

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
Monday, October 21, 2024  
11 LINCOLN STREET PLYMOUTH, MA 02360**

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**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( was not in attendance), 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,(was not in attendance) 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: Nancy J. Cormier**

To observe a moment of silence for former Plymouth South Middle School math teacher, Nancy J. Cormier.

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

There was no public comment.

## **4.0 Informational Items**

### **4.0 Student Representative Reports**

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

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

#### **B) Plymouth South High School**

**4.2** Lillian Morse gave an update on what is happening at PSHS.

## **5.0 Informational Items**

### **5.1 Solar Project Proposal Presentation**

Mr. Michael Cahill, Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Planner for the town of Plymouth, and Mr. Adam Teft, the engineer, proposed to the Committee to install solar carpets at PNHS and PSHS.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: To approve the Solar RFP by the Town of Plymouth Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Planner, Mr. Michael Cahill.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To approve the Solar RFP presented by Town of Plymouth Climate Resiliency and Sustainability Planner, Michael Cahill'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1. The motion (Carried ). 5 - 0 Mr. Pizano abstained.**

## **6.0 School Improvement Plans**

## **6.1 Plymouth South High School Improvement Plan**

Ms. Patty Fry, Principal presented the School Improvement Plan for PSHS.

## **7.0 Program Updates**

### **A) Program Directors**

#### **7.1 CTE Program Update**

Mr. Mark Duffy, Plymouth CTE Director gave an update on the CTE Program.

Ms. Jackson asked Mr. Duffy about the student acceptance process for the CTE Program.

Mr. Duffy stated that the program is working on the acceptance process and making sure it is inclusive of Harbor Academy students. Mr. Duffy is looking into grant opportunities. (After dark program)

## **8.0 School Committee Matters- 8:13PM**

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

#### **8.1 PNHS Overnight Field Trip Request - DECA District Competition - 01/07-08/2025**

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to DECA District Competition, Quincy Marriott, be accepted and approved as presented.**

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

**Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Moved, and Member (Ms.Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to DECA District Competition, Quincy Marriott, be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0**

#### **8.2 PNHS Overnight Field Trip Request - DECA State Conference - 02/27-03/01/2025**

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 DECA State Conference, Boston, MA be accepted and approved as presented.**

Dr. Campbell asked the Committee if they would like to approve all of the field trips in this agenda at once.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. Sorensen ) Moved, Member (Mrs. Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School overnight field trip to DECA State Conference, Boston, MA be accepted and approved as presented'. Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School out-of-town field trip to DECA Internationals, Orlando, FL, be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll overnight field trip to DECA State Conference, Boston, MA PSHS Overnight Field Trip Request - DECA District Competition - 01/07-08/2025 PSHS Overnight Field Trip Request - DECA State Conference - 02/27-03/01/2025 PSHS Out-of-Town Field Trip Request - DECA Internationals - 04/24-29/2025 Overnight Field Trip Request - SkillsUSA Fall State Conference - 11/24-25/2024 PSHS Overnight Field Trip Request - SkillsUSA State Conference - 05/01-03/2025 PSHS Out-of-Town Field Trip Request - PSHS SkillsUSA National Conference - 06/23-28/2025**

## **B) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review and Appeal**

### **8.10 MASC Policy Section KDCB**

**To receive recommendation(s) relative to Policy KDCB, and take the necessary action(s).**

Dr. Campbell asked the committee to consider an amendment to Policy KDCB regarding social media.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That the recommended changes to Policy KDCB be accepted and approved as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Ms. Ashley Shaw) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the recommended changes to Policy KDCB be accepted and approved as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1. The motion (Carried ). 4 -0**

## **C) Other School Committee Matters**

### **8.11 Proposed 2024 MASC Resolutions**

Dr. Campbell presented the MASC Resolutions to the Committee.

#### **Resolution 1 -Alternative to MCAS Testing.**

Dr. Campbell explained that it would be advantageous to have something in place to support children.

Ms. Shaw asked if there is another way to compile student data another way instead of MCAS.

Dr. Campbell explained that there will be a measure in place.

Ms. Badger asked the committee if they would like to vote at the end of all resolutions or one motion per resolution. Ms. Shaw suggested that the committee vote motion by motion.

\*Dr. Sorensen asked for clarification on the committee position on MCAS.

Ms. Badger asked for a motion. Mr. Morgan made the motion to vote NO on Resolution 1. Seconded by Mr. Pizano. Upon roll call the motion was voted unanimously aye.

**Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (5) Nay: (0).  
The motion ( Carried). (5) -(0)**

### **Resolution 2-Drop out of school age from 16 years to 18 years.**

Ms. Jackson asked about the impact on diverse communities.

**Dr. Sorensen made a motion to support the resolution to increase the drop out rate to 18 years of age. Mr. Pizano seconded the motion.**

**Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (4) Nay: (1).  
The motion ( Carried). (4) - (1) Nay vote, Ms. Shaw.**

### **Resolution 3- Safe storage of firearms.**

Ms. Jackson moved to approve Resolution 3. Seconded by Dr. Sorensen.

**Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (5) Nay: (0).  
The motion ( Carried). (5) - (0)**

### **Resolution 4- School Bus Arm Surveillance.**

Mr. Morgan asked who would pay for surveillance cameras.

Dr. Campbell explained that there is not a funding source yet.

Dr. Sorensen stated that the policy states that the owner of the car is responsible for violation-he asked what happens if the car owner is not the driver at the time of the violation.

Ms. Shaw clarified that this resolution gives the ability to have a camera on the bus, but is not required.

Discussion was had regarding who pays for the PPS cameras currently.

No action was taken on Resolution 4. Ms. Shaw will vote on this at MASC upon getting more information.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Shaw) Moved, Member (Ms. Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion To have no action on Resolution 4: (5) Nay: (0). The motion (carried ). (5) - (0)**

**Resolution 5- Aligning Municipal Taxing Authority with local contributions.**

Ms. Jackson expressed concerns about Resolution 5.

Dr. Sorensen does not support this resolution.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Jackson) Seconded to NOT approve Resolution 5 ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (5) Nay: (0). The motion (carried ). (5) - (0)**

**Resolution 6- Supporting physical health of rural school districts.**

Ms. Jackson questioned the language of Resolution 6, it is an unclear resolution without framework.

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Jackson) Moved, Member (Ms. Shaw) Seconded to NOT approve Resolution 6 ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (4) Nay: (0). The motion (carried ). (4) - (1) Ms. Badger voted no.**

**Resolution 7-Fully Adjusting Chapter 70 aid for inflation**

Ms. Jackson suggested no action on Resolution 7.

The Committee took no action on Resolution 7.

**Resolution 8-Funding on Non Regional School Districts**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Dr. Sorensen) Moved, Member (Ms. Shaw) Seconded to approve Resolution 8 ORIGINAL motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: (5) Nay: (0). The motion (carried ). (5) - (0)**

## **Resolution 9- Tiered Evaluation System under Chapter 74**

Mr. Pizano asked Dr. Campbell to clarify whether he supports Resolution 9 or not.

Dr. Campbell suggested that the Committee abstain from a vote until more information is before them.

No action was taken by the Committee on Resolution 9.

## **Resolution 10-Expanding Chapter 74 (Technical Programs)**

Discussion was had regarding missing details in Resolution 10.

No action was taken by the Committee on Resolution 10.

### **9.0 Communications**

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

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

Dr. Campbell updated the Committee on the following- No Place for Hate: MLK Weekend - Budget Media Series - Transportation Study - Chronic Absenteeism - Learning Walks: Visits to Schools

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

##### **9.2 Retirements**

Dr. Campbell announced the retirement of School Nurse Ms. Monica Gilmore.

Mr. Pizano thanked Ms. Gilmore for her four years of service to the district.

### **10.0 Reports**

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

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

Ms. Badger reminded the committee that NSBA is April 4th-6th 2025.

Ms. Badger thanked committee members for attending the caucuses.

### **10.3 Reports and Proposals from the Charter Review Committee**

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

Mr. Morgan gave an update on the Oak Street project, Fire Stations and School Roofs.

#### **C) Personnel Reports**

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

#### **Personnel Report**

Dr. Campbell reported 16 appointments, and 2 resignations.

### **11.0 Budget**

#### **11.1 Business Administrator Update**

**To receive a report from the School Business Administrator, Dr. Adam Blaisdell, relative to the status of the school budget.**

#### **A) Capital Improvement and Equipment Requests**

#### **11.2 FY26 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendation List**

Dr. Blaisdell informed the Committee that on FY26 Budget Reductions.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That the FY26 Capital Outlay Expenditure Recommendations be accepted as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the FY26 Capital Outlay Expenditure Recommendations be accepted as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5-0**

### **12.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

### **13.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**9/9 and 9/23 minutes removed.**

**Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee approved the 10/21/2024 Consent Agenda with minutes removed.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, Member (Ms.Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the 10/21/2024 Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. The motion Carried. 5 - 0**

### **15.0 Adjournment**

Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at 9:27PM.