

Plymouth School Committee

September 10, 2007

A meeting of the Plymouth School Committee was held on Monday, September 10, 2007, at Plymouth South Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Linda McAlduff, Margie Burgess, Nicole Manfredi, Dennis Begley, Robert Bielen, and Debra Betz.

Present from Administration were Barry Haskell, Gary Maestas and Dr. Carol Young.

Mrs. McAlduff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 1.0 To introduce new teachers and receive a report on induction and mentoring.

Dr. Young and Ginny Marconi, Mentoring and Induction Coordinator, reported on the New Teacher Induction/Orientation Program held on August 29th and 30th. Ms. Marconi gave a background on the mentoring program that forms connections between mentors and protégés and includes weekly meetings throughout the first year for new teachers with a total of 45 contact hours. New teachers will also attend four after-school meetings with the Mentor Steering Committee to investigate specific topics including classroom management, special needs, topics to be determined by new teachers, and licensure processes.

- 2.0 To receive comments from the general public.

None.

- 3.0 To receive comments from student representatives.

None present.

- 4.0 To receive comments from the Education Association of Plymouth & Carver.

Michael Riordan, President of the EAPC, noted that the year got off to a good start. He reported that he is currently looking into the matter of posting teacher contracts on the School Committee website. He presented his business card for contact information.

- 5.0 Communications

- 5.1 Retirements

Dr. Young noted 2 retirements: Susan Giracca, Special Needs Aide at Nathaniel Morton Elementary for 24+ years; and Ann Curtin, Cafeteria Worker at Plymouth North High for 11+ years. Both resignations were accepted with regrets.

- 6.0 To receive the Plymouth Community Intermediate School HVAC project update.

Mr. Montrond and Mr. Palladino reported that progress on the HVAC project was very good. He described construction as running smoothly and within budget, noting that any “bugs” were resolved quickly. He anticipates a one-year completion date as planned. Mr. Palladino noted that the timeframe of the project was planned for minimal disruption to students. Mr. Montrond acknowledged all those working on the project.

- 7.0 To receive a report concerning the Charter Commission and take the necessary action(s).

Mr. Haskell presented two draft versions of the Charter being considered for approval by the Charter Commission. Mrs. Burgess noted that both are drafts and that the School Committee should be informed and have the option to give input, noting that public hearings are still pending. Mrs. McAlduff thanked the Charter Commission for their hard work and noted the importance of School Committee representation in long-term planning.

- 8.0 To receive a copy of the DOE Superintendents’ Checklist: School Year 2007-2008.

Mr. Haskell presented the DOE Superintendents’ Checklist: School Year 2007-2008. A discussion of tracking the items on the checklist followed.

- 9.0 To receive recommendation(s) relative to the School Year 2007-2008 Home Education Program and take the necessary action(s).

- 9.1 #006-08
- 9.2 #007-08
- 9.3 #008-08
- 9.4 #009-08
- 9.5 #019-08
- 9.6 #020-08
- 9.7 #021-08
- 9.8 #022-08
- 9.9 #023-08
- 9.10 #031-08
- 9.11 #032-08
- 9.12 #041-08
- 9.13 #042-08

- 9.14 #044-08
- 9.15 #045-08
- 9.16 #050-08
- 9.17 #051-08
- 9.18 #052-08
- 9.19 #053-08
- 9.20 #054-08
- 9.21 #055-08
- 9.22 #056-08
- 9.23 #057-08
- 9.24 #066-08
- 9.25 #067-08
- 9.26 #068-08
- 9.27 #069-08

Mr. Haskell presented the Home School recommendations for the 2007-2008 School Year, stating that they meet all of the State requirements minimally, and Mr. Sherman has reviewed each one and has met with each family to be sure each met the requirements. Mr. Haskell recommended their approval. There was a brief discussion of the approval process. Mr. Haskell presented samples to School Committee members as requested.

Motion by Mrs. Burgess to approve all cases as presented, seconded by Mr. Begley. Vote to approve Home School recommendations for the 2007-2008 School Year was unanimous.

10.0 To discuss high school space.

Mr. Haskell reported that he has received no new information from the Massachusetts School Building Authority regarding the Statements of Interest.

11.0 To discuss the FY09 budget and take the necessary action(s).

Mr. Haskell noted that they are beginning work on the FY09 budget and that dates for budget workshops may be later this year due to the scheduling of Town Meeting.

12.0 Reports.

12.1 Calendar of Events

Mrs. Burgess noted that Capital Outlay will meet on September 18, 2007. Mr. Haskell noted that Finance Committee meets on September 19, 2007, and that Waverly Oaks will be discussed at both of these meetings. Also noted was a meeting of the Building Committee on September 13, 2007.

12.2 To receive reports and proposals from Committee members.

As requested, Mr. Haskell will contact all schools to ensure that they make contact with the appropriate School Committee liaisons.

12.3 To receive a report from the Plymouth Permanent School Building Committee.

Nothing to report.

12.4 To receive a report from the Plymouth Building Committee.

Nothing to report.

12.5 To receive a report from the Communications Subcommittee.

Nothing to report.

12.6 To receive reports and proposals from the Superintendent.

Mr. Haskell noted a good starting week of school with 8,500 students enrolled, an increase of 100 students from June 2007.

Mr. Haskell noted that several schools have responded to the School Committee request to host a meeting. The October 15th meeting will be held at Indian Brook Elementary School.

Mr. Haskell reported on mosquitoes and indicated that insect repellent will be made available at all games.

Mr. Haskell reported that he and Mr. Gurek are working on a proposal regarding procurement of the Waverly Oaks Property for the October 22nd Town Meeting.

12.7 Personnel

Dr. Young announced 22 appointments: 10 certificated, 10 classified, and 2 coaches. She also noted 1 leave of absence, and 7 resignations.

13.0 To receive minutes from the following meetings and take the necessary action(s).

13.1 August 27, 2007

Motion by Mrs. Burgess to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Manfredi. Vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

14.0 To receive a schedule of bills and take the necessary action(s).

Mr. Haskell recommended FY08 A/P Warrant #18 dated September 13, 2007, in the amount of \$1,012,013.71. Motion by Mr. Begley to approve FY08 A/P Warrant #13 in the amount stated, seconded by Mrs. Burgess. Vote to approve FY08 A/P Warrant #13 in the amount stated is unanimous.

15.0 To discuss strategies with respect to pending litigation pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23B(3) and take the necessary action(s).

Motion by Mr. Begley to go into Executive Session for the purposes stated, seconded by Mrs. Betz. On a roll call vote to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to pending litigation pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 39, Section 23B (3), all voting in favor, approved unanimously.

Into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m.

Out of Executive Session at 9:16 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary