

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Monday April 1, 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, Ms. Kim Savery, Mr. Robert Morgan, Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood and Dr. James Sorensen were **not** in attendance.

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 7:00 PM

Ms. Badger called the meeting 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 Comments from the General Public 7:01 PM

2.1 There were no public comments.

3.0 Informational Items

3.1 Introduction of New South Elementary School Principal - Derek Thompson

Dr. Campbell introduced Mr. Derek Thompson to the School Committee.

Ms. Badger welcomed Mr. Thompson to the district.

4.0 Student Representative Reports 7:02PM

A) Plymouth North High School -Quinn Hales

Quinn Hales gave an update on the happenings at PNHS.

B) Plymouth South High School-Lillian Morse

Lillian Morse gave an update on the happenings at PSHS.

5.0 Public Hearings

Ms. Badger opened the hearing at 7:08 PM

5.1 Massachusetts School Choice Participation

The inter-district school choice law (G.L. c.76, s.12B) requires all districts to Accept incoming school choice students unless the school committee votes not to Participate or votes to limit the number of incoming students in particular grades. The required school committee vote must be taken annually, prior to June 1 for participation in the following school year. All districts must Report their school choice participation plans to the Department of Elementary And Secondary Education using this survey by June 1 for the following school year. This information will be published on the Department's website to inform families of their school choice options.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member **(Mr. Luis Pizano)** Moved, Member **(Ms. Kim Savery)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. the motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

6.0 School Improvement Plans

6.1 Hedge Elementary School - SIP 7:10 PM

Ms. Kristin Wilson, Principal, presented the School Improvement Plan to the Committee.

6.2 Federal Furnace Elementary School - SIP 7:32PM

Ms. Stacey Perry, Principal, presented the School Improvement Plan to the Committee.

7.6 PNHS Out of State ~ Newport, RI - 05/10/2024 7:50 PM

Ms. Badger moved this up in the agenda.

To receive recommendation(s) relative to the proposed PNHS out of state field trip and take the necessary action(s).

Superintendent's Recommendation: That the proposed Plymouth North High School out of state field trip to Newport, RI be accepted and approved as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That the proposed Plymouth North High School out of state field trip to Newport, RI 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

7.0 School Committee Matters 7:53 PM

7.1 Superintendent's Goals

Dr. Campbell provided his SY23-24 Summative Goals to the Committee.

7.2 Superintendent's Evaluation

Ms. Badger asked the Committee to provide their evaluations by April 22, 2024.

7.3 Student Opportunity Act (SOA)

Dr. Rogers explained the Student Opportunity Act. As part of the SOA, districts are required to submit their plans aimed at closing the persistent disparities in achievement among student subgroups.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 5 - 0

7.4 Bus and Transportation Fee Information

Dr. Blaisdell recommended a proposed rate of \$150.00 per student, with a family cap of \$450.00.

Discussion was had regarding fee waivers for students that have free and reduced lunch.

Mr. Pizano asked if students will still be allowed to pay for one-way travel via bus.

Dr. Blaisdell stated that the new proposal will not allow for that.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Robert Morgan) Moved, Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 5 - 0

7.5 Athletics Fees

Dr. Blaisdell presented the new athletic fees will be increased from \$135 per sport to \$175, with a max family cap of \$875. Athletic Directors will work with any families in need to discuss waivers.

Mr. Pizano noted that even with the increase, PPS athletic fees are far less than other schools in the Patriot League.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Moved, Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 5 - 0

Ms. Badger thanked Dr. Blaisdell for all the hard work he put into the process.

B) Policy Adoption, Amendment, Review and Appeal

7.7 MASC Policy Section I

Dr. Rogers presented MASC Policy Section I for review.

There will be a vote on this section April 22, 2024.

C) Job Description Adoption, Amendment, and Review

7.8 7D Van Driver Job Description

Dr. Blaisdell presented the job description to the Committee.

Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 5 - 0

8.0 Communications 8:23 PM

A) Superintendent's Report

8.1 Strategic Planning Committee Update SOI Application Submission: MSBA Coffee & Conversations Family Forum Mass Service Alliance Grant: District Volunteer Program Administrative Postings Update MA Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Finalist, Ms. Kathleen Shaw, PCIS Teacher, Town Meeting (Saturday, April 6)

B) Retirement Announcements

8.2 Retirements

Mr. Cioffi shared three retirements. Ms. Martha Enos, Ms. Annemarie Ross, Ms. Christine Morgan.

Mr. Pizano thanked the retirees for their combined 82 years of service to the district.

9.0 Reports 8:30 PM

9.1 Master Planning Committee Update

Mr. Morgan reported a master planning committee update.

A) Committee Member Reports

Ms. Savery updated the Committee on Shichigahama.

Ms. Savery thanked the Rotary Club for their donation for the PPS students that traveled to Shichigahama.

Ms. Savery read a letter from Jason Fraiser.

Ms. Jackson attended the PCIS Star Books.

Ms. Badger thanked Dr. Campbell and Ms. Jackson for their work on putting together The League of Women Voters Panel. Ms. Badger thanked the committee for the caucuses they attended.

B) Plymouth Building Committee Reports

9.3 There was not a Building Committee Report

C) Personnel Reports

9.4 Appointments, Leaves of Absence, and Resignations

Mr. Cioffi presented the Committee with 1 Certificated Appointment, 1 Classified Appointment, 1 Medical Leave, and 2 Resignations.

10.0 Unfinished and New Business

10.1 There is no unfinished or new business.

11.0 Approval of Consent Agenda

11.1 Ms. Badger asked that the minutes Jan 25, 2024, and Feb 3, 2024 be removed for edits to be made.

To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda

Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee approved the MMDDYY Consent Agenda as presented.

ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Moved, (with Jan 25 and Feb 3 Minutes removed) Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'That Plymouth School Committee approve the MMDDYY Consent Agenda as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 5 - 0

13.0 Adjournment

13.1 Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at **8:42 PM**