

MISSION STATEMENT

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 27, 2023

TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

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Board of Education Members in Attendance: Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Richard Foote, Karen Kulesa, Patrick Perugino, Walter Seaman (Remote), Gregory Showers, Kelly Tilton, Louis Zbuska

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education on Monday, March 27, 2023 was called to order at 6:30 pm by Vice Chair Kulesa.

Pledge to the Flag

Vice Chair Kulesa turned the meeting over to Attorney Sedor.

II. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD HEARING PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 10-151*

Attorney Stephen Sedor stated he is the procedural advisor pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151.

Attorney Sedor asked all parties to identify themselves:

Richard Foote, Board of Education; Kelly Tilton, Board of Education; Gregory Showers, Board of Education; Tyler Balding, Maya Murphy, Attorney for the Teacher; Rebecca Holleran, Teacher; Richard Mills, Attorney Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Sarah Boxer, Attorney with Shipman and Goodwin for the Superintendent; Brian Falcone, Superintendent of Schools; Lou Zbuska, Board of Education; Patrick Perugino, Board of Education; Cindy Candrea-Florenciani, Board of Education; Karen Kulesa, Board of Education and on Google Meets is Walt Seaman, Board of Education

Attorney Sedor stated at the last meeting Administration had finished direct examination of the Superintendent and now will be cross-examination by counsel for the Teacher. Attorney Mills stated at the last meeting there were some things that had not been admitted to the record and requested that Superintendent's Exhibit 6 be admitted into record with one question needed of the Superintendent,

submitting Exhibit 6; and at the last meeting there was discussion regarding Superintendent Exhibit 3, document created reflecting PowerSchool log entries of student (s) and Attorney Balding requested redacted copies and did that the following morning and introduced into the record the redacted copies shared of those documents with attorney Balding which is the backup to Exhibit 3 which is now admitted as Exhibit 3a. Discussion held with Attorney Sedor stating Exhibit 3a is on record.

Brian Falcone was called to the witness stand and questioned by Attorney Mills. Attorney Balding began his cross examination of Mr. Falcone. Attorney Balding stated remaining questions are for private session. Attorney Sedor recommended the Board go into Executive Session.

MOTION: To go into executive session for the purposes of discussing matters related to personally identifiable students within Plymouth Public Schools and to possibly review or discuss documents protected from public disclosure pursuant to CGS Section 1-210 (b) subsection P, by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino and the vote unanimous.

Vice Chair Kulesa stated the Board is in executive session at 7:54 p.m.

Vice Chair Kulesa stated the meeting is back in session at 8:07 p.m.

Attorney Mills requested re-direct examination of Mr. Falcone. Attorney Mills began his questioning of Mr. Falcone.

Upon Attorney Mills stating he had no further questions, Attorney Balding began his re-cross examination of Mr. Falcone.

Upon completion of the re-cross-examination, Attorney Sedor excused Mr. Falcone as a witness at 8:50 p.m. called for a 5-minute recess.

Meeting was called back in session at 9:03 p.m.

Attorney Mills called Detective Damien Bilotto to the stand.

Detective Bilotto was sworn in as a witness by Attorney Sedor.

Attorney Mills began his questioning of Detective Bilotto. Discussion held by the attorneys on procedural issues with regard to open session, executive session and confidentiality with Attorney Sedor requesting the Board motion to go into executive session.

MOTION: To go into executive session by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino. Vote: unanimous.

Board went into executive session at 9:13 p.m.

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MOTION: To adjourn at 9:53 p.m. by Mr. Showers; second Mr. Perugino and the vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Gudeczauskas Recording Secretary

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