

**Plainfield Special Select Board Meeting with  
CCSU/Twinfield School Board and Marshfield Select Board  
January 12, 2021  
Minutes - draft**

Present were: Sasha Thayer (Plainfield Select Board chair), Tammy Farnham, Jim Volz, Plainfield Town Clerk/Treasurer, Marshfield Select Board members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan, Marshfield Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe, Twinfield/CCSI School Board Members Patrick Healy, Erin Barry, Manny Sainz, Lauren Cleary, Janna Osman, and Jamie Spector, CCSU Superintendent Mark Tucker, and Assistant Principal Rachel Hartmann.

At 7:30 the Plainfield Select Board and Marshfield Select Board joined the School Board meeting, already in progress.

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Patrick Healy gave background information, explaining the delays in getting the number of equalized pupils from the State. The Supervisory Union has a new business manager with seven budgets to prepare. Mark Tucker noted that the Board did approve the school budget tonight. Patrick asked what the towns are feeling about postponing the meeting.

Sasha Thayer stated that Plainfield is in support of postponing Town Meeting from March 2nd. Chris Martin agreed that Marshfield is in favor. Everyone agreed that April 6th makes sense, in light of teacher contracts.

Jamie Spector asked whether we still need to postpone, since the budget has been approved. Lauren Cleary noted that in a typical year, there would have already been public meetings to review the budget. Postponing will allow more time to get information out to the public. Rich Baker stated that we also need more time for people to get on the ballot, particularly since Marshfield residents have never voted officers by Australian Ballot.

Erin Barry asked about mailing ballots. Bobbi explained that a postcard could be mailed to each voter, as was done for the Primary Election last August, with a postcard that could be returned by the voter to request an absentee ballot. School and town information could be included on one card. There was further discussion about whether to mail ballots to everyone or only to those who request them, and it was decided to not mail ballots to all voters on the check list, but to only mail the postcards. Since the legislation allowing postponement of the meeting had not yet been passed by the Legislature, the Boards agreed to meet again the following week on January 19 to formalize the decision to postpone the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Minutes prepared by Sasha Thayer