

PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Order of Business
7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Becky Tyrrell convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:08 PM. Cassandra Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mesdames Clark, Lauria, Martinez, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, and Messrs. Bruzas and White

Also Present: Brian S. Reas, Superintendent of Schools
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, Student Representative

Absent: Rachel Buchanan, Board Member
Lori Consalvo, Board Member
Maja Grabowski, Student Representative

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

The CABE Communications Award plaque was presented to the Board of Education by Julia Motte Dennis, Berlin Board of Education Chair

Ms. Motte Dennis awarded Board of Education members with five awards of excellence for educational communication. They are as follows:

Social Media: Linden Street School Principal's Twitter Account

Newsletter: Plainville Board of Education Community Letter Newsletter and Toffolon Tiger Tidbits Newsletter

Computer Generated Project: School Business Community Partnership Program E-Newsletter

Special Project: Toffolon Internal Updates and Informational Staff Newsletter

In order to receive a Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications, entries must meet all of the following criteria.

- ▶ First, is the general criteria which includes clarity of message, image and consistency.
- ▶ Second, the specific guidelines of readability/editing, graphics, type, format/presentation, design and value of expenditure.

PCS All-Star Awards:

PCS Teacher All-Star Award: Diane Lebel, Toffolon Grade 4 Teacher

Mrs. Lebel was honored for saving the life of a Toffolon student who was choking.

PCS Student All-Star Award: Isabella Peters, Grade 6, Middle School of Plainville

PCS Student All-Star Award: Nolan Meehan, Grade 8, Middle School of Plainville

Both Isabella Peters and Nolan Meehan were awarded the Student All-Star Award for their creation of the new Plainville Coalition logo.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024 WITH CORRECTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA . THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

Correction to Section VIII. Item E. PAC Liaison—Plainville High School Report, per Foster White.

The first line reads, The next meeting of the PHS PAC took place on March 13th. The line should read, The next meeting of the PHS PAC **will take place on March 13th.**

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2024 (BOARD RETREAT) AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

B) A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024 (BOARD RETREAT) AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Student Liaison Valiantsin Kasabrukhou reported on the following:

- ▶ Today's students came back to school from a much-needed Spring Break.
- ▶ Spring sports are currently in full swing, with baseball, softball and outdoor track all completing practices daily and regularly. Softball and baseball both have games today.
- ▶ Seniors and Juniors are currently preparing for AP tests which will be administered in about four weeks, with AP Stats being the first to be administered.
- ▶ Seniors are also hard at work submitting their scholarship applications to and with paying for college, and a common scholarship was submitted the Thursday before break.
- ▶ SAT's were administered on March 20th with all sophomores and juniors taking the new short format of the PSAT and SAT. General feedback on both labeled it as an easy experience. We'll see if that holds up when the scores come back in May.
- ▶ Mr. PHS was extremely successful with Ayo Ayodele being crowned Mr. PHS with Gavin Cook and Shane McCormick as runners up in the competition.
- ▶ The National Honor Society (NHS) is currently underway with an Induction Ceremony occurring tentatively on May 9.
- ▶ The Science NHS's blood drive recruiting is due to begin sometime within the next week. The actual blood drive with the Red Cross will be administered later this month.
- ▶ The Science NHS will also be holding a Science Night on April 29th at 6 PM at PHS.
- ▶ PHS Admissions: Students have been extremely hard at work. All have realized how difficult it was to actually getting in during Junior year, made us work even harder and

has been a very competitive year. He is proud to announce that next year he will be attending Duke University, majoring in Computer Science with a concentration in AI and machine learning, and hopefully a double major in finance. Nicole Caruso our Salutatorian will be committing to Boston University this Saturday, majoring in journalism with a minor in Spanish. Joelle Appiah will be committing to Northeastern University majoring in PreMed. PHS is also proud to announce that there are a slew of wait lists with hopefully some coming through this summer. The Senior class has been able to accumulate acceptances via the following wait lists: (1) Carnegie Melon; (1) Cornell; (1) Dartmouth; (1) Columbia; (1) University of Chicago; (1) Johns Hopkins; (1) Georgia Tech; (2) Northeastern; (2) Boston College; (1) Syracuse; and (1) Boston University. The number of students getting in via the wait lists is very tentative. There have been years when Johns Hopkins has let in zero people off their wait list. But considering how many there are, it's a pretty high chance that someone will get in over the summer. College admissions were extremely competitive this year. Duke experienced 54,000 people applying, which is 10% more than last year. Approximately 98,000 applied to Northeastern and 78,000 applied to Boston University. Their expected acceptance rates are as follows: Duke 4.1%, Northeastern 6.8% and Boston University is still tentative as to how many students as their wait list is quite large but they're hovering around 10%. We are extremely proud and excited for our admitted students. This was highlighted because all of these students worked very hard to get into their college of choice.

On behalf of the Board, Mrs. Tyrrell sent heartfelt congratulations to Val Kasabrukhou and all Seniors who are going on to college.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Beverly Newson, 40 Prentice Street

Mrs. Newson stated that she and her family moved to Plainville two years ago. She and her husband are proud parents of two children who are 8 and 6 years old. She stated that they came from a district that did not have the same philosophy of education as they have come to understand it. One of her children experienced something traumatic in a former district and she and her husband knew they had to do something. As an educator, she started calling districts explaining that she is a mom who wanted to do all she could to reach out for her children. She stated that Plainville was one of two districts they chose to call home. After two years, she is very glad to be here. She stated that she and her husband are grateful for the education that has been provided in Plainville. The words speak for themselves, as they know this is a district reaching for excellence and acceptance of people.

Mrs. Newson then congratulated Nolan Meehan and spoke to the standards of excellence being held in Plainville. She stated that when you surround children with love and an expectation of excellence, they usually meet that goal. She went on to say that as a parent, if you hold the standard high, your child will come pretty close to meeting that goal. She said her family is grateful to be a part of the Town and they look forward to getting more involved by coming to Board of Education meetings and just being a part of the community.

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—No Report

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Reas began by congratulating Val Kasabrukhou, stating the Duke is lucky to have you.

He then asked BOE members to mark their calendar for the following events:

▶ The Superintendent's Showcase is next week, Tuesday April 23rd at 6:00 PM at the High school. We have musicians, robotic demonstrations, and pretty much everything we do here on display for the community.

▶ April 30th is the Town-wide Budget vote at the Firehouse from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

▶ May 1st will be the Board Member Retreat

▶ June 12 will be Graduation Day for the Class of 2024 on Alumni Field

Regarding the Middle School Renovation Project, which may be on everyone's mind, the referendum passed on March 19th. There will be an upcoming meeting with CSG to review the grant process. We hope the grant will be submitted something during the month of May. It is technically due to the State by June 30th in order to get on the State's list of grants. The Town Council is actually meeting this evening and the MSP project is one of the agenda items. They are hoping to take some steps forward with this process. They are also finalizing memberships on the Capital Projects Building Committee. A Building Committee with a certain amount of representatives is required by the State process. The Council is in charge of that responsibility. They will then assign this project to the Building Committee, which needs to be done to check the box on the grant process. The Building Committee will need to get permission from the Town Council to apply for the grant. That is all happening concurrently, as we are meeting now. He then explained that the Board typically meets on the second Monday of the month, but due to Spring vacation, the date needed to be changed, which is why the two meetings are running concurrently.

Celebrations: We found out this afternoon that our very own Food Services Director, Ashley Carl, was named the School Nutrition Association of Connecticut's Director of the Year. We are very excited for her. She not only is doing a terrific job, she is a terrific colleague, and also advocates for free lunches to provide to students in need. She makes this her passion.

Currently, the Town Council is recognizing the PHS cheerleading team, who for two years in a row have been their class State Champions. Congratulations!! Not too many districts can claim two years in a row.

Over the past vacation week, significant progress has been made in taking the old boilers out of the Plainville High School building and replacing them. This has been something that has been in the works for a few years.

CABE's A Day on the Hill session in Hartford on March 13th turned into not only bringing students to the Legislative Office building and the State Capitol, but it turned out to be a private tour by one of our Senators. All through the Legislative Office building they saw where legislators held meetings, had lunch, and were able to go into the Legislators' Chambers. They were also able to go through the State Capitol as well. Mr. Reas said he learned a lot, as did the students. The students came away from the event feeling energized about government. One student expressed interest in going into government as a career. It was a lot more than expected and were very excited throughout the event.

VIII. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance and Finance Subcommittee Report—No Report

B. Policy Subcommittee Report

These policies are now in their 2nd reading for Board of Education approval.

Policy 4030-Personnel: Section 504/ADA--Modified

Policy 1100-Community Relations: Non-Discrimination (Community)--Modified

Policy 5145.8-Students: Non-Discrimination (Students)—Modified

Policy 4010-Personnel: Non-Discrimination (Personnel)—Modified

Policy 5112-Students: New Kindergarten Age Requirements—Modified

C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report

Mrs. Martinez stated that the Curriculum Subcommittee met on March 21st and discussed the PHS Algebra class at MSP. This class will continue to be offered. But going forward, the GPA beginning next year will not carryover to the High School. Students will start fresh with their GPA. The subcommittee also discussed elementary reading and the **Right to Read** grant, legislation and the professional learning that is going along with the program. They also discussed the ten learning sessions some of our teachers and administrators are attending.

The subcommittee also discussed the proposed current enrollment course with CCSU regarding a Psychology class. They also discussed graduation requirements and how students will now be able to graduate and will have core representation with the amount of credits they take. They will now graduate with a higher level of distinction if they are taking more credits than the general requirement.

Mr. Levenduski stated that a Policy Subcommittee meeting will be set up soon and another part of the revamped graduation requirements will be discussed.

D. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report

E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report

The meeting of the PHS PAC took place on March 13th.

▶ Final balance in the treasury is \$2,853.78.

▶ The PAC has enough funds on hand for their annual scholarships and has another fundraiser, a Bottle and Can Drive will take place on Saturday, April 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the High School. This will help raise additional funds needed for this year's Senior Class Picnic at the end of May.

▶ The remaining PAC meeting will be held on May 8 in the PHS Learning Commons at 7 PM.

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report

Mrs. Martinez reported that the Toffolon PTO meeting was held on March 14th.

Old Business:

▶ The PTO purchased water bottles for every student. They were handed out in classrooms on the first day of school.

▶ The PTO purchased field trip tee shirts for all new students and kindergartners. They will also have shirts for those new students entering each grade.

▶ The PTO's Friendshipgram fundraiser collected \$486

▶ Their APEX Fun Run netted \$6,724.28

▶ The EdCM fundraiser netted \$645.46

▶ Spiritwear now has a website that is year-round. The PTO currently raised \$469.87.

- ▶ There was a Jersey Mike's fundraiser on March 12th. The profits are yet to be determined.
- ▶ Baystate Textiles netted \$390.91
- ▶ Coca Cola Gives netted \$40.50

Upcoming Events:

- ▶ The PTO sponsored a Scholastic Book Fair which took place on March 18 and 22.
- ▶ DARE graduation will be happening again this year. All three elementary schools will combine together. The Toffolon PTO donated \$350 for cake, balloons, gifts, etc. for a celebration after the ceremony.
- ▶ Toffolon students are asked to send photos for the Toffolon yearbook to ToffolonYearbook@Toffolonschool.org
- ▶ The annual Toffolon scholarship process has begun. They were receiving applications. The deadline was April 5. They need volunteers for a committee to review applications. Decisions are to be sent in by May 1.
- ▶ Fifth Grade End of the Year Activities: Mrs. Chmielecki is the parent in charge of this activity. The PTO will charge families \$25 per each 5th grader.
- ▶ The PTO tossed around ideas regarding Friendshipgrams, bracelets and book marks. They also discussed an end of the year Bingo Night.
- ▶ Staff Appreciation Day is set for May 6-10.
- ▶ The PTO is looking for volunteers for the end of the year picnic. They are also looking for ideas such as a dance party, ice cream truck etc.

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Mrs. Clark stated that the Linden PTO meeting took place on March 13 at 6 PM. Mrs. Clark stated that the Linden PTO is doing a spectacular job. Nicole Michaud's amazing in her leadership role as PTO President.

- ▶ The PTO is preparing for the Spring Book Fair next week. They had raised \$3,200 in Scholastic Book dollars to buy books for teachers' classrooms and for students.
- ▶ A craft fair will be held on April 27th from 10 AM to 2 PM at Linden.
- ▶ For Teacher Appreciation Week students will "Chalk the Walk" where they write nice message for their teachers. It is nice to see the teachers as they walk into the building reading the students messages.
- ▶ Lunch from Lola's Bistro will be provided for the Linden staff on May 2. Desserts will be donated by families.
- ▶ There will be a DARE graduation prep.
- ▶ The PTO ordered bags from Threads for graduation day.
- ▶ The PTO sponsored an Eggsellent Start to Spring with PHS students as volunteers. The PTO thanked all volunteers who came out as it was a cold day. The raffles that day netted over \$800.
- ▶ Linden's scholarship applications are in. They will vote on the final applicants at their upcoming meeting. Those applications will then go to Mr. Wallowitz.
- ▶ The next PTO meeting has been pushed to 5:15 PM on May 8th so that volunteers can go to the End of the Year Volunteer dinner at PHS.
- ▶ The PTO will also vote for new PTO officers at their next meeting. They are also looking for new officers/parents to join.
- ▶ The Linden PTO will cover \$15 for each student for upcoming field trips.

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported that the MSP PTC met on March 14 at 7 PM in The Middle School Library.

- ▶ The PTC discussed the upcoming end of the year events.
- ▶ The PTC is gearing up for scholarships for PHS graduates.
- ▶ The PTC discussed celebrating Guidance Counselor Week.
- ▶ The PTC is working on another PTC Paint Night, Spring Dance and plans for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-10.
- ▶ The PTC will meet again tomorrow night April 16 at 7 PM in the MSP Library

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report—No Report

J. CREC Council Report—No Report

K. Chairperson’s Report

Mrs. Tyrrell stated the following:

The MSP Referendum was well supported which proved that it was time to move forward with the MSP Project. People understood the importance of the project. They knew it was the right thing for the community.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done for this project. The school district administration plays a huge role. Communications is a big part of that. She thanked Lynn Davis for all the work she has done. She also thanked the Town Council, the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and several members of their staff who made sure there was good solid communication. It was a great team. Things were done in a short period of time. The Consultant was amazed that everything could be done so quickly. It was a great showing.

Mrs. Tyrrell again congratulated Val Kasabrukhou for getting into Duke University. She stated that there are a lot of students who won’t be able to get into their first-choice colleges but there is always more than one way to get to a certain place. Keep fighting, keep struggling, keep working and you will do well. You don’t always have to start off at the school of your choice, some cannot afford it, but you can always transfer later. This is a tough time for some kids as they have worked very hard. She wished everyone well.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Revised Policy No. 4030: Personnel: Section 504/ADA—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 4030 PERSONNEL: SECTION 504/ADA AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

B) Revised Policy No. 1100: Community Relations: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 1100 COMMUNITY RELATIONS: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

C) Revised Policy No. 5145.8: Students: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 5145.8 STUDENTS: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

D) **Revised Policy No. 4010: Personnel: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading**
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY
NO. 4010 PERSONNEL: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED.
CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

E) **Revised Policy No. 5112: Students: Ages of Attendance—2nd Reading**
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE
POLICY NO. 5112 STUDENTS: AGES OF ATTENDANCE AS PRESENTED.
CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Foster White thanked Nolan Meehan for what he did for the Coalition for Positive Youth Development. Nolan incorporated every one of the five Portrait of the Graduate aspects in the work that he did in collaboration with Isabella Peters. As Mrs. Davis pointed out it is very much appreciated by the Coalition. In addition, the Coalition is sponsoring an excellent event entitled, Screenagers on Thursday, April 18th at 6 PM in the MPS Auditorium. This event addresses the issues that conform us all regarding the issues of Social Media and what we have to do as educations, as parents, and as grandparents. Mr. White urges anyone who has the time to attend this event. There will be a forum after the presentation video. The public will be able to address a panel for answers to questions. He thanked Nolan for his work and told him that he is inspiring.

Mr. White stated that he wanted to thank Music teacher Todd Helming who discovered that approximately 5% of his Chorus members had never been to a live music theater. He took it upon himself to seek a grant that would allow him to take students to such performances. On this evening's agenda, under Private Donations on the Consent Agenda, an annotation is made that \$2,500 was awarded to the school to help support this initiative. Students will be seeing the Wiz at the Bushnell and South Pacific at the Goodspeed. He stated that the play South Pacific points out the issues of bigotry during the World War II era, which is a learning experience for students.

Cassandra Clark asked who the Screenagers event was specifically for, parents, students?

Mrs. Davis responded for parents and students grades 4-12.

Rebecca Martinez congratulated Diane Lebel on being awarded the PCS All-Star Teacher Award for saving the life of a Toffolon student and she thanked Nolan Meehan and Isabella Peters for the logo work they did for the Coalition. She stated that the logo was awesome!

Mrs. Martinez reminded everyone that the Budget vote will take place on April 30 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the Firehouse. She is hoping for a good turnout.

She also thanked everyone who came out for the MSP Referendum on March 19th. It was nice to see everyone come out.

Cassandra Clark thanked Mrs. Newson for speaking this evening. She stated that not many people attend the Board meetings but it is great to have community involvement and it is nice to have person to person contact.

She stated that she is also looking forward to the Superintendent's Showcase. It is a wonderful way for the community to see how our school district shines. You'll get a snip-it of various things i.e., music, robotics, teachers, students. It's a nice way to see everything in a nutshell. She also thanked the Board for all the work they are doing.

B) Adult Education PEP Grant Approval

Mr. Reas stated that this evening, Jill O'Brien, Adult and Continuing Education Coordinator, will share some of the new initiatives the Adult Education Department hopes to offer with Board of Education approval during the next school year.

She began with the Adult Education Program Guide which goes out to town residents every year in the Fall and in the Spring. She stated that this is the primary recruitment tool to reach those in need of the mandated programs that are listed in the guide. Since 1964, Plainville Adult and Continuing Education has provided a soft place to land for many of our adult learners in the community.

Since the State populates the Program Profile Report, created by the State Department of Education's Adult Education Unit, it shows that at least 1,241 adult Plainville residents, ages 18 and over, are eligible for English as a Second Language classes. So far this year, 85 students have touched our doors and we expect more with the rolling enrollment in place. Please keep in mind, Adult Education students volunteer to attend and they're time here competes with many outside obligations, such as work, family and health needs. The majority of students are female, most identified as Hispanic/Latino and ESL is the most populated program. Most students are ages 25 to 44 and about half of all students are parents and the same amount are unemployed.

Our perpetual goals are to reach/help more students in need and provide excellent services to those who voluntarily attend our programs. There are many country origins of those students. We celebrate diversity and we are proud of our culturally enriched academic community. Our official student handbook's front cover quotes America Ferrara, Author of *Americans Like Me. You are here, you are seen, your experience matters.*

There is opportunity to help even more adult education learnings through the Program Enhancement Projects grant funding. Every priority area that we are applying for is 100% federally funded for four years beginning with the school year 2025. Each grant has a 20% in-kind match. Each priority area is graded with workforce development initiatives in alignment with capital workforce partners, workforce innovation, and opportunity act plan. Students will learn about community services, career paths and training opportunities that will assist them in their journeys leading to financial self-sufficiency. The first priority is Family Literacy Services. With a grant award of \$50,000 it is 100% funded with federal dollars. This has been offered in Plainville for over 25 years through a successful reapplication process. Funds support daytime adult basic education, ESL and GED classes at Linden Street School. While parents attend classes, their children are engaged in educational activities at the Plainville Family Resource Network. (PFRN).

Instructional Innovation--\$30,000

This is also 100% funded with federal dollars. Funds will support new Adult high School Credit Diploma Program courses and Developmental Child Psychology sessions 1 and 2. This immersive learning experience will include observations, field trips, career navigation and guest speaker presentations. With each session, students will earn 1 credit toward graduation and exposure to multi-career pathways and acquire parenting resources.

Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education--\$25,000

This is also 100% funded with federal dollars. Funds will support contextualized instruction for Adult Basic Education, ESL, and citizen preparation students. They will focus on literacy and English language acquisitions, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, naturalization procedures, civic participation and U.S. History/Government. Weekly field trips will support civic related topics such as how to navigate community services, including schools, employment, health care, involvement in community activities and volunteerism will be emphasized. We will launch a first community activity through a pre-arranged agreement in place with the Plainville Senior Center, using a combination of applied computer skills and handcrafts. Students will create cheer cards with inspirational messages in their native languages and English and will deliver these cards during a trip to the Plainville Senior Center.

Each of these 100% federally funded grant initiatives bares no financial burden to the district. Programming will enhance our Program's catalog of services.

We aim to reach more students and provide meaningful learning opportunities, while making a positive impact on our community.

Mr. Reas thanked Mrs. O'Brien for her presentation. He stated that she runs an excellent program and should be very proud.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE THREE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AS PRESENTED. FAMILY LITERACY SERVICE FOR \$50,000, INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION FOR \$30,000 AND INTEGRATED ENGLISH LITERACY AND CIVICS EDUCATION \$25,000. EACH GRANT IS 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FOR FOUR YEARS, BEGINNING FY2025 AND EACH GRANT HAS A 20% IN-KIND SERVICES MATCH. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 6 YES VOTES AND 1 ABSTENTION BY MR. BRUZAS. (A relative of Mr. Bruzas' works for the PFRN)

C) Quarterly Special Education Cost Report (October, January, March and June)—No Report

D) Turf Committee Report (September and May)—No Report

E) Cell Tower Proposal

Mr. Reas stated that the Town received a proposal to potentially place one cell tower in the rear area of Toffolon School or at the Middle School. The Middle School's placement is a little farther away from the building which is less obvious. This is a way that the Town could receive funds. Not a significant amount, but some. It would

also improve cell services at the Middle School where the service is not great. Therefore, it would be of some benefit to us. This is something the Town government/Town Manager would need to work through. These types of projects can go either way. Some people like it, some don't. Mr. Reas was asked to bring this to the Board of Education for any comments and/or concerns.

Foster White stated that this isn't the first time this has been proposed. Placing this tower near Overlook Drive will impact approximately seven dwellings, within several feet of the path to Toffolon School. It also shows an access road that will bisect the trail that they currently have and is close to the new playground for the PreK student at Toffolon. Mr. White personally feels that the Toffolon site would not work out and would draw a lot of negative neighborhood comments to the district.

The site on the south side of Northwest Drive is fairly close to the Middle School and he has some concerns. If it's a tower that exists by the Municipal Center, it is also very attractive for Middle School students to climb. The access has a better design. Also, with this type of tower placed on the property with the renovation to that school, there will be necessary site work upcoming that needs to be done. The tower and the access road to it may well create some limitations to access that sight either from the parking area or as another egress almost within ten yards from the exit onto Northwest Drive. Also, there are language concerns in the contract that the Town Attorney might want to take a look at.

Mr. Bruzas asked if this is the only proposal that was received?

Mr. Reas said yes, it's the only proposal received within the last six months.

Mr. Bruzas asked would we entertain others? Just to compare, to get the best deal out of it.

Mr. Reas said he would check with the town.

Becky Tyrrell stated that obviously the only reason the Board being asked about it is because it is in the school's proximity. This is more about our thinking or concerns.

Cassandra Clark stated having something close to the Middle School considering we're doing the improvements would actually be an improvement to the area, to have the technology there, and what we're doing for the classrooms, for the safety of the students, i.e., cell phone service is being able to communicate well. She isn't worried about the safety as the equipment around the tower would deter kids from climbing. She looks forward to seeing where this goes in the future.

Mr. Reas asked Mr. Bruzas if the question was, Are there other companies asking to put cell towers in the area?

Mr. Bruzas: Yes

Rebecca Martinez understands that there's revenue coming in, but it feels like every time there's a blade of grass, we're putting something on it. She feels it could really upset the neighborhood. She would like to see how the community feels prior to the Board considering it. Also, to make sure there are no health issues with the towers being there. She stressed that even if there's revenue attached to it, Plainville is nine square miles and a lot of things are being built on everything, everywhere.

F) Request Approval of Participating in Health Food and Beverage Certification Initiative 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025)

1) Healthy Food Option:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE LANGUAGE FOR HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION AND FOOD EXEMPTION FOR 2024-2025 AS FOLLOWS: PURSUANT TO C.G.S. SECTION 10-215f, THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION CERTIFIES THAT ALL FOOD ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE TO STUDENTS IN THE SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, AND NOT EXEMPT FROM THE CONNECTICUT NUTRITION STANDARDS PUBLISHED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, WILL COMPLY WITH THE CONNECTICUT NUTRITION STANDARDS DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2024, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025. THIS CERTIFICATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL FOOD OFFERED FOR SALE TO STUDENTS SEPARATELY FROM REIMBURSABLE MEALS AT ALL TIMES AND FROM ALL SOURCES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCHOOL STORES, VENDING MACHINES, SCHOOL CAFETERIAS, CULINARY PROGRAMS, AND ANY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES ON SCHOOL PREMISES SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL OR NON-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. DISCUSSION WAS HELD.

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2) Food and Beverage Combined Exemptions:

A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE AND APPROVE THE LANGUAGE FOR HEALTHY FOOD CERTIFICATION AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE EXEMPTION FOR 2024-2025 AS FOLLOWS: THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL ALLOW THE SALE TO STUDENTS OF FOOD ITEMS THAT DO NOT MEET THE CONNECTICUT NUTRITION STANDARDS AND BEVERAGES NOT LISTED IN SECTION 10-221q OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE, PROVIDED THAT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET: 1) THE SALE IS IN CONNECTION WITH AN EVENT OCCURRING AFTER THE END OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY OR ON THE WEEKEND; 2) THE SALE IS AT THE LOCATION OF THE EVENT; AND 3) THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE ITEMS ARE NOT SOLD FROM A VENDING MACHINE OR SCHOOL STORE. AN "EVENT" IS AN OCCURRENCE THAT INVOLVES MORE THAN JUST A REGULAR SCHEDULED PRACTICE, MEETING OR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY. FOR EXAMPLE, SOCCER GAMES, SCHOOL PLAYS, AND INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATES ARE EVENTS, BUT SOCCER PRACTICES, PLAY REHEARSALS, AND DEBATE TEAM MEETINGS ARE NOT. THE "REGULAR SCHOOL DAY" IS THE PERIOD FROM MIDNIGHT BEFORE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE OFFICIAL SCHOOL DAY. "LOCATION" MEANS WHERE THE EVENT IS BEING HELD AND MUST BE HELD IN THE SAME PLACE AS THE FOOD AND BEVERAGE SALE. NO MOTION WAS MADE, FURTHER DISCUSSION WAS HELD

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XI. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

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A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro
Recorder of Minutes

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024**

Approval of Minutes

- 2625. A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2024 WITH CORRECTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA . THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Correction to Section VIII. Item E. PAC Liaison—Plainville High School Report, per Foster White.

The first line reads, The next meeting of the PHS PAC took place on March 13th. The line should read, The next meeting of the PHS PAC will take place on March 13th.

- 2626. A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2024 (BOARD RETREAT) AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

- 2627. A MOTION WAS MADE BY REBECCA MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2024 (BOARD RETREAT) AS PRESENTED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ROBERTA LAURIA. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

Unfinished Business

- 2628. Revised Policy No. 4030: Personnel: Section 504/ADA—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 4030 PERSONNEL: SECTION 504/ADA AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

- 2629. Revised Policy No. 1100: Community Relations: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 1100 COMMUNITY RELATIONS: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

- 2630. Revised Policy No. 5145.8: Students: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 5145.8 STUDENTS: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

- 2631. Revised Policy No. 4010: Personnel: Non-Discrimination—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE POLICY NO. 4010 PERSONNEL: NON-DISCRIMINATION AS PRESENTED. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.**

2632. Revised Policy No. 5112: Students: Ages of Attendance—2nd Reading
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE
POLICY NO. 5112 STUDENTS: AGES OF ATTENDANCE AS PRESENTED.
CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 7-0.

2633. Adult Education PEP Grant Approval
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE THREE
ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM ENHANCEMENT GRANTS AS
PRESENTED. — FAMILY — LITERACY — SERVICE — FOR — \$50,000,
INSTRUCTIONAL INNOVATION FOR \$30,000 AND INTEGRATED
ENGLISH LITERACY AND CIVICS EDUCATION \$25,000. EACH GRANT
IS 100% FEDERALLY FUNDED FOR FOUR YEARS, BEGINNING FY2025
AND EACH GRANT HAS A 20% IN-KIND SERVICES MATCH. REBECCA
MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH 6
YES VOTES AND 1 ABSTENTION BY MR. BRUZAS. (A relative of Mr.
Bruzas' works for the PFRN)

Request Approval of Participating in Health Food and Beverage Certification
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MOTIONS. REBECCA MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION
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