

PLYMPTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chair Shelly Karparis. The meeting was filmed by Comcast Cable.

In attendance from the Committee:

Mr. Christopher Badot, Mr. Mark Gabriel, Mrs. Shelly Karparis, Mr. Robert Ruggiero

Absent from the Committee:

Mrs. Maureen Springer

Present from Administration:

Mr. John Tuffy, Superintendent
Mrs. Joy Blackwood, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Peter Veneto, Principal

Acknowledge and Schedule Visitors:

Mrs. Diana Seyfert from the Plympton Teachers Association
Mr. Dana Smith, DARE Officer

Approval of Minutes:

On a motion by Mr. Ruggiero, seconded by Mr. Gabriel, it was unanimously VOTED to accept the regular minutes of September 26, 2011, and accept and release the executive session minutes of September 26, 2011.

On a motion by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Mr. Badot, it was unanimously VOTED to release the 2010-2011 executive session minutes of February 10, March 29, April 26, June 28, August 23, September 27, November 27, December 20, January 24, February 28, April 25, May 23, June 27 and August 22.

School Committee Correspondence: none

New Business: none

Unfinished Business: none

Report of Standing Committees:

a. Administrative Review: Mrs. Springer will report at next meeting.

b. Negotiations: executive session today

Teachers' contract has been ratified: 1-year @ 0%; 3-year @ 2%, 3%, 3%.

c. Union 31: At October 11 meeting, librarians from all buildings presented a very impressive new website. Next meeting in December, then again in February.

d. PAC: Meeting held October 6; Mrs. Springer will report at a later date.

e. Policy: Meeting tonight at 7:00.

f. Capital Improvement: no meeting since 9/26. Mr. Gabriel reported that a memo from the Finance Committee put all boards on notice for a capital improvement list by December 9, 2011. Dennett's well room, temperature control and roof are main areas of concern. Also, although the school is an emergency shelter, the school's heat is not currently enabled by the generator in the event of a power failure. Update to follow next month.

g. Legislative Agent: nothing to report

ADMINISTRATION:

Principal's Report:

Enrollment = 230

October

25 – School Council Meeting; 3:30

28 – CASA's Halloween Family Dance; 6:00-8:00

November

11 – Veterans Day; no school

13-19 - American Education Week

16 – Thanksgiving Feast; 11:30

23 – Dismissal at 12:00 noon

24-25 – Thanksgiving recess

28 – School Committee Meeting; 4:30

Mr. Veneto introduced Dennett School's new D.A.R.E. instructor, Officer Smith. Halloween safety instructions will be given to students this week as Officer Smith visits each classroom. Officer Smith then gave a brief overview of the new DARE Curriculum which will include making good decisions, bullying and internet safety. The grade 5-6 component will also include peer pressure, etc. The 10-week program involves 40-minute lessons with Officer Smith visiting each of the grade five and grade six classrooms during the day.

CASA: fundraiser update: 265 Mass Pass books were sold, an increase over last year. Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Beckwith will chair the Thanksgiving Feast.

Assistant Superintendent:

Mrs. Blackwood announced that a lecture entitled Allergies in the School Setting will be held on November 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the middle school. Mrs. Karparis suggested that local day care centers be included in the notification process.

New Technology in the Classroom – November 7, 14, 21 at Halifax Elementary for all grade K-6 teachers.

Presentation: Two Clicks video coordinated by Librarians Geri O'Reilly (Dennett) and Megan Smith (HES).

Mrs. Blackwood also distributed the 2011 NCLB Dennett Elementary School Report Card.

Superintendent:

Mr. Tuffy reported that the out-of-district SPED account is showing a \$39,000 deficit due to an unforeseen circumstance. The school may need to look to the town for help in this regard.

Mr. Tuffy gave an overview showing enrollments in all schools in the district as of October 1, 2011. The enrollments determine the share of the Silver Lake budget attributed to each town. Plympton's share is slightly down this year as is Kingston's, while Halifax will see an increase.

The annual MASC Meeting is November 9-12. Mr. Ruggiero volunteered to represent Plympton on Friday, November 11, at the 3:00 session.

On a motion by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Mr. Badot, it was unanimously VOTED to approve Mr. Ruggiero as the Plympton delegate to attend the MASC Annual Meeting.

Approval of the Bill Schedule:

The following warrants were signed:	Warrant SC07	\$ 17,786.22
	Warrant L008	73,550.87
	Warrant V009	19,218.73
	Warrant L010	3,153.51
	Warrant L011	110.00

Other Matters: Veterans' Day – Nov. 11
School closes at noon- Nov. 23
Thanksgiving Recess – Nov. 24-25
School Committee Meeting – Nov. 28

On a motion by Mr. Gabriel, seconded by Mr. Ruggiero, it was unanimously VOTED to go into executive session at 5:44 p.m. and not reconvene.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne O'Neill, Secretary

