

**Plainville School Committee Meeting**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**Regular Session**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Amy Abrams at 6:02 p.m. in the Wood School Learning Commons. Also present were Linn Caprarella, Maggie Clarke, Javed Iqbal, Charlene McEntee and Superintendent Raiche. The meeting was audio and video recorded.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Maggie Clarke to approve the September 13, 2016 Regular Session minutes. So voted.

MOTION by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Javed Iqbal to approve and hold the September 13, 2016 Executive Session minutes. So voted.

**SHOWCASE**

None.

**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 King Philip School Committee met last Monday. They reviewed budgetary items and heard presentations on the Independent Audit Report and on the high school traffic study. In addition they reviewed the delegate resolutions and decided to table their vote to their next meeting.
- b. Negotiations Subcommittee-Mrs. Caprarella, Mrs. Clarke  
Mrs. Caprarella reported that the Negotiations Subcommittee will meet in Executive Session at tonight's meeting.
- c. Budget Subcommittee-Mrs. McEntee, Mrs. Abrams  
Mrs. McEntee suggested that the timeline for the FY18 budget be presented to the school committee soon.

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

Mr. Ikbal reported that the Subcommittee met last week and worked on the video/live streaming of the school committee meetings; he was pleased to report that tonight's meeting will be available on youtube.com (Search Plainville Public Schools and click on the logo to view the meeting September 27, 2016). No future meetings for the subcommittee have been set.

e. Town Building Committee-Mrs. Clarke

Mrs. Clarke reported that no new information is available. Mrs. McEntee asked her to report what is already determined. To reiterate from the last school committee meeting, Mrs. Clarke said the Board of Selectmen have hired a design company, Kaestle Boos Architects, which will work on the safety building, and Turowski2Architecture, Inc., which will be working in conjunction with Kaestle Boos on the town hall building.

**RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS, APPOINTMENTS AND LEAVES**

Mr. Raiche said he is close to hiring a custodian, and has re-advertised on School Spring the position of Digital Learning Specialist.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

a. Computer-Based Testing in 2017

Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that he intends to notify DESE by October 14, 2016 that he has made the decision that all students in grades 3-6, with the exception of those that qualify for the MCAS Alternative, will take the computer-based state assessment in spring 2017.

b. School Committee Participation on District Committees: Leadership, Educator Evaluation and/or Mentor/Induction

Superintendent Raiche informed the Committee that there are openings on the three aforementioned committees for a representative from the school committee. Mrs. McEntee and Mrs. Abrams are interested in the Leadership and Mentor/Induction Committees; Mrs. Caprarella is interested in all three Committees. Superintendent Raiche will send to them the dates of the Leadership Council Committee meetings, which have been set, and will obtain from the Mentoring Coordinators, Amy Traficante and Kerrie-Lee Walker, the dates of the meetings of the Mentor/Induction Committee so that he can send them this information, as well. He informed the school committee that the Teacher Evaluation Committee generally meets in the morning, prior to the start of school, and that those dates are scheduled on an as-needed basis. Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Ikbal are unable to commit to participation in any of the committees at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. Wellness Policy (2<sup>nd</sup> Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Javed Ikbal to approved the Wellness Policy as presented. So voted.

b. Instructional Paraprofessional Job Description – Revision (Vote Required)

This item had been tabled from the previous school committee meeting. Superintendent Raiche explained the reason he is recommending the Committee approve the language revision in the instructional paraprofessional job description under the Evaluation section from “Annually by Building Principal, with input from teachers” TO “Annually by Building Principal or Administrator of Special Education and Support Services, with input from teachers”.

He said that Appendix B of the Education Support Professionals contract uses the term “evaluator” throughout that document; making his recommended change would mirror the language in the evaluation section of the job description for tutors. Instructional paraprofessionals have been evaluated using the new instrument since 2014-15 and some have been evaluated by the Administrator of Special Education and Support Services.

Discussion ensued noting that the job description is not part of the contract.

MOTION by Charlene McEntee seconded by Linn Caprarella to approve the recommendation of Superintendent to revise the instructional paraprofessional job description as presented. So voted, 4 in favor, 1 opposed (Clarke).

c. Discussion: Charter School Question

Mrs. Abrams led a discussion on the upcoming Question #2, on whether to cap Charter Schools in the state of Massachusetts. She informed the Committee that WBUR recently did a podcast on the issue. She handed out a document from the Massachusetts Charter Public School Association, entitled, Just the Facts: Public Charter Schools in Massachusetts.

Lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of voting yes or no for Question #2 in the upcoming election. Highlights of the discussion included:

- Loss of revenue to the local public school if a child attends a charter school (Teacher Jennie Ryan handed out a document from MTA which listed the amounts and MTA’s stance to vote no on Question #2)
- Differences in the services received by special education students
- Having charter schools offers options for parents on which school their child can attend
- Charter Schools do not have school committees; they have a Board of Trustees
- The formula used to determine funding needs to be more equitable
- Charter Schools are public schools and open to all students

Mrs. Abrams asked if the Committee wants to take a stand and Mrs. McEntee stated that as leaders of education in Plainville Public Schools, the School Committee ought to take a stand as to their support/non-support of Question #2. The Committee members were asked to come prepared to the October 4, 2016 school committee meeting to take a vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Baystate Textiles \$32.75 (Vote Required)

MOTION by Linn Caprarella seconded by Javed Iqbal to accept \$32.75 for the

Plainville district, said money to be utilized to reimburse expenses for district technology purchases. So voted.

b. School Improvement Plans

Mrs. Campbell answered questions that had been asked about the School Improvement Plans. One question was concerning the enhancement of social emotional learning and use of a universal screener for externalizing and internalizing behaviors to identify at-risk students. Mrs. Campbell explained the process used to determine at-risk students and said parents will be informed if their child is part of Tier I or Tier II support. She said utilizing these tools is another layer in educating the whole child. Mrs. Roberts-Pratt was unable to attend the meeting and Mrs. Campbell said that the term “pilot” social-emotional learning classrooms was used in the Wood School Improvement Plan; however, classroom teachers at Wood School have expressed an interest in utilizing the tools available for supporting social-emotional learning. Superintendent Raiche explained that the recommendations in the School Improvement Plans help to assist in budget planning and that is why substitutes being used is listed in the SIP’s. However, he keeps a close look at how many substitutes are used during the year to support the SIP’s.

c. FY2017 Grants (Vote Required)

Superintendent Raiche and Mrs. Ketchum, School Business Administrator, explained the grant process, which was recently changed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Mrs. Ketchum said the district has only received funding from the state for the Title IIA grant (Teacher Quality), \$10,067.00 and that this money is used for the Teacher Mentor/Induction Program. Other grants have been submitted, however, funding has not yet been received. Once the district receives these grant funds, the Committee will be informed. Outstanding grants include the Sped Entitlement, \$174,631.00; Title I, \$61,924.00; and Early Childhood \$8,587. In addition the Special Education Program Improvement and Early Childhood/Sped Improvement Program are outstanding and funding amount have not yet been determined.

MOTION by Maggie Clarke seconded by Charlene McEntee to approve the receipt of the FY2017 grant, Teacher Quality, for \$10,067.00 and for the Southeastern Massachusetts Health Group Business Partner grant for \$320.00 for a total of \$10,367.00. So voted.

d. Legislative update

Mrs. McEntee reported that the Division 3 meeting is scheduled for October 18, 2016 at the Boston Tavern in Bridgewater, MA beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Ikbal reported that the Boston Latin School lost its Level 1 status due to low participation in PARCC and that they were also cited in violation of Title IX.

Mr. Ikbal left the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Javed Iqbal, to go into Executive session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining strategies which, if held in open session, might hurt the Committee’s bargaining position.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Returned from Executive session at 7:08 p.m.

**INFORMATION**

There was no discussion on any of the items listed in this agenda item. The agenda items were: School Committee Reorganization Listing Revised on September 13, 2016; School Committee Attendance and Minutes Approved July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016; Special Education Department Secretary Job Description, approved September 13, 2016; Wood School Receptionist/Security assistant Job Description, approved September 13, 2016.

Mrs. Abrams mentioned future agenda items:

The Walker Report: The four districts of King Philip (Plainville, Norfolk, Wrentham and King Philip) are having a difficult time determining a meeting in which all participants can attend to discuss The Walker Report. She would like to have the Plainville School Committee put this item on their school agenda to discuss the Plainville portion of the Walker Report.

Mrs. Abrams reported that she reached out to Glenn Koocher, from MASC, about the possibility of attending a meeting here in Plainville to present information on the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). Discussed the possible date/time and who to invite.

Superintendent Raiche said he has sent the Plainville Education Association the Staff Acceptable Use Policy and is awaiting a time to meet to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Charlene McEntee, seconded by Maggie Clarke, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. So voted.

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Susan M. Rieger, Recording Secretary