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**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
PLYMOUTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
FINANCE & OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
TERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
33 NORTH HARWINTON AVENUE
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MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026

6 P.M.

MINUTES

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

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

1. **Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag**

Mr. Bourbonniere, Chair called the Special Meeting of the Plymouth Board of Education Finance and Operations Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. The group joined in the pledge to the flag.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda**

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

3. **Finance**

(a) **School Lunch**

Discussion: Mr. Tencza did not recommend increasing the breakfast and lunch prices. While costs continue to rise, the program made a small profit. Mr. Tencza does not believe it is in the best interest of the community to increase pricing this year. Mr. Tencza provided a document that showed comparable pricing in neighboring communities and Plymouth is behind in more categories, therefore, he felt pricing should be revisited next year for the 2027 – 2028 school year.

MOTION: To entertain a motion to forward to the full Board the recommendation of the Finance and Operations Committee not to increase the School Breakfast Program; the School Lunch Program; the Specialty Lunch and/or the Adult Lunches for the 2026 – 2027 School Year. Motion Mr. Perugino., second Mr. Showers, any further discussion, all in favor, any opposed, any abstentions, motion carries,

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(b) End of the Year Estimate

Mr. Tencza shared that his current estimate for surplus is \$148,401.76. Mr. Tencza shared that this is an ever-changing target, and he expects this number to change, but it will be close to the current estimate.

(c) Recommendations: Allocating End of the Year Surplus

Mr. Tencza made the following recommendations for the use of the surplus:

1. Replace the carpet at Terryville High School. Estimated cost of \$42,793.00.
2. Replace the aged furniture at Fisher Elementary School with more learning center appropriate furniture. Estimated cost of \$45,496.00.
3. Split the remaining balance of surplus 50/50 between the non-lapsing account and returning funds to the Town of Plymouth.

Ms. Palmer asked some clarifying questions regarding how the surplus funds could be spent. Mr. Tencza explained about appropriate expenditure and clarification about non-use for future salary considerations.

4. Operations

(a) HVAC System at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School

Mr. Tencza revealed that the roof top AC unit has broken down. This unit is obsolete based on age and parts availability. This will be repaired using emergency repair funds from accounts across the 4 schools. This work will happen over the summer and should be back online for the beginning of the school year.

(b) Stairs at Eli Terry Jr. Middle School (Interior Stairs)

Mr. Tencza indicated that the interior stairway will have the stair treads resurfaced over the summer. The stairs are breaking down and becoming a safety concern. This is funded using supply and labor credits received from our custodial vendor HES. This project will have minimal (if any) impact on the operating budget.

(c) Harry S. Fisher Elementary School Heat Pumps on Schedule

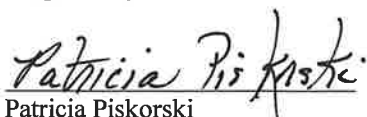
The heat pump project is on schedule and will begin when the school year ends. Facilities Director, Jim Mazon, has met with the Recreation Department Director to ensure there is minimal disruption to the summer camp program held at Fisher Elementary.

(d) Sidewalks at Plymouth Center School

Mr. Mazon has notified the vendor selected for this project to schedule the project. This is currently funded through the money allocated as capital by the town council. The Superintendent will cover this more thoroughly at the Wednesday BOE meeting.

5. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 PM, motion by Mr. Showers, second by Ms. Palmer.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patricia Piskorski
Recording Secretary For
Plymouth Board of Education Finance & Operations Committee

Plymouth Public Schools

Breakfast and Lunch Price Comparisons

2025-2026

	Breakfast				Lunch			
	Elementary	Middle	High	Staff	Elementary	Middle	High	Staff
Plymouth	\$1.85	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.35/\$3.75	\$5.00
Wolcott	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$3.00	\$3.40	\$3.75	\$3.90	\$6.00
Thomaston	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$3.00	\$3.40	\$3.75	\$3.90	\$6.00
Region 16	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75		\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.50	
Region 20	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$2.50		\$4.00	\$4.50	\$4.50	
Region 10	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$2.25		\$3.50	\$3.75/\$4.00	\$3.75/\$4.00	
Watertown	\$1.85	\$2.35	\$2.35		\$3.25	\$3.75	\$4.00	
Plainville	\$1.75	\$1.75	\$1.75		\$3.00	\$3.25	\$3.50	

AVERAGE \$1.94 \$2.15 \$2.16 \$3.00 \$3.36 \$3.71 \$3.86 \$6.00

**** Average Excludes Plymouth Pricing**

Plymouth Public Schools
Finance and Operations Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2026
2025-2026 End of School Year Surplus Estimate and Recommendation

Estimated Surplus as of June 5, 2026		\$148,401.76
Recommendations		
	Replace Carper at THS	\$42,792.73
	Replace Library Furniture at Fisher Elementary	\$45,485.96
Remaining Estimated Surplus		\$60,123.07
	50% to Non-lasping Account (Sinking Fund)	\$30,061.54
	50% to Return to the Town of Plymouth	\$30,061.54
Total remaining estimated surplus		\$0.00

Note: Final remaining estimated surplus will most likely change and any additional BOE initiative should stay within the estimated \$60,123.07 surplus so we can complete the recommended projects.