

PENDING BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

Order of Business
7:00 PM

I. Convene—Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chair Lori Consalvo convened the regular business meeting of the Plainville Board of Education to order at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Consalvo led the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was taken in memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11.

Members Present: Mesdames Buchanan, Clark, Consalvo, Lauria, Martinez, St. Lawrence, Tyrrell, and Messr. Bruzas and White

Also Present: Kevin D. Case, Interim Superintendent of Schools
David Levenduski, Assistant Superintendent
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations
Valiantsin Kasabrukhou, Student Representative
Maja Grabowski, Student Representative

Absent: None

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

Returns: None

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- A) Congratulations to Laurie Peterson for 10 years of service to the Board of Education
- B) PCS All-Stars: Mike Smith, Facilities Director and Sandy Bouchard, Custodial Manager
- C) CABE's Certified Board of Education Member Designation Award—Crystal St. Lawrence

A brief intermission was taken for a reception in honor of Ms. Peterson.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (FACILITIES AND FINANCE MEETING) OF JUNE 1, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

B) MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

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- E) MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.
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IV. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Mr. Case welcomed back Student Liaison Valiantsin Kasabrukhou and welcomed new Student Liaison Maja Grabowski.

Mr. Kasabrukhou reported on the following:

- ▶ Students are happy to be back at PHS to start the school year.
- ▶ School started on August 31 and classes have been running on a normal schedule since September 1.
- ▶ PHS has a new Principal, Jennifer DeLorenzo, and a new Vice Principal, Kelly Hickey
- ▶ There have been some changes to the routines at Plainville High School which will be discussed later in this report.
- ▶ Fall sports season has also begun.
- ▶ Games are already happening and clubs should be starting shortly.

Ms. Grabowski reported on the following:

- ▶ The Fall season has begun with an amazing start with many student athletes involved.
- ▶ Students are hoping for a safe, exciting and successful season.
- ▶ Captains for each sports team for the 2023-24 season are as follows:

Girls Cross Country: Penley Giola, Olivia Marecik

Boys Cross Country: Chase McNamara

The first meet will take place on September 12 against Bristol Central

Boys Soccer: Zarell David and Jamison McGinnis

The first game will be held on September 13 at Middletown High School

Girls soccer: Ariana Clifford, Amelia Sarra, Juliana Carlina and Natalia Rollo

The first game will be held on September 12 at Bristol Eastern

Girls Swimming and Diving: Lucy Callendar, Vanessa Maciaszek

The first meet will take place on September 12 at Enfield High School

Girls Volleyball: Tamra Ibitz, Faith Emery and Destiny Wasilonsky

Their first game was last Friday, September 8 and their next game is scheduled for tonight at Bristol Eastern.

Football: Shane McCormick, Joe Vasquez and Bobby Wright

The first game was last Thursday and their next game will be held on Friday, September 15 at E.O. Smith at 6:30 PM

Mr. Kasabrukhou:

▶ The PHS A-Team met today to discuss the state of the school year to review potential problems and to help figure out solutions.

▶ The PHS Honor Society officers have met to discuss different requirements and potential service project for NHS this year.

▶ From now on, there is only one entrance to the High School (main entrance). It worked pretty well, thus far, as students are onboard and it has increased security a lot. Last, year, there were two entrances, a back entrance and the main entrance. Some students could get in late but that has now been taken care of.

▶ The focus on attendance has definitely helped a lot. There are harsher restrictions on student policy in terms of student attendance. Students are only allowed to come in early to study hall or leave an early study hall. They are not allowed to double up on either, so students are kept in school for a longer time. There is harsher punishment if students don't show up. This has been a 20-30 student improvement per day which is quite a bit.

▶ There have also been changes to the dress code. Hats are now allowed, but hoods aren't. Students are thankful for the change.

Ms. Grabowski:

▶ Many students have been wearing their hats instead of hoods.

▶ More attention has been put on students regarding mindfulness. Especially, with interactions between grade levels. This year's Seniors are giving attention to helping younger grade students as a daily practice of kindness which was a core focus on SEL lessons, except now it has been put into practice.

Mr. Kasabrukhou:

▶ Students were encouraged to get involved and the numbers have increased. The weekly newsletter encourages students to get actively involved in afterschool activities, i.e., sports, student government, etc. There has been a spike in all sports. Teams have become gradually bigger this year. There has also been an increased interest in afterschool clubs as well as student government. There are more students running for student officer positions at all grade levels. There has been a higher interest in NHS which has led to some demand for the GPA requirement being lowered, which is being reviewed.

▶ There also has been an increase in robotic students coming over from the Middle School.

▶ The aforementioned changes at Plainville High School has been received pretty well and everyone looks forward to have a great school year.

V. CITIZEN COMMENTS—There were no citizen's comments this evening.

RESPONSE TO CITIZEN COMMENTS—No Responses

VI. COUNCIL LIAISON—Katherine Pugliese

Mrs. Pugliese touched on the following items:

▶ The Town Council is finishing up their summer schedule of meeting once a month.

- ▶ New fencing has been installed at Robertson Airport
- ▶ The Town's cleaning services with Magic Gloves Inc. has been renewed at a cost of \$120,426.
- ▶ The Town Council has allocated \$100,000 (under the capital plan) for a new roof on the Town's Buildings and Grounds building.
- ▶ The Town's Charter Revision Commission has updated a few items.
- ▶ The Town will be updating their community video with the help of CGI.
- ▶ The Town will purchase new trash/recycling containers at a cost of \$36,638.
- ▶ The Town Council recently approved a 4-day work week. Their new hours will be Monday to Wednesday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and the buildings will be closed on Friday. Mrs. Pugliese stated that when replacing hiring positions, these new hours will be more entertaining to people.
- ▶ Due to the push back at the Senior Center, the Senior Center will now go back to their regular hours with the usual four-hour day on Friday. She stated that the services provided by the Senior Center impacts the lives of many Plainville seniors.
- ▶ The Town will be taking a 3-6 month look at Paderewski Park to determine what upgrades need to be made.
- ▶ The Town Council continues to discuss the needed upgrades to the Middle School Project and continues to make determinations on how to move forward. She looks forward to a group meeting with the Town Council, Board members, Town Manager and the Superintendent.

VII. Director of Business and Operations Report—Sam Adlerstein

Mr. Adlerstein introduced Mike Smith, Director of Facilities, who will give a brief update on what has been done during the summer:

A) Facilities Update—Mike Smith

- ▶ Much of the summer was spent on facilities maintenance of HVAC, plumbing, electrical and deep cleaning of all schools.
- ▶ Branding projects (banners and signs) were hung throughout the schools.
- ▶ A new air conditioning unit was installed in the Middle School gym. Swan HVAC and McKenney Mechanical teamed up to complete the installation.
- ▶ A new chiller was installed at Toffolon School.
- ▶ Toffolon's walls and stairwells received a fresh coat of paint.
- ▶ Due to deterioration, jagged tiles and raised drain covers pose a risk of injury to staff and students. The drains and tiles were replaced over the summer.
- ▶ The 1950's section of the High School was in need of major brick restoration due to considerable mortar deterioration and water infiltration. Close to one thousand bricks were replaced.
- ▶ W&M Fire Protection installed magnetic door closers in every stairwell at Toffolon.

Future Project:

- ▶ Kompan will be installing a new Toffolon Pre-K Playground in October. The playground will be located in the field next to the school and will be completely fenced in.
- ▶ PHS Boiler Replacement (Spring/Summer 2024)

Old boilers are at the end of their usefulness. The Boiler project will go out to bid within the next few weeks.

- ▶ Mr. Smith and Mr. Adlerstein reviewed a list of the Facilities projects. Since the list was developed, it was decided to hold for now on PHS pool room bleachers and painting, and instead, replace valves for \$34,141 that need immediate attention.

Other projects include:

- ▶ The purchase of a new bike rack at the High School

- ▶ Resurfacing of the blacktop at Linden and Toffolon
- ▶ The courtyard landscaping at Linden
- ▶ Custodial and Maintenance staff have also spent many hours weeding the grounds of each of the five schools.

Mr. Alderstein stated that he would be remiss if he didn't talk about the amount of work the Technology team does throughout the summer as well.

He then reviewed the June monthly report, discussed expenditure procedure, discussed Special Services, facilities considerations, next steps for the middle school project, and the Board's Budget balance by year.

B) Turf Finance Report—Sam Adlerstein

- ▶ Every 10-12 years the High School field should be resurfaced. When the time comes it will cost approximately \$700,000 to resurface the field. Staff does a deep cleaning each year and makes sure appropriate shoes are worn on the fields throughout the year when events are scheduled. This helps to prevent the wear and tear of the surface.
- ▶ A Partners group, consisting of coaches/staff from soccer teams, football teams, baseball teams and softball teams are brought together to discuss making contributions to the Turf Fund each year. There is currently \$233,422 in the Turf Fund. Mr. Adlerstein will be meeting with the Partner's Group soon.

VIII. Assistant Superintendent's Report—David Levenduski

A) New Teacher Academy

Mr. Levenduski stated that the New Teacher Academy serves to provide all of the districts newly hired teachers with important information as to how we do things in Plainville and how we will support them.

B) Administrator/Leadership Team Summit

To prepare for the school year, a leadership summit was held which included administrators and instructional leaders. These sessions are very important for building the capacity of our leaders, and setting the stage for our school and district. This year's goals are to improve student behavior and attendance.

C) Branding Update—Lynn Davis and Sandy Bouchard

Mrs. Davis explained that the District Branding Project began in 2021 as an ESSER funded initiative to update district and school level visual branding and is the sub-project under ESSER Project Charter 0130—Internal and External Building Enhancements. There are many visual reinforcements of district and building level areas of focus, i.e., to communicate our guiding principles, provide positive messaging, improve communication, climate and morale, enhance physical building environments, and overhaul former branding elements. This project also aligned with our latest iteration of strategic planning, allowing for a consistent, thoughtful enhancement of our visual elements across Plainville Community Schools as we update our primary areas of focus through the Strategic Planning process. Both Mrs. Davis and Ms. Bouchard spoke about the process that was used, to make these projects come to fruition. They also presented visual highlights of the many branding building projects done over the last school year and throughout the summer.

D) District Celebrations

1) Telly Award

Plainville won the International Telly Award for General-Education and Training. There were over 12,000 entries internationally spanning five continents. Administration worked with Mazzarella Media to help create an Alumni Video. As part of the College and Career Pathways, this video took graduates of Plainville High School, aligned them with the pathways project, and

emphasized how Plainville Community School prepared them for their careers. In turn, this video provided insight to students on various jobs and/or career choices. (16 alumni were featured)

2) U.S. News and World Report—PHS Recognition

Based on improvement efforts, Plainville High School was recognized by U.S. News and World Report as being a national Best High School with a ranking in the top 30% nationally.

3) Plainville High School FAFSA Challenge Award

FAFSA is a free application for federal student aid for financial aid for college or graduate school. Plainville High School was a part of the top 20% of schools with 72.2% completion rate of the FAFSA challenge. Our Guidance department received a grant which allowed them to bring in people to help students/families fill out the applications. Plainville earned a \$1,000 award to continue work to increase the 2024 rates. Plainville met the state goal for improvement and will be recognized by the by the Connecticut State Department of Education on Friday, September 15th.

Mr. Levenduski also reported that administrators are scheduled to present on the district's literacy work as well as the focus on equitable learning opportunities at a State conference in October, along with an anticipated presentation at Sacred Heart University regarding the district's work in support of multi-lingual learners.

He also reported that student growth on standardized tests improved in all areas except for one specific content area in one grade level. This is an opposite trend for state data, as the state average growth for nearly all areas has decreased.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Opening of School

Mr. Case stated that he has hired 20 teachers over the summer. There are currently two certified positions still available, A School Social Worker position at Linden and a School Psychologist position at Linden. He stated that Ms. Trzcinski has been very busy recruiting as these are shortage area positions. Mr. Case that they may have a candidate for the Social Worker position and hopes to meet with her soon. We will continue the search for the Psychologist position. He stated that the administrators have done a great job in hiring over the summer. He also mentioned that we have a few non-certified staff (paraprofessional) position's open as well. He also stated that the newly hired staff is the best of the best. Each candidate goes through two interviews with the team and one more with the Superintendent to make sure they meet the standards of the school system.

Mr. Case then went on to say that school opened very smoothly, thanks to the administration, teachers and staff. We also had a wonderful opening of school Convocation which took place on August 28th. He thanked Lori Consalvo, Crystal St. Lawrence and Foster White for attending. He stated that he left Convocation feeling inspired by all dedicated staff members. Every staff member was provided a journal to write about their emotions and thoughts and what they are grateful for.

For information purposes, Mr. Case gave Board members the newest enrollment figures to date. Overall, enrollment shows: Plainville High School 689 students; Middle School of Plainville 517 students; Linden Street School 392 students; Toffolon School

367 students and Wheeler School 275 students. Outplacements 21 students and Transition Program students 10. Totaling 2,271 which is approximately 66 students less than projected last year.

B. MSP Proposed Project Update—No Report

C. District Special Services Update & Compliance Report

Ms. Trzcinski began by discussing the IDEA Legislation and Funding Shift in Federal and State Accountability and discussed the annual performance report changes which are as follows:

Continuation of Compliance Measures

- Eliminate significant discrepancy in 10+ days of out of school suspension rates
- Eliminate disproportionate representation as a result of inappropriate identification (overall)
- Eliminate disproportionate representation by disability as a result of inappropriate identification
- Determine eligibility in accordance with State established timelines
- IEP's in place by age 3
- Develop transition goals and services

Increased Focus on Performance Measures

- Participation in State Testing
- Proficiency rate on State testing (grades 4, 8 and 11)
- High School drop-out rate
- High School Graduation rate with a standard diploma

Based on data from the 2020-21 School Year: Plainville Community Schools Meets all requirements.

Plainville Prevalence Rate Comparison to State is Plainville 14.2% and the State 16.7%

Ms. Trzcinski also discussed the percentage of Special Education students who spend 80% or more of their day with non-disabled peers.

She then listed the Special Education Priorities:

- Attract and retain highly qualified certified and non-certified staff
- Increase academic achievement for Students with Disabilities
- Increase classroom teacher capacity to meet with needs of students within the general education setting
- Increase classroom teacher and special education teacher collaboration in order to address the academic performance barriers for all students with disabilities
- Prioritize mental health supports and interventions for all students in order to reduce challenging behaviors in the classroom
- Prioritize transition planning with students and families to improve post-secondary outcomes for students with disabilities

Ms. Trzcinski reminded everyone that Plainville pre-school is up for NEAYC Re-accreditation scheduled for Fall of 2023.

D. District Safety/Security Update—Rich Marques

1) Introduction of New Security Officer

Rich Marques, School Safety and Security Director, stated that over the summer, the district was fortunate to hire an outstanding gentleman, Anthony Spencer, as Plainville Schools' new Security Officer. He stated that Mr. Spencer grew of in Brooklyn, New

York, went to high school there and also played football there. He received a scholarship from Central Connecticut State University, where he met and married his wife, and later raised a family. Mr. Spencer was then employed by the New Britain Police Department as a police officer. Upon retirement he got a job with the Oxford School district as an armed security guard, and is also a gymnastics coach at a local gym. Mr. Marques stated that when he was hired, one of the things he proposed was to hire armed security guards for all five schools. He stated that Mr. Spencer was pleased to come to Plainville as this is where he raised his family. Mr. Marques stated that finding the right fit is always a big challenge and is very confident that we have hired the right person.

E. Food Services Update—Ashley Carl

Mrs. Carl stated that for the first time in 3.5 years, we have transitioned back to paying meals. For this school year, the Connecticut State Department of Education allocated money so that breakfast will continue without charge to students. So, all students at all five schools can receive breakfast free of charge. As a Registered Dietician and a mom, Mrs. Carl believes it is incredibly important for students to start their day having a healthy nutritious breakfast with fruit, juice, protein and grains. An incredible burden has been lifted, as students can now come to school and have a full healthy meal.

In addition, Mrs. Carl mentioned that the Plainville Community Schools food and nutrition has partnered with *Local on Your Tray*. Last year, the department put together an event at Wheeler Elementary School where they did a kale taste test. And, despite what many people think, the kids actually did like the kale. The department also partnered over the summer with a program called *Dip into Summer* (over 3 days), creating grape tomatoes with basil dip, cucumbers with a dill dip and zucchini zoodles. At a summer meals day at Norton Park, a taste test was done with 30 kids from Parks and Recreation participating and they absolutely loved it. (The vegetables were purchased at a local farm). Over the next couple of weeks, at one of the Open Houses, the department will highlight what they are going to do throughout the school year. They will be ordering produce from Karabin Farms, staff will be making various dips, and they want to make families aware of the high-quality nutritious meals and produce being offered to their children. Also, members of the Connecticut State Department of Education came out to the event site and told the team they have a fun, outgoing and enthusiastic team. Mrs. Carl stated that it wouldn't be possible without their partners. Jill O'Brien and Kelley Whitlock from Adult Education were tremendous working with the team. They got children engaged in summer meals. She stated that it was a phenomenal day. She thanked her dedicated school nutrition staff, without them the event wouldn't be possible. She also thanked the Board for their support, all administrators and staff. They are thankful for all the support from everyone. It is a lot of work but without support, it wouldn't have been possible.

1) Introduction of Assistant Food Service Director

► Mrs. Carl, Food Service and Nutrition Director, is very excited to announce that there is a new Assistant Food Service Director on board. This past year, since November 4, Mrs. Carl had been working alone in the department and is excited to announce the hiring of Alicia Daponte. Ms. Daponte was previously employed as a Food Service Director for the Plymouth Public Schools, where she oversaw the school meals program, including breakfast and lunch. She's been working in child nutrition for the past four years and has been working in food service for the past 23 years. She brings a tremendous amount of passion for school nutrition and is excited to work with the school nutrition team and all of the Plainville Community Schools' Board of Education members, administrators and staff. Mrs. Carl stated that Ms. Daponte is a tremendous asset to the food and nutrition services department and is thrilled to have her.

X. BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Facilities and Finance Subcommittee Report

A Facilities and Finance Subcommittee meeting took place on August 16th. Discussion included next steps for the Middle School Project, a SLAM presentation and the possibility of holding another meeting with the Town Council. Other topics included projected enrollments for the next five years, ESSER funding, installation of a new air conditioner in the Middle School gym, the Toffolon Playscape and the PHS pool drains.

B. Policy Subcommittee Report—No Report

C. Curriculum Subcommittee Report—No Report

D. Outreach Subcommittee Report—No Report

E. PAC Liaison--Plainville High School Report—No Report

Mr. White reported on the following:

The next PAC meeting will take place on September 13 at 7 PM in the PHS Learning Commons. This year's officers are as follows: President, Rebecca Perry; Vice President, Christine Fagan; Secretary, Lorri Weimer and Treasurer, Anke Behrends-Cooke

F. PTO Liaison--Toffolon Elementary School Report

Mrs. Martinez reported on the following:

This year's officers are as follows: Co-Presidents, Rebecca Preston and Barbara Marzi; Vice President, Jennie Witkowski; Secretary, Rebecca Cooke and Co-Treasurers, Anne Tacinelli and Blair Gawel

▶ Scholarship/Yearbook Committee: Robin Crook, Caitlyn Butkus, Jamie Williams

▶ Scholastic Book Fair Committee: Rebecca Preston, Jamie Williams and Barbara Marzi

▶ Sweetheart Bingo Committee: Shelby Moschini

▶ End of the Year Picnic Committee: Melissa Steele and Rachel Johnson

▶ The PTO spent time going over some of their past activities last year and their fundraising successes.

▶ The PTO funded the school calendar

▶ The PTO purchased field trip tee-shirts for new students

▶ Last year they had a Fall Festival, Sweetheart Bingo, two Book Fairs, sponsored a visit from the Harlem Globetrotters and gave away two scholarships

▶ The PTO also sponsored field trips, the 5th grade picnic and a waterslide

Mrs. Martinez stated that all outgoing officers will surely be missed.

G. PTO Liaison--Linden Street Elementary School Report

Mrs. Clark reported on the following:

The next meeting of the Linden PTO will take place on September 13th at 6 PM in the Linden Library. Parents are welcome to join.

H. PTC Liaison--Middle School of Plainville Report

Mrs. St. Lawrence reported on the following:

The next meeting of the MSP PTC will take place on September 12th at 7 PM in the MSP Library. This year's officers are as follows: President, Amy Porteus;

Vice President, Amy Fontaine; Secretary, Meg Geary-Strenk and Treasurer, Dawn Kukuc

I. PTO Liaison--Wheeler Elementary School Report

Mrs. Buchanan reported on the following:

This year's officers are as follows: President, Justine Thibedeau; Vice President, Carissa Rindfleisch; Secretary, Katie Sic and Treasurer, Heather Lanza

► Mrs. Buchanan gave a thank you to all outgoing officers.

► Students, parents and staff had a nice first day ceremony in back of the school. They sang patriotic songs and gathered with families, teachers and students.

► Upcoming events include: The Annual Trunk or Treat evening which will be held on Friday, October 27th at 6:30 PM at Wheeler School. Families will decorate their cars and kid will travel from trunk to trunk saying, TRICK or TREAT! and collecting goodies. There will be a DJ and other games will be played.

J. CREC Council Report—No Report

The next CREC Council meeting will take place on September 13th.

K. Chairperson's Report

Mrs. Consalvo gave a brief overview of the Superintendent selection and interview process. She stated that Mr. Reas' start date will be on October 16, 2023 and Mr. Case will remain in Plainville until October 31st. She also reminded Board Members of the upcoming CABA Conference on November 17 and 18 in Groton, and asked them to contact Joan if they are interested in attending.

XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS—There is no Unfinished Business this evening

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A) Board Open Forum

Foster White praised the delectable treats given to the Board via Ashley Carl. He stated that he would love the recipe for the basil sauce.

Rebecca Martinez welcomed Jered Bruzas to the Board. She also congratulated Crystal St. Lawrence who won CABA's Certified Board of Education Member Designation Award.

Becky Tyrrell stated that she enjoyed the presentations, most especially the work being done at the schools. She stated she has been on the Board for a long time and is very proud of the work being done to the schools. She asked if the Board could tour the school buildings?

Rachel Buchanan congratulated this evening's All-Stars. She also thanked Laurie Peterson for her years of service to the Board. She also welcomed Jered Bruzas to the Board. She also congratulated Anthony Spencer on his new position as Plainville's new Security Office. She is excited about the changes to the PHS pool area. She congratulated students and staff who are recipients of the Telly Award. She thanked Mr. Case for coming in as Interim Superintendent. She said that he will leave a lasting impression on the district. She also thanked her fellow Board Members for all of the work they did over the summer to select a new Superintendent.

Jered Bruzas stated that culture and climate matter. He stated that these beautiful facilities matter not only to the students but to the faculty as well. They work in a great place like this and throughout the entire district. He stated that he has had the pleasure of visiting most of the schools recently. His children also go to Linden. He praised the work of Ms. Trzcinski stating that she does remarkable work behind the scenes that goes unsung. He thanked her for making our schools a home away from home for children. He also thanked her for her dedication and commitment to Plainville Schools of which he is most grateful.

B) Approval of New Supervisor of Special Services

Ms. Trzcinski stated that Ms. Buccini holds a Bachelor's degree from Springfield College, a Masters in Social Work from Fordham University and received her 092 Certification from Sacred Heart University.

Ms. Buccini has been a Social Worker in the Brookfield School System, Hartford Public Schools, New Britain Public Schools and the CT Technical High School in Hartford. She has also worked for DCF in Waterbury as a Social Worker and investigator, and with the State of CT Judicial Branch as a Family Relations Counselor in Danbury.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPOINT UNIQUE BUCCINI TO THE NEW SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES POSITION, WITH AN EFFECTIVE START DATE OF AUGUST 21, 2023. THIS WILL BE A 10-MONTH ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

C) Approval of Authorized Signature Change ED-099

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE A NEW SIGNER (NEW SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN REAS) FOR THE ED-099 AGREEMENT FOR THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

D) Request Approval of Nurses' Contract 2023-2026

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR NURSES' CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/01/2023 TO 06/30/2026, AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

E) Acceptance of Board of Education Member Resignation

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF BOARD MEMBER LAURIE PETERSON EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2023. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

XIII. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Close-Out of FY 2022-23
- (E) Request Approval of PFRN Grant Endorsement
- (F) Request Approval of PHS Graduation Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024

(G) HR Report (Informational Item)

(H) Private Donation for the month of June, July & August (Informational Item)

- Weight Room Equipment donated to PHS by Central Connecticut State University
- School Business/Community Partnership PHS Blue Devil Way—Tee-Shirt Initiative

Donations are as follows:

--Schaller Auto Group.....	\$500
--Great American Donut.....	\$500
--ACME Monaco.....	\$500
--Aquarion Water Company.....	\$250
--Quinn Christopher.....	\$250
--Frontstream (Costco).....	\$ 72
--Foster White.....	\$ 25

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Calistro
Recorder of Minutes

The minutes presented within this document provide a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board of Education meeting. For the complete discussion of all agenda items, please view the video of the Board meeting on our website at www.plainvilleschools.org. These minutes are considered a draft until approved at the following Regular Business meeting of the Board of Education.

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF THE PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLAINVILLE, CONNECTICUT
SUMMARY OF MOTIONS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

- 2546. A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (FACILITIES AND FINANCE MEETING) OF JUNE 1, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2547. MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2548. MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2549. MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2550. MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2551. MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S SPECIAL MEETING (FACILITIES AND FINANCE MEETING) OF AUGUST 16, 2023 AS PRESENTED. A MOTION WAS SECONDED BY REBECCA MARTINEZ. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2552. Approval of New Supervisor of Special Services
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPOINT UNIQUE BUCCINI TO THE NEW SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES POSITION, WITH AN EFFECTIVE START DATE OF AUGUST 21, 2023. THIS WILL BE A 10-MONTH ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**
- 2553. Approval of Authorized Signature Change ED-099
A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE A NEW SIGNER (NEW SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN REAS) FOR THE ED-099 AGREEMENT FOR THE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.**

2554. Request Approval of Nurses' Contract 2023-2026
A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR NURSES' CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF 07/01/2023 TO 06/30/2026, AS PRESENTED. FOSTER WHITE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2555. Acceptance of Board of Education Member Resignation
A MOTION WAS MADE BY RACHEL BUCHANAN TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF BOARD MEMBER LAURIE PETERSON EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2023. CASSANDRA CLARK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2556. CONSENT AGENDA—Board Approval

- (A) Budget Object Summary
- (B) Food Service Report
- (C) Check Registers
- (D) Close-Out of FY 2022-23
- (E) Request Approval of PFRN Grant Endorsement
- (F) Request Approval of PHS Graduation Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2024
- (G) HR Report (Informational Item)
- (H) Private Donation for the month of June, July & August (Informational Item)
 - Weight Room Equipment donated to PHS by Central Connecticut State University
 - School Business/Community Partnership PHS Blue Devil Way—Tee-Shirt Initiative
 - Donations are as follows:

--Schaller Auto Group.....	\$500
--Great American Donut.....	\$500
--ACME Monaco.....	\$500
--Aquarion Water Company.....	\$250
--Quinn Christopher.....	\$250
--Frontstream (Costco).....	\$ 72
--Foster White.....	\$ 25

A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. BECKY TYRRELL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0.

2557. ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BECKY TYRRELL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. RACHEL BUCHANAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.