

**PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
March 4, 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, Ms. Kimberly 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**

**Ms. Badger called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM**

**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."

**2.0 Comments from the General Public**

**2.1** No public comment.

**3.0 Student Representative Reports**

**A) Plymouth South High School**

**3.1 PSHS Student Representative Report - Lillian Morse**

Lillian Morse informed the committee on the happenings at PSHS.

**B) Plymouth North High School**

**3.2 PNHS Student Representative Report - Quinn Hales**

Quinn Hales informed the committee on the happenings at PNHS.

**4.0 School Improvement Plans**

**4.1 Plymouth South Middle School - SIP 7:07 PM**

Mr. Joseph Murphy, PSMS principal presented the PSMS school improvement plan to the committee.

#### **4.2 Plymouth Community Intermediate School - SIP**

Mr. Brian Palladino, PCIS principal presented the PCIS school improvement plan to the committee.

#### **5.0 School Committee Matters 8:12 PM**

**5.1 Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest for Hedge and Cold Spring Elementary Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 4, 2024, prior to the SOUL submission closing date, the School Committee of Plymouth Public Schools, Plymouth Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April, 2024 for the Hedge Elementary School located at 258 Standish Ave, Plymouth, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future; 5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. And 7. Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Plymouth to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.**

**Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Kim Savery) Moved, Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 7 - 0**

#### **5.2 Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest for Hedge and Cold Spring Elementary**

**Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on March 4, 2024, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the School Committee of Plymouth Public Schools, Plymouth Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws,**

and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April, 2024 for the Cold Spring Elementary School located at 25 Alden Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future; 5. Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. And 7. Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements. and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Plymouth to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Vedna Lacombe-Heywood) Moved, Member (Dr. James Sorensen) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve as presented'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 7 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 7 - 0**

### **5.3 Bus and Transportation Fee Information**

Dr. Blaisdell presented the Committee with an estimated new bus fee proposal as well as changes to the current bus procedures.

Discussion was had among the committee members regarding the increase and the impact to PPS families.

### **5.4 Preschool Fee Information**

Dr. Blaisdell presented the current PECC budget and a new preschool tuition cost scenario.

Ms. Jackson asked how the fee schedule currently impacts socioeconomically disadvantaged families and reflected in the fee increase proposal.

Dr. Blaisdell explained there are protocols in place for families. Such as free and reduced lunch and the EEC Sliding Scale.

Mr. Pizano asked how long students are enrolled in PECC and how the new fee would impact current families.

Dr. Rogers stated that children are typically at PECC for two years.

Ms. Badger asked how much money is in the PECC Revolving account.

Dr. Blaisdell stated approximately 200,000 is in the account.

More discussion will take place at an upcoming meeting.

### **5.5 Athletics Fee Information**

Dr. Blaisdell shared the current athletic costs for the district.

Dr. Blaisdell showed the committee a comparison of fees in other districts.

Dr. Sorensen asked when the fee is paid. Dr. Blaisdell stated that it is paid by season.

Ms. Badger thanked Dr. Blaisdell for all of his work on the fee proposals.

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

#### **5.6 MASC Policy Section(s) G & H**

**To receive recommendation(s) relative to Policies G & H, and take the necessary action(s). Superintendent's Recommendation: That the recommended changes to Policies G & H 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 recommended changes to Policies G & H 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) Other School Committee Matters**

#### **5.7 Pilgrim Area Collaborative Agreement Revision**

Ms. Badger read the draft for Pilgrim Area Collaborative Agreement Revisions.

Ms. Badger informed the committee on one change in the agreement. The billing will change from monthly to daily.

Dr. Sorensen asked if the Collaborative has run this agreement by counsel.

Ms. Badger stated that the agreement was reviewed by counsel.

**Superintendent's Recommendation: Approve as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Kim Savery) 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: 7 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 7 - 0**

## **5.8 Project Proposal**

Ms. Badger spoke about creating a 'New School Committee Member Handbook'

Discussion among members regarding the Parliamentarian within the School Committee. Dr. Sorensen suggested that the chair have a copy of Robert's Rules at the table.

Dr. Sorensen suggested that a sentence be added to the budget subcommittee description. *'and in doing so, will communicate the majority position of the School Committee, relative to line items and other budgetary needs.'*

The Committee agreed that that sentence be added.

Ms. Heywood suggested that this be added to the Finance Committee as well.

Dr. Sorensen expressed the concerns about the budget subcommittee.

Mr. Pizano explained that involving the School Committee in the budget process will be beneficial.

Discussion continued about the collaborative budget process/discussions among the town and school. More discussion on this topic will be discussed in April.

## **6.0 Communications**

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

**6.1** Dr. Campbell presented the following: Strategic Planning Coffee & Conversations Superintendent Forum \* MASS Legislative Breakfast \* Full Day PD (Tuesday, March 5): No School \* aMAzing Educator Recognition Event \* PPS has two teachers being recognized at the event. Ms. Jess Fuller, PCIS Music Teacher and Ms. Shelley Terry, PNHS English Teacher.

Mr. Cioffi updated the Committee on the South Elementary Principal search and on the Special Education Director search.

### **B) Retirement Announcements**

#### **6.2 Retirements**

Mr. Cioffi presented 2 Personnel Retirements. Mr. John Korkutis and Ms. Nancy Canducci.

Mr. Pizano thanked the retirees for their 47 years of service to the district.

## **7.0 Reports**

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

#### **7.1 Committee Member Reports**

Ms. Savery gave an update on The Distinguished Visitors Committee.

Ms. Badger reminded the Committee about upcoming caucuses.

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

#### **7.2 Plymouth Building Committee Reports**

There was no update given.

### **C) Personnel Reports**

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

Mr. Cioffi informed the committee that there was 1 appointment, 2 leaves and 5 resignations.

### **8.0 Unfinished and New Business**

There was no unfinished or new business.

### **9.0 Approval of Consent Agenda**

**9.1 To vote upon all housekeeping items included in the Consent Agenda  
Superintendent's Recommendation: That Plymouth School Committee  
approve the 03/04/2024 Consent Agenda as presented.**

**ORIGINAL - Motion Member (Ms. Katherine Jackson) Moved, Member (Mr. Luis Pizano) 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: 7 Nay: 0. the motion Carried. 7 - 0**

### **11.0 Adjournment**

**11.1** Ms. Badger adjourned the meeting at 9:20 PM.

