

Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Plymouth High Amphitheater
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

1. President Bob Travis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Pledge to Flag
3. “Our Mission is to encourage everyone to see and be their personal best through successful learning experiences. Become your best!”
4. Kathy Tournour moved, seconded by Dan Steinhardt to approve the agenda and consent agenda as the order of business. Motion carried.
5. Aaron Martell moved, seconded by Tony Backhaus to approve the following. Motion carried.
 - a. Minutes of December 17, 2024, regular Board of Education meeting.
 - b. Financial report for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.
 - c. Bills for the period of December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the amount of \$2,156,392.85
6. Board and District Leadership Team strategic planning:
 - a. Legislative Update – Scott Stier gave Legislative update to the Board and the community.
7. Designation of Available Spaces for Regular and Special Education Open Enrollment:

- There will be unlimited availability for regular education students to Open Enroll in the Plymouth School District in all grade levels for the 2025-2026 school year.
- It has been determined due to the caseload and workload considerations, there are no seats available in any special education services in grades early childhood through grade 12. There is no space available for speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy or the third party services of vision, hearing impaired and orientation and mobility in all grade levels.
- The resident school district is responsible for the screening of a child to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe that the child has a disability and should be referred for a special education evaluation. This should be done prior to the open enrollment of a student to another

school district. The resident school district will inform the nonresident district of the student's need for special education.

- When a child who is attending the District under open enrollment is referred for a special education evaluation, the evaluation must be consistent with the requirements under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and State law. An IEP-Team is required to consult with appropriate personnel from the student's resident school district, in conjunction with the non-resident school district the student is attending.
- The District will provide an appropriate educational program to implement the IEP of a child attending school under full-time open enrollment program unless the IEP requires a special education program or services that are not available or in which no space is available. In those circumstances, the nonresident district may notify the student's resident district that the program or services are not available in the nonresident district. If the student's resident district is notified that the nonresident district does not have the required special education program or services or that there is no space available, then the resident district is responsible for providing an appropriate educational placement for the student.
- A student who is currently attending school with established residency and who moves out of the District during a school year, thus becoming a non-resident student, will be required to obtain a tuition waiver to continue enrollment in the School District for that current school year, in accordance with state law. In order for the student to continue his/her education in the School District for the following school year, the student will be required to submit a timely application for open enrollment in accordance with the School District's policy. The student will be required to be approved for open enrollment in the School District in accordance with the School District's policy in order to continue the student's education in the School District. No student is guaranteed approval based on prior residency in the District.

8. Finance, Buildings and Grounds:

- a. Scott Stier gave a Facility Update.
- b. Dan Steinhardt moved, seconded by Kathy Tournour to accept the 2023 – 2024 Audit Report. Motion Carried.
- c. Janell Bohn moved, seconded by Aaron Martell to approve the gifts and corresponding adjustments. Motion carried.

9. No one spoke during the period of public participation.

10. Board Liaison Reports:

- a. Community Ed – Sally Isely
- b. Foundation – Janell Bohn
- c. Family Resource Center – Kathy Tournour

11. Personnel:

- a. Support Staff Update: Scott Stier updated the Board on the Support Staff changes.

12. No items were removed from the consent agenda.
13. President Report
14. Superintendent report:
 - a. Student /staff accomplishments
 - b. District Update
15. Aaron Martell moved, seconded by Dan Steinhardt to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Sally Isely, Board Clerk