

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

**November 13, 2023 6:30 PM 11 Lincoln Street, PPS Central Office, Mayflower Rm In person and Zoom**

Members present: Michelle Badger (Chairperson), Luis Pizano (Vice Chairperson), Katherine Jackson (Secretary), Dr. James Sorensen, Robert Morgan, Vedna Lacombe-Heywood, absent Kim Savery

School Administrators Present: Dr. Christopher S. Campbell (Superintendent), Dr. Adam C. Blaisdell (Assistant Superintendent-Business Administrator), Erik W. Cioffi (Assistant Superintendent—Human Resources Director), Dr. Stacey A. Rogers (Assistant Superintendent Administration & Instruction).

### EXECUTIVE SESSION-Action

Collective Bargaining

### COMMENTS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC-Info

Amanda Cassen spoke regarding her 5-year-old daughter and their recent move from New Hampshire. The cutoff date for starting kindergarten in New Hampshire is October 1, whereas the cutoff date in Massachusetts is September 1. Cassen's daughter, whose birthdate is September 23, was attending kindergarten in New Hampshire but now must go to day care since moving to Plymouth. Cassen requested a change to let her daughter attend kindergarten in Plymouth during this school year.

### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS-Info

Lillian Morse (PSHS) shared that the Tri-M National Music Honor Society is selling Pura Vita bracelets made up with school colors. For parents, there will be a viewing of the film, Screenagers, Wednesday at PNHS. The film highlights the influence that the screen is having on our children. Congratulations to the PSHS Boys' Cross-Country Team who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Division 2A State Meet. Junior captain, Noah Brilliant, placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the meet. Morse also shared that the following students were invited to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> Sportsmanship Summit which was held at Gillette Stadium: Danica Coffey, Julia Doherty, Nicholas LeBretton, Bradford Leonard, Lillian Morse, and Cameron Tetler. The 3rd Annual Children's Business Fair was another success. Morse highlighted the support from staff, community members, students, and families that were a large part of the program's success. She also expressed special thanks to Cathy D'Agostino, Head Custodian, and Madalyn Mula, Guidance Secretary. Morse reminded students that yearbook photos are due November 17. Upcoming events include Spirit Week, Pep Rally, and the annual football game at Plymouth North High School. Thank you to the members of the football team who acknowledged Veteran's Day and the service of our military personal. They put flags on the graves of those who served our country. Morse offered congratulations to the Cheer Team that placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Patriot Fisher League. Both the Cheer Team and Dance Team are headed to state competition. And, finally, recognition of the Freshmen Students and Citizens of the month: Grace Rogan, Jordan Elliott, Sophia Rotondo, Robert Dunn, Charlie Walker, and Cameron Benefit.

DC Brown (PNHS) shared that there was a Meet the Coaches Night where coaches were able to speak with present players and those interested participating in a winter sport. Congratulations to Jasmyne Fillippini and Kaitlin Montgomery for selection to the Patriot League All-Star Volleyball Team. Kaitlin was also named as MVP of the Keenan Division. Registration for winter sports will begin shortly; PNHS offerings include boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' ice hockey, gymnastics, swim, boys' and girls' indoor track, wrestling, cheerleading, and dance. Tryouts begin November 27, and candidates must produce an up-to-date physical. An athletic fee must also be paid. Through the month of

November, the Interact Club is supporting the Rotary Club with it's Annual Coat Drive. All donations will be appreciated. The North/South Thanksgiving football game will be held at Plymouth North High School. Report cards have been distributed; copies may also be viewed on Aspen. There will be a Pep Rally on November 21 which is followed by a 5-day break.

#### PROGRAM UPDATES-Info

##### Program Directors

Campbell spoke prior to the presentation and explained how the schools have defibrillators and AED in the schools. He feels that the use of NaloxBoxes would expand life saving measures in our schools and community. (NaloxBoxes contain two doses of naloxone nasal spray, medication that rapidly reverses opioid overdose, and instructions for use). This is in conjunction with the Plymouth Youth Development Collaborative (PYDC).

##### Kelly Macomber NaloBboxes in District

Macomber introduced Vicky Butler who is Executive Director of Plymouth County Outreach (PCO). Butler explained what PCO does: 1. Post overdose outreach. 2. Grief Support. 3. Harm Reduction. 4. Training and Education. 5. Family Support. 6. Collect Real-Time Data. 7. At Risk Referrals. 8. Hot Spot Outreach. 9. Tier 2 Interventions. 10. Re-entry Partnerships. Why is this important? Butler said that Plymouth has consistently been the second hardest hit community in Plymouth County, behind the city of Brockton and before the town of Wareham.

##### Kelly Macomber Family & Community Engagement Program Update

Campbell explained that Macomber was an important part as PYDC coordinator. Based on her success in this role, and the fact that Plymouth expanded the program to include a Family & Engagement Piece, Macomber became the PPS's Family & Community Engagement Specialist. She gave an overview of the program which started in 2017 with a 5-year award.

Macomber highlighted the program: PYDC's Coalition successes which included support from 25-40 individuals, 70 different organizations/entities, 120 community providers, and 115 school-based staff. She also mentioned key initiatives which included a lengthy list of community engagement members. The organization is putting forth great effort to includes families in this endeavor.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATTERS-Action

##### Student Activity Reports

Student Account Activities Report-To acknowledge and accept that each school has an account. Blaisdell presented an overview of the Student Account Activities and the process by which the money is accounted for and may be accessed. PASSED

##### MASC Policy-Section D

School Committee vote: PASSED

#### COMMUNICATIONS-Info

##### Superintendent's Report

Budget discussions started with proposed development of proposed budget for FY25 in preparation for December presentation. Campbell emphasized that they will transparent with the reserve account the town set up. The administration is very grateful for this support. They would like to keep things as they are at this point, but also realize the Esser Grant is coming to an end. Campbell stated that they are trying to develop a budget in both a responsible and responsive way.

Campbell thanked Blaisdell for his assistance during the second podcast. The first podcast, "Finding Your Authentic Voice," included two students. The second podcast, "School Financing and Budgeting" also included two high school students. People are encouraged to listen to the monthly podcasts. For more information on podcasts and Coffee & Conversations: [HometownVoices@plymouth.k12.ma](mailto:HometownVoices@plymouth.k12.ma).

Coffee & Conversations is a monthly discussion session for those in the community. They will alternate morning and early evening sessions. Campbell expressed appreciation for those that attended the November 13<sup>th</sup> group. See link listed above for further dates and information.

According to Campbell, transportation costs are still a major budget issue for Plymouth. For years the state has tried to help districts, such as ours, that have had higher than average costs. Campbell has spoken with Representative Muratore, and Campbell hopes to present his idea for solving the issue through continued conversations with Muratore.

Campbell expressed his belief that the Children's Business Fair was remarkable in its development and execution. He shared that 247 5<sup>th</sup> grade students presented unique businesses; this represented a 65% participation rate. Campbell also thanked Miss Manfredi, Dr. Martinez, Steven Cole (Plymouth Regional Economic Development Foundation), Ann Naples (Chamber of Commerce), and local businesses, teachers, and volunteers.

Campbell will be going to DC to represent and celebrate Manomet Elementary School's National Blue-Ribbon award. He will share his experiences at a future meeting.

Campbell indicated that they are now entering the strategic planning process. In preparation for this endeavor, they have been doing a great deal of data mining. They have been trying to collect academic data, behavioral data, and perception data. Starting on January 8, 9, and 16 they will be holding multiple forums; details will be forthcoming. Their plans include meeting high school students during the day, and staff members right after school. Also included in the process will be multiple forums for our community and parents, as well as separate forums for school committee and administration. The strategic committees will be active from February through May. The goal is to produce a well-articulated plan for the next 3 years.

#### Retirement Announcements

Cioffi reported the following resignations: Gail Kershaw WEST Art Teacher 6/30/2024 (36 years), Julie Arnold PNHS MSN Teacher 6/30/2024 (14 years), Susan Martin PSHS Culinary Arts Teacher 6/30/2024(31 years), Jacqueline Williamson CSES MSN Paraprofessional 12/1/2023 (26 years).

#### REPORTS-Info

##### Committee Member Reports

Report, MASC Policy-Section D, from Savery, was read by Badger.

RESOLUTION 1: FULL FUNDING FOR METCO RESOLUTION-PASSED with discussion

RESOLUTION 2: REGARDING INVESTIGATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION BIDDING PROCEDURES-PASSED with no discussion

RESOLUTION 3: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION-PART 1 & 2-DID NOT PASS; Savery gave Information to the resolution proponent school for further consideration.

RESOLUTION 4: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION-Tabled for further research and discussion

RESOLUTION 5: MA SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY-PASSED with discussions of changes

RESOLUTION 6: SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM SURVEILLANCE ACT AND ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES-Tabled as it will involve more than school personnel

RESOLUTION 7: RELATED TO MCAS-TABLED for more discussion

RESOLUTION 8: SAFE STORAGE OF FIREARMS-Savery had shared information regarding what we do in Plymouth-APPROVED with amendment.

Plymouth Building Committee Reports

Morgan reported that the elementary school roofs are being held up due to a problem with the rooftop units. The architect and project manager said that the work may have to be postponed until summer.

Personnel Reports

Cioffi reported the following: 3 classified appointments, 1 parental leave, and 1 resignation.

UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS-Info

Badger suggested a small committee be established to put together a new member handbook. Campbell said that Mr. Hardy, felt that Section B of the School Committee's Policies would serve as a good outline for a handbook. Heywood suggested that procedural pieces be included in the handbook.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA-Action

Home Education Plans

Home Schooling Plan #148-24 through #150-24-PASSED

Schedule of Bills

Accounts Payable Warrant #S110923-PASSED

Grants and Revolving Funds Warrants #G110923 \$982, 354.93-PASSED

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA-Action

N/A

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Eddy, LWV Observer

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