



## PLYMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Plymouth Public Schools is to challenge, inspire, and prepare all students for success in an ever-changing and complex world.

**SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE  
TERRYVILLE, CT 06786**

**MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026**

**6 P.M.**

### MINUTES

Present: Mr. Bourbonniere, Chair; Committee Members, Mr. Showers, Mr. Perugino and Mrs. Palmer

Also Present: Mr. Tencza, Business Manager & Central Office Liaison

1. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

Mr. Bourbonniere, Chair calls the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Finance & Operations Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. The group joins in the Pledge to the Flag.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion Mr. Perugino, second Mrs. Palmer, any discussion, if none, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries.

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3. Topics

(a) Update of Heat Pumps for Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

Business Manager, Matthew Tencza, gave an update on the heat pump replacement project at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School. Tucker Mechanical provided the district with an updated evaluation of the systems and 3 options for replacement. The cost of this project will range from \$261,681.00 to \$299,256.00. Mr. Tencza informed the committee that Plymouth has been awarded \$98,233.46 from the State of Connecticut in the form of grant under the District Repair and Improvement Project Program (DRIP). These funds will be available on or before 6/30/2026 and can be used toward this project. This project may also qualify for Eversource rebates; therefore, the committee had decided to wait for a full energy package from Tucker Mechanical before moving this project to the board. Use of the 2% non-lapsing account (Sinking Fund) will most likely be recommended to the board to finance the balance of the project.

(b) Walk Through Terryville High School

Mr. Bourbonniere gave a synopsis of the walk through Terryville High School. Reviewing the continuing need to repair the heating system in the upper floor science rooms. Mr. Bourbonniere also voiced concern about the aging of the building overall. Many in the public still call Terryville High School the “new high school”. It is now approaching 20 years since it opened officially. Many of the mechanicals and the roof may be greater than 20 years old and should be put on the capital improvement plan. It was noted that overall, the school is in good shape.

(c) Walk Through Plymouth Center School

Due to weather, the Plymouth Center School walk through did not take place and has been rescheduled to 3/12/2026 at 1:30 PM. There was a lengthy discussion about the leaking roof and damage that the water has caused. The district is currently involved in replacing the fire alarm control panel which was ruined due to a water leak. Mr. Tencza reported the cost to be approximately \$21,000.00 for repair. The committee discussed the need to have the roof replaced and acknowledged the difficulty in doing so due to the solar panels that cover the roof. The committee discussed the best way to escalate the need and communicate the needs to the town.


(d) Discussion: Possible Use of the Non-Lapsing Account to Fix Heat Pump Issue at Harry S. Fisher Elementary School

There was discussion under agenda item a. about using the 2% non-lapsing account (Sinking Fund) and the DRIP grant to fund this project.

4. Adjournment

MOTION: To entertain a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion Mrs. Palmer, second Mr. Showers all in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted



Patricia Piskorski

Recording Secretary

For the Finance & Operations Committee