

Plainville School Committee Meeting
December 13, 2016
Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Abrams at 4:03 p.m. in the Wood School Music Room. Also present were Maggie Clarke, Javed Ikbal, Charlene McEntee and Superintendent Raiche. The meeting was audio and video recorded. Absent: Linn Caprarella

NEW BUSINESS (4:00 p.m.)

- ESSA, Every Student Succeeds Act, Glenn Koocher, MASC

Glenn Koocher, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, presented information on the *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*, which is a federal program comprised of nine "Titles" that provide funding to states and school districts. In return for funding, states and school districts must comply with requirements of the law. The "Titles" include:

- Title I, Improving the academic achievement of the disadvantaged,
- Title II Preparing, training & recruiting high-quality teachers, principals, or other school leaders
- Title II, Language instruction for English learners & immigrant students
- Title IV, 21st century schools
- Title V, Flexibility & accountability, Innovations
- Title VI, Indian, native Hawaiian, & Alaska Native education
- Title VII, Impact Aid
- Title VIII, General provisions (Local District governance) and
- Title IX, Education for the homeless, victims of abuse and other laws.

Mr. Koocher stated, "Massachusetts has already done what the law states." For most districts Title I is the major component. He outlined various components such as the *General Goals* for the law (continue to require attention to students at greatest social and academic risk, transfer authority to local decision makers, flexibility to local decision makers on tests and accountability and limits on authority of U.S. Secretary of Education), *accountability* (set ambitious goals for achievement, graduation rates and success for English language learners) and *accountability measures* (track academic achievement toward goals, student growth indicators, graduation rates, English proficiency and measure of school quality).

Linn Caprarella arrived at 4:42 p.m.

In addition, he spoke about 21st century schools, Title IV, which speaks to the areas of gifted and talented programs, advanced placement, community schools/extended day,

charter schools and arts. Mr. Koocher stated that the advocacy of the Plainville School Committee to sponsor this presentation is commendable. Mrs. Abrams thanked Mr. Koocher for his thorough presentation on ESSA.

The Committee took a short break from 4:54 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Javed Iqbal to approve the November 22, 2016 Regular Session minutes. So voted.

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Charlene McEntee to approve and hold the November 22 2016 Executive Session minutes. So voted.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS AND FACULTY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND AUDIENCES

None.

COMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- King Philip School Committee-Mrs. McEntee
Mrs. McEntee reported that the King Philip School Committee met last Monday. Topics at their meeting were:
 - Student Council representatives from the Middle School attended the meeting and presented a PowerPoint on *Kindness Week*
 - Dr. Zielinski continued to review the implementation of the evaluation system
 - An audit had been conducted at King Philip and the Committee reviewed the action plans put into place as a result of the audit
 - Tom Caliente, Business Manager, reported on cash flow
- Negotiations Subcommittee-Mrs. Caprarella, Mrs. Clarke
Mrs. Caprarella said the Interest-Based Bargaining Team is meeting on December 19, 2016.
- Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. McEntee, Mrs. Abrams
The budget subcommittee met on December 6, 2016. At this meeting all administrators presented their FY18 requests. Meetings are scheduled for January to continue the process of creating the FY18 school budget.
- Communications Subcommittee-Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Iqbal
Nothing.
- Town Building Committee-Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Clarke reported that cost estimates of both buildings will be presented at the next meeting.

RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVES

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- BayState Textiles, \$39.50 (Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Charlene McEntee, to approve \$39.50 from BayState Textiles, Inc. for the Plainville district to be used to reimburse expenses for district technology purchases. So voted.

- FY17 Grants-Early Childhood Grant received (Vote Required)

MOTION by Javed Ikbal, seconded by Linn Caprarella to approve the amount of \$8,587 from DESE for the Early Childhood Grant. The total for FY17 grants equals \$270,444 with the addition of this grant. So voted.

- Donation of a Piano to the Music Department at Wood School (Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Maggie Clarke, to approve the donation of a piano for use in the Beatrice H. Wood School music program. The piano was donated by parent Amy Brinker. So voted. The Committee thanked Mrs. Brinker for this donation.

- Legislative Update

Nothing.

- Any item(s) not anticipated at the time of posting

Nothing.

INFORMATION

There was no discussion on items in information: Food Service Information through October 2016, the Bi-County Collaborative Minutes from their Board meeting on October 13, 2016 and the Bi-County Collaborative FY16 Annual Report.

Mrs. McEntee noted there were no comments at the Town Meeting held last evening on enrollment in the public schools. Enrollment for December 1, 2016 was included in the

information section of the school committee packet.

Mrs. Abrams reviewed the future agenda items and also mentioned *The Jackson Jaguar* news, which Principal Kate Campbell gave each Committee member a copy. An article about Mrs. McEntee was in this edition of *The Jackson Jaguar*.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Javed Ikbal, to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. and to return to the meeting by 6:00 p.m. in Mrs. Nunez's grade 4 classroom to watch the Showcase. So voted.

SHOWCASE (6:00 PM)

NASA Project ó Caitlin Nunez, Grade 4 Teacher:

At 5:55 p.m. the Committee went to the grade 4 classroom of Caitlin Nunez. The following students: **Catherine Antinoro, Jack Assini, Skyler Bouffard, Neela Caruso, Victor Dorcena, Joey Flood, Mackenna Jones, Haleigh Ricci, and Ella Sheehan** showcased their work relating to the NASA project. Mrs. Nunez explained the process for being selected as a pilot classroom for the NASA project. WGBH sponsored the project, she applied and was one of 50 teachers nationwide selected to participate. NASA and Oregon State University funded the program.

Mrs. Nunez and the students used a Clear Touch Board to demonstrate their work on *The Role of Water on Earth* using three components— interactive, lesson plan and additional resources. As a pilot teacher, Mrs. Nunez is reporting to WGBH on her thoughts and the students' reaction to the project. It was clear from the enthusiasm of the students that they greatly enjoyed using the program and learning about the role of water. It was noted that the content of the program aligns with the science standards for grades 4 and 5 (ESS2-2 and ESS2-1).

Mrs. Abrams thanked Mrs. Nunez, the students and their parents for attending the school committee meeting and showcasing their work.

Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary

Documents Used at the meeting:

- Agenda
- Minutes from November 22, 2016
- New Business:
 - Copy of the PowerPoint presentation on ESSA given by Glenn Koocher
 - Memo regarding the receipt of a check for \$39.50 from BayState Textiles, Inc.
 - Memo regarding receipt of the Early Childhood Grant and document on all grants received in FY17

- Memo on Piano Donation
- Information
 - Enrollment for December 1, 2016
 - Food Services documents through October 2016
 - Bi-County Collaborative-Minutes from the BOD meeting on October 13, 2016
 - Bi-County Collaborative-FY16 Annual Report