (PSMS) who is hosting Susanna, spoke to the committee on their stay in Plymouth.

The committee thanked the Italian visitors for coming to Plymouth.

## **6.0 School Committee Matters**

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

#### **6.1 PNHS International Field Trip Request - Peru - 04/18-26/2026**

#### **PNHS Peru International Field Trip Request - April, 2026**

- 6.1 was removed from the agenda.

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

**7.1** Dr. Campbell reported on the following: Budget Media Series - MASC/MASS Joint Conference - Update on Student Competency Determinations: Question 2 - Hometown Voices: Podcast

Dr. Sorensen asked if school districts can establish graduation requirements in addition to the Commonwealth's requirements.

Dr. Campbell said that under MA General Law that could be possible.

## **B) Retirement Announcements**

**7.2** Mr. Cioffi announced two retirements. Ms. Mary Lee Fetzer has 20 years of service and Ms. Carol Parsons has 20 years of service.

Mr. Pizano thanked Ms. Fetzer and Ms. Parsons for their combined 40 years of service to the district.

## **8.0 Reports**

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

Mr. Morgan attended the PNHS Veterans Day Celebration.

Ms. Shaw attended the MASC Conference. All votes passed.

Ms. Badger and Dr. Campbell were on a MASC for the Secure Storage panel.

Ms. Badger stated that the PAC is giving the District approximately fifty thousand dollars toward next year's tuition.

Ms. Badger attended the Budget Subcommittee meeting.

Ms. Badger attended the play Almost Maine.

### **8.2 Master Planning Committee Update**

There was no update given.

**8.3 Letter of Resignation from School Committee Chair, Ms. Michelle Badger Per MGL Chapter 54, Section 10, the school committee chair, Ms. Michelle Badger, will send the committee a resignation letter.**

\*Ms. Badger moved 9.0 up in the agenda. 7:30 PM

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

**8.4** Mr. Mogan gave an update on Memorial Hall, Fire Stations 2 and 5, and School Roofs.

## **C) Personnel Reports**

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

#### **Personnel Report**

Mr. Cioffi reported 6 leaves, 2 resignations, and 1 appointment.

### **9.0 Other School Committee Matters**

**9.1** Ms. Badger explained the process of electing a new committee member which will be a five-month position.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, and Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the School Committee vote to request participation in an 'election' to appoint a new member in conjunction with the Select Board'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0**

### **10.0 Budget**

#### **10.1 Budget Update**

Dr. Blaisdell informed the committee on the development FY 25 budget and the proposed FY26 operating budget.

Dr. Sorensen asked for clarification on the custodial funding.

Ms. Badger asked about the consolidations of cost centers.

Dr. Blaisdell explained the process will make things more transparent.

### **11.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

## **12.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

### **12.1 Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Superintendent's Recommendation: The Plymouth School Committee approves the 11/18/24 Consent Agenda as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 11/18/24 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 7 - 0**

## **13.0 Adjournment**

### **13.1 Chairperson's Adjournment**

Ms, Badger adjourned the meeting at 7:53 PM.