

Cost and who is at the end zone PLAINVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes of January 10, 2017

Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Abrams at 6:08 p.m. in the Wood School Learning Commons. Also present were Linn Caprarella, Maggie Clarke, Charlene McEntee and Superintendent Raiche. Absent: Javed Iqbal The meeting was audio and video recorded.

Administrators Present: Kate Campbell, Principal, Anna Ware Jackson School  
Caron Ketchum, School Business Administrator  
Robin Roberts-Pratt, Principal, Beatrice H. Wood School  
Stephanie Whitaker, Technology Systems Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Linn Caprarella to approve the December 13, 2016 regular 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 night. Topics at their meeting were:

- Presentation by Mrs. Lambert on STEM initiatives
- Discussion about Bi-County Collaborative's financial statements which show high profits; lengthy discussion about this topic
- Individual Contracts of Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski and King Philip Middle School's Principal, Dr. Susan Gilson.

In addition, Mrs. Abrams informed the Committee that she received an email from Annemarie Martin which said she is not seeking re-election as Plainville's representative for the King Philip School Committee. Mrs. Abrams thanked Mrs. Martin for her service.

- Negotiations Subcommittee-Mrs. Caprarella, Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Caprarella said the Committee is meeting in Executive session tonight to discuss upcoming negotiations with the teachers and education support professionals.

- Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. McEntee, Mrs. Abrams

The budget subcommittee met at 4:00 p.m. today. They discussed possible adjustments to the FY2018 school budget.

- Communications Subcommittee-Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Ikbal

Nothing.

- Town Building Committee-Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Clarke informed the Committee that the building projects are moving on and initial estimates were presented to the Town Building Committee at their last meeting. 38.8 million was the initial estimate; however, that number was pared down to 34 million with changes made to the roof (flatter roof in some areas), less brick for the outside of the buildings and other miscellaneous items. She said these decisions did not sacrifice the needs of the town for the use of these buildings. The next phase is the design phase.

#### RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVES

None.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Interest-Based Bargaining (IBB) Training – Part 2

Interest Based Bargaining Training was completed on December 19, 2016. The consensus from the participants of IBB training was to utilize this process in upcoming negotiations for new contracts for the teacher and education support professionals unions. Meetings are scheduled for Mondays beginning January 23, 2017 and then weekly starting February 27, 2017. The hope is to have negotiated successor contracts for both the Teacher and Education Support Professionals Union by June 2017.

- Enrollment Report Update

Superintendent Raiche presented documents received from the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) depicting projected enrollment for Plainville Public Schools. NESDEC stated, "the two factors now at work which will have the greatest effect upon future enrollments are: a. a steady, yet small number of births to Plainville residents, and, b. new in-migration (which had slowed, due to the 2008 real estate slowdown, yet now is becoming more robust). Currently, there are 667 students in grades K-6. Preliminary enrollment projections for the 2017/2018 school year include 666 students in grades K-6. For successive years projections are 643, 629, 632 and 644 (18/19, 19/20, 20/21, and 21/22). However, according to the report "these numbers should be viewed as subject to change given the likelihood of changes in the underlying assumptions/trends."

In addition, Superintendent Raiche presented charts showing projected class size in

2017/2018 using three different scenarios: 35 classrooms, 34 classrooms and 33 classrooms.

- *Building Capacity*

Superintendent Raiche said the capacity for Jackson School is 500 students and for Wood School is 375 students. Building capacity is currently at 79% for Jackson School and 82% for Wood School keeping all our current programs in place.

- *State Accountability System*

Superintendent Raiche shared a document from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents to the Massachusetts Department of Education on the accountability system. The assessment system to be used this year is the MCAS 2.0. MASS has recommended that MADOE temporarily suspend the calculation of accountability ratings for schools and districts until 2019 as we transition to the computer based Next-Generation MCAS state assessment. The Committee discussed; in particular, if a number of students opt out of taking the test, the rating for a school can negatively be impacted. Mrs. Clarke will find out if MASC (Massachusetts Association of School Committees) has taken a stance on this issue.

- *Regional Special Education Task Force*

Superintendent Raiche will be joining the Wrentham, Norfolk and King Philip superintendents on January 18, 2016 to interview three candidates interested in facilitating the work of the regional special education task force.

- *The Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act-School Committee Signatures on Warrants*

With the implementation of the Massachusetts Municipal Modernization Act, three signatures from the school committee membership is no longer required on warrants. Superintendent Raiche asked the Committee if they want to adopt the new regulations which say only one signature is needed; however, that school committee member needs to be designated/appointed to sign the warrant. Discussion and no vote will be taken at this time.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## NEW BUSINESS

- *Presentation: Department of Environmental Protection Water Testing Requirements (James Marshall)*

Given the increased interest nationally and locally regarding water quality, Superintendent Raiche had extended an invitation to Mr. Marshall to speak about water testing in the school department. In addition, this past summer saw discolored water in our schools, as result of drought. Mr. Marshall shared a document with the Committee on the 2017-2019 water quality sampling schedule. He explained in depth about the testing done in the Plainville Schools noting that due to pro-active measures, Plainville's water is relatively safe in his mind and that we are right on top of water quality issues. The

Committee thanked Mr. Marshall for taking time to present water results to alleviate any fears the community may have about our water.

- BayState Textiles, Inc. \$33.25 (Vote Required)

**MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Maggie Clarke, to approve \$33.25 from BayState Textiles, Inc. for the Plainville district to be used to reimburse expenses for district technology purchases. So voted.**

- Lifetouch Commission checks (Vote Required)

**MOTION by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Charlene McEntee, to approve \$1,445.00 for the Anna Ware Jackson School and \$1,427.00 for the Beatrice H. Wood School from Lifetouch to be used for Teacher Appreciation Gifts, activities and events coordinated by the Jackson School Council and to the tower garden green team to purchase materials to maintain the tower garden at Wood School. So voted.**

- Legislative Update

Nothing.

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

**Superintendent's Report: g. Capital Plan**

Superintendent Raiche presented a five-year capital plan to the Board of Selectman last evening; concern was raised by one citizen over the amount of money being sought for maintenance of the school buildings. Information on monies spent will be forwarded to the Board of Selectman as the school department is seeking 1 million over the next five years for buildings and grounds of the school facilities.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- Negotiations – Teachers and Education Support Specialists

**MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Linn Caprarella, to go into Executive session at 7:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collection bargaining strategies which, if held in open session, might hurt the Committee's bargaining position.**

Roll Call Vote:

Amy Abrams	Yes
Linn Caprarella	Yes
Maggie Clarke	Yes
Charlene McEntee	Yes

Returned from Executive session at 9:00 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

There was no discussion on items in information: Enrollment for January 1, 2017, Jackson and Wood School Council Minutes from November 2, 2016, Food Service Information through November 2016, ESSA Analysis, and BICO Quarterly Report. Mrs. Abrams was pleased to see that handwriting was included in the Enrichment Cycle I Brochure.

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Charlene McEntee, to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. So voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary

Meeting Handouts:

- Agenda
- Minutes from December 13, 2016
- Superintendent's Report: Supporting documents for items listed (a-f).
- New Business:
  - Memo and 2017-2019 Water Quality Sampling Schedules
  - Memo regarding the receipt of a check for \$33.25 from BayState Textiles, Inc.
  - Memos regarding receipt of commission checks from Lifetouch for both Jackson and Wood School
- Information:
  - Enrollment for January 1, 2017
  - Jackson and Wood School Council Minutes from November 2, 2016
  - Food Services documents (through November 2016)
  - ESSA Analysis document from AASA dated November 2016
  - Bi-County Collaborative Quarterly Report ending December 23, 2016
  - Enrichment Cycle I Brochure, January 9, 2017 ó February 13, 2017