

Plainville School Committee Meeting
September 27, 2016
School Committee Goals Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Abrams, at 4:07 pm. in the in the Wood School Learning Commons. Present: Maggie Clarke, Linn Caprarella, Javed Iqbal, and Superintendent Raiche. Charlene McEntee arrived at 4:12 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. School Committee Goals

Mrs. Abrams led a discussion on creating goals for the school committee for the 2016/2017 school year. She began by asking each member of the Committee and Superintendent Raiche about their stressors, something they are good at, and something they need to improve.

Discussion then began about what areas they would like to be their focus in 2016/2017. Mr. Iqbal suggested engaging area business for funding for specific items that the school district might like to purchase, i.e. PTO recently purchased 3D printers for grade 6 students. He also spoke about a program in China that pays districts to have a Chinese student attend your public school. Mrs. McEntee recommended having a goal on Legislative Advocacy and also shared the recently created document by the King Philip School Committee from their goals meeting. Mrs. Caprarella spoke about having a calendar, specific to the Committee, informing them of all events at the schools. Superintendent Raiche said the Principals do send out a weekly email to the staff of their building informing them of upcoming events. Perhaps the members of the school committee could be added to this weekly email. Mrs. Clarke suggested the Committee have “office hours” so that parents could seek out school committee members at a specific time thus fostering availability with the community. Superintendent Raiche suggested there be a goal of increased communication between the Board of Selectman and School Committee.

Lengthy discussion about the format of the goals, i.e. Goals, Objectives, Action Steps as well as the number of goals.

Mrs. Abrams will draft a document outlining two goals:

1. Improve Community Engagement
2. Legislative Advocacy

Continued discussion about the formatting of the goals and when to meet again to discuss them. The Committee liked the idea of meeting an hour or so earlier on a set regular school committee meeting day.

Mrs. Abrams also suggested that each school committee member report on a topic of their choosing, for about 10 minutes, at the conclusion of the school committee meeting. It was determined that a schedule be set up, and Mrs. Abrams will report at the October 4, 2016 school

committee meeting. Such topics could be news from MASC, The Marshall Memo, articles from magazines, etc. on topics related to education.

In addition Mrs. Abrams recommended that the Committee set up a schedule to review policies.

The Committee took a short break at 5:15 p.m. and then resumed at 5:26 p.m.

Mrs. Abrams had some policies that she wanted to review from the section of the policy manual that refers to School Committee.

The Committee reviewed:

Policy File BDB, School Committee Officers, No change

Policy File BDE, Subcommittees of the School Committee; deleted #5

Policy File BDF, Advisory Committees to the School Committee, No change

Policy File BE, School Committee Meetings, No change

The Committee will reconvene at a future date to resume reviewing policies.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Maggie Clarke to adjourn at 5:45 p.m. So voted.

Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary