

PLAINVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes of April 11, 2017
Regular Session

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent David Raiche at 5:34 p.m. in the Wood School Library Commons. Also present were Amy Abrams, Linn Caprarella, Maggie Clarke, Javed Ikbal, Charlene McEntee and Superintendent Raiche. The meeting was audio and video recorded.

Administrators Present: Kate Campbell, Principal, Anna Ware Jackson School
Edward Clarke, Administrator of Special Education and Support Services
Caron Ketchum, School Business Administrator
Robin Roberts-Pratt, Principal, Beatrice H. Wood School
Stephanie Whitaker, Technology Systems Administrator

REORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Superintendent Raiche opened the nominations for Chairperson of the School Committee.

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Javed Ikbal to nominate Amy Abrams as Chairperson of the School Committee. So voted.

Mrs. Abrams asked if anyone was interested in changing their position on the various committees. Mrs. Clarke said she would be willing to give up her seat on the Wellness Committee and Mrs. McEntee asked if anyone was interested in becoming the representative to the King Philip School Committee. Mr. Ikbal said he would be willing to participate on the Wellness Committee and that he would start attending King Philip school committee meetings, however, not be officially appointed as the representative at this time.

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Javed Ikbal to vote on all positions as stated below. So voted unanimously.

Chairman	Amy Abrams
Vice Chairman	Linn Caprarella
King Philip Representative	Charlene McEntee
Finance Subcommittee Representative(s)	Charlene McEntee Amy Abrams
Sick Leave Bank Representative	Javed Ikbal
New Member Orientation	Charlene McEntee
MASC Delegate Representative	Maggie Clarke
MASC Alternate Representative	Linn Caprarella

Negotiations Team Representative(s)	Linn Caprarella Maggie Clarke
Federal Relations Network Representatives*	Charlene McEntee Linn Caprarella
Town Building Committee Designee	Maggie Clarke
Wellness Committee Representative	Javed Iqbal
Communications Representative(s)	Amy Abrams Javed Iqbal
Appointment of School Attendance Officer	Edward Clarke
Appointment of Truancy Officer	Scott Gallerani
Appointment of School Physician	Dr. Christopher Giuliano

*Appointed by MASC Executive Board

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Charlene McEntee to approve the March 28, 2017 regular session minutes. So voted.

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Javed Iqbal to approve and hold the March 28, 2017 executive session minutes. So voted.

SHOWCASE

a. Jackson School: Showcase Spectacular-Kate Campbell, Principal

Mrs. Campbell shared a video presentation of the Showcase Spectacular, Talent Show, which was held last month. Twenty-eight acts were in the show—acts consisting of dance, singing, magic, piano, jump rope, etc. Mrs. Campbell said Mrs. Selena Graham and Mrs. Kimberly Teague did a wonderful job leading the production and “it was truly a fun night.” She thanked the teachers who participated as well as the students for the great job in their performances and for the students and staff who attended to give support to their peers and students.

b. MICCA Festival-Mr. Charles Sherwin, Instrumental Music Teacher at Wood School

Mr. Sherwin, instrumental music teacher at Wood School, shared the three compositions that the students performed at the MICCA Festival. Their performance earned them a silver medal, which was quite impressive for this was the first outing to a competition by these students! Congratulations to Mr. Sherwin and his students.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS AND FACULTY

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND AUDIENCES

None.

COMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS/COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. King Philip School Committee-Mrs. McEntee

Mrs. McEntee reported that the King Philip School Committee met on April 3rd. Topics mentioned:

- Congratulations to new school committee members recently elected and goodbyes to school committee members leaving, in particular, Annemarie Martin, Plainville representative. Mrs. Abrams would like to invite the new Plainville representative to a Plainville School Committee; this will be done in the future
- Discussion with an auditor of the budget process
- Discussion on the proposed FY18 budget and support among the finance committees of the tri-town region. A Tier I budget is 5.3% above last year's, a Tier II budget is approximately 3.5% to 4% above last year's and they are trying to obtain a budget somewhere in the middle, approximately 4.5% over last year in order to not lose valuable items in the budget

b. Negotiations Subcommittee-Mrs. Caprarella, Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Caprarella said the Committee will meet in executive session at tonight's meeting.

c. Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. McEntee, Mrs. Abrams

The entire committee will be meeting with the Finance Committee this evening at 8:00 pm to review the FY2018 school budget.

d. Communications Subcommittee-Mrs. Abrams, Mr. Ikbal

Nothing.

e. Town Building Committee-Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Clarke said the construction documents are underway and once documents are at a 60% completion, they will go out to obtain estimates. A meeting for the public is scheduled for May 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center.

f. Sick Leave Bank Committee-Mr. Ikbal

Nothing.

RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVES

Resignations:

Kristyn Moore, .4 Music Teacher at Wood School, effective April 13, 2017

Kerrie Marolda, Instructional Paraprofessional in grade 1 at Jackson School, effective April 13, 2017

In addition, on April 7th, Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that he received a resignation letter from Charles Konicki, facilities/maintenance/custodian. This resignation will be on the next school committee agenda.

Due to upcoming maternity leaves of the Reading Teacher and a grade 5 teacher:

Transfers:

Katie Wright, Tutor at Jackson School to Long-term substitute Reading Teacher at Jackson School, effective April 5 – June 19, 2017

Debbie Maw, Instructional Paraprofessional at Jackson School to Long-term substitute Tutor at Jackson School, effective April 5 – June 8, 2017

Nadia Sweeney, Instructional Paraprofessional at Wood School to Long-term substitute teacher in Grade 5, effective approximately May 17 – June 19, 2017

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Learning Walk Summary

Superintendent Raiche shared a summary report from the Learning Walk held on April 6, 2017. The focus for this walk was Higher Order Thinking. He said this is a good opportunity for staff and feedback is positive. Gale Clark, Business Services Assistant, participated in the Walk, and Mrs. Roberts-Pratt added that having a non-teaching staff member attend the learning walk is a great idea, allowing for different stakeholders to see what goes on in the classroom.

b. NEASE Special Progress Report

Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that NEASC had requested a *Special Progress Report* be submitted. He shared the report prepared by Principals Robin Roberts-Pratt and Kate Campbell which includes detailed information regarding revision of the school's or district's mission as well as current information on the purchase and use of interactive technology.

c. Science MCAS Trial

Superintendent Raiche reported that the MADESE is conducting Science MCAS trials this June and is recommending that the grade 5 students take part in this newer version. These students, however, will also take part in the current version of the science test as this test is a required part of the current state assessment program.

d. DESE School Climate Questionnaire

Superintendent Raiche reported that DESE plans to use an MCAS questionnaire in grades 5, 8 and 10 to pilot school climate questions. He intends to request approval from the Committee at the next school committee meeting for our grade 5 students to take part in this questionnaire; participation will be voluntary. He shared a copy of the possible grade 5 questions, which he obtained from DESE.

e. Changes to Calculation of Low Income Status

Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that DESE is planning to revise the metric that is used to determine low income status. They plan to use student participation in the following: SNAP, TAFDC, DCF and/or MassHealth. As a result, during the transition time period the

number of low-income students may differ when comparing state rates and what the district calculates as low-income.

f. King Philip Elementary Region Class Size Report

Superintendent Raiche shared a class size comparison as of March 1, 2017 for the King Philip Region (Wrentham, Norfolk and Plainville) elementary districts.

OLD BUSINESS

a. School Committee Evaluation-instrument to be issued for self-evaluation

The current instrument used, which is from MASC, will be sent to school committee members tomorrow. They are asked to have it completed by next week so that results can be compiled in preparation for discussion at the April 28, 2017 school committee meeting.

b. Superintendent's Evaluation-discussion on results among members

The Committee discussed the results of the Superintendent's evaluation for the school year 2016/2017; said evaluation was completed in March by each school committee member. Overall, Superintendent Raiche received Proficient scores. A summary sheet will be completed and signed by the school committee chair so that results can be submitted to DESE. Superintendent Raiche also shared results of a leadership assessment survey, which was completed by staff in March.

Mrs. Clarke suggested that focus areas/goals for the 2017/2018 school year for Superintendent Raiche be determined this coming May or June, prior to the start of the new school year. Committee agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Request from Brownie Troop-Donation box for Paws of Plainville (Vote Required)

MOTION by Maggie Clarke seconded by Javed Ikbal, to approve the request from Amy Mitchell-Walsh on behalf of the Plainville Brownie Troop. Said request is to place a donation box in the foyer of the Jackson School seeking donations for items for PAWS of Plainville. So voted.

b. Acceptance of a check from JUJU B's Company for the Wood School Gift Account (Vote Required)

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Javed Ikbal, to approve the donation of \$125.00 from JUJU B'S Company to the Wood School Gift Account; said funds to be utilized for Special Olympics. So voted.

c. Legislative Update

Mrs. McEntee: Asked if anyone is attending the MASC Day on the Hill, April 25th? She is attending. Amy, Linn and Javed are unable to attend this year and Mrs. Clarke will decide in the next few days.

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

Mr. Ikbal: Informed the Committee that New York is going to offer free tuition for college students; not sure what the actual cost of tuition is as many of the costs associated with college are in other areas.

Mrs. Abrams: Mentioned the subject of food shaming, which is happening in New Mexico. Students who receive free and reduced lunch or are in negative balances are given ‘different’ food than their peers or separated into a different line.

Mrs. Abrams: Mentioned that NPR is hosting a program about teaching math; can search for a podcast on this subject, if interested in listening to the program.

In addition, Mrs. Campbell shared a video on the program held on March 31st to celebrate the conclusion of Literacy month in March. Several staff members, as well as administrators including Superintendent Raiche, Mr. Clarke, and Mrs. Campbell, ate chocolate covered crickets and grasshoppers since the students met the challenge of reading collectively over 2,500 books!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Negotiations – Plainville Education Association (PEA) and Education Support Professionals (ESP)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Javed Ikbal, to go into Executive session at 6:52 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
Javed Ikbal	Yes
Charlene McEntee	Yes

Returned from Executive session at 7:15 p.m.

INFORMATION

There was no discussion on items in information.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Linn Caprarella, seconded by Charlene McEntee, to adjourn at 7:16 pm and then travel to the Senior Center to attend the joint meeting with the finance committee at 8:00 pm to review the FY18 school budget. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary

Meeting Handouts:

- Agenda
- School Committee Reorganization Memo from September 14, 2016
- Minutes from March 28, 2017
- Resignations, Transfers, Appointment, and Leaves memo dated April 6, 2017
- Superintendent's Report:
 - Documents regarding the items listed in the superintendent's report
- Old Business: Superintendent's Evaluation Documents
- New Business:
 - Email from Brownie Troop regarding request for PAWS of Plainville Donation Box
 - Memo from Mrs. Roberts-Pratt regarding JUJU B'S donation of \$125.00
- Information::
 - Enrollment as of April 1, 2017
 - School Council Minutes from March 1, 2017 (AWJ and BHW)
 - Bi-County Quarterly Report, March 2017