

Regular Board of Education Meeting
PPMS Library
April 11, 2022 7PM

1. Call to Order

Cindy Luty, Board Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:04PM. Other Members present: Deborah Burke-Grabarek, Charles Raymond, and Megan Gallant. Cindy DuPointe and Sean Nugent were excused. Dan Harris was absent. Also present: Dr. Seitsinger; Superintendent, and Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary.

2. Public Comment

No Public Comment emails and no Public Comment from the audience.

3. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Superintendent's Reports/Updates

Retreat: The Board held a team building retreat on Saturday April 2nd, at Preston Plains Middle School. It was a success and the Board hopes to do this at least twice a year in the future.

Home COVID Test Distribution: Parents can pick up free test kits at PVMS on Wednesday, April 13th, during drop off and pick up. The tests can be used voluntarily prior to sending students back to school after the Spring Break. An announcement will go out to parents.

Parent Meetings: Dr. Seitsinger has already held two parent meetings at PPMS in the Library. A third meeting will be held at 5pm on April 12th. Dr. Seitsinger is holding the meetings to review and discuss the FY23 school budget and to answer any questions the community may have.

New Website: We have soft launched our new website and it looks great. We will continue to add things to it and announce its full launch in the Fall. Megan Gallant stated that she has already checked out the site and that it is very easy to navigate.

FY23 Budget: The BOE sent their FY23 Budget to the BOF on April 5th electronically. The Board will present their budget to the BOF on Thursday, April 14th at 7:30PM in the PPMS Cafeteria.

COVID DeteCT: 30-40 students continue to participate in this voluntary testing process.

Day Zero: Words the district does not ever want to hear! It is the definition of the first day after a cyber- attack. The district is working hard to stay current on all cyber-attack information that is available.

5. Principal and Special Education Director Reports

Dr. Ivy Davis-Tomczuk:

* PPMS Field Day will be held at Ocean Beach on June 3rd (rain date June 6).

* PPMS Awards Assembly June 7th.

* 8th Grade Celebration June 10th at either the Preston Park or the Preston VFW.

- * 8th Grade graduation June 15th at PVMS at 4PM.
- * Last day of school for 6th and 7th graders is June 16th.

Mr. Ray Bernier:

- *On April 25th, after returning from Spring Break, ALL lunches will be served in the cafeteria as they were prior to COVID.
- *The first school assembly will also take place after spring break. Students will be entertained by a magician.
- *PVMS is revamping their PBIS Video.
- *SBAC testing will begin shortly after Spring Break.
- *PK enrollment is based on a lottery system and parents have been made aware of this.
- *PVMS is undergoing MIND-UP Training and it will be fully implemented in the Fall.
- *Grade 4 State Fair was held last week and Preston had 6 winners in the Long Island Sound Calendar contest.

Mrs. Ann Perzan: (read by Dr. Seitsinger)

The district continues to train intensively for the implementation of CT SEDS which will replace our current IEP Direct system.

6. Policy Review

Second Read: Policy 5144.1 Physical Restraint/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out
This policy will replace the current one on file as it has been updated by CABE.

Moved, to accept Policy 5144.1 as presented. Burke-Grabarek/Gallant. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

Second Read: Policy 5145.511 Exploitation/Sexual Harassment
This policy must be added to our policy manual to support the existing Policy 5145.5.

Moved, to accept Policy 5145.511 as presented. Burke-Grabarek/Gallant. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

First Read: Policy 5145.44 Students: Title IX
The Board was asked to review this policy prior to the May meeting.

7. Expenditure/Projection Information

*FY22 Budget: all expenses are tracking well. There are no red flags at this point. Mrs. Varricchio continues to work with the Town and the auditors to complete last year's audit. As previously stated, the FY23 Budget has been sent to the BOF and will be presented on April 14th.

Dr. Seitsinger thanked Mrs. Varricchio and the entire team for all their hard work surrounding the audit.

He also stated that the town has not made any motion regarding the request to create a Town Building Committee but he believes this is an important step to take for the future of Preston.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Adjournment

Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47PM. Burke-Grabarek/Gallant. Unanimous. Motion Carries.