1. Call to Order
Sean Nugent; BOE Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. Other members present: Deborah Burke-Grabarek, Cindy Luty, Ed Gauthier, Tom Turner and Charles Raymond. Dan Harris was absent. Also present: Dr. Seitsinger; Superintendent, John Spang; Director of Finance, and Gloria Homiski; Recording Secretary.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment
Jill Charron: Her 6 year old son is concerned that the school is not recycling enough. Jill stated that learning about recycling can teach children about responsibility. Jill is also concerned with the foods being served in the school cafeteria. She would like to see more fresh food options. She believes poor food choice can lead to mental illnesses etc. Thirdly, Jill is concerned that class sizes are growing larger. She is concerned that some families may be falsifying their residency records in order to attend Preston Public Schools. She believes this problem contributes to the larger class sizes.

Heather Helwig: She felt the need to explain a facebook post that she made about childhood anxiety. She is in favor of the school hiring a social worker but also believes that other things can be done. Her own child requires movement to lessen anxiety. She would like to see morning recess reinstated for children.

Melissa Lennon: Science Night will take place at PVMS on April 26th from 6:30PM to 8:00PM. If any Board members are interested in participating, please let Melissa know.

4. Consent Agenda
Moved, to approve the items under the consent agenda as presented. Turner/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

5. Principals' Reports
Dr. Davis-Tomczuk: Ivy shared a letter that went home to families citing the upcoming end of school year events at PPMS (see attached). She also shared a copy of her most recent newsletter with the Board. PPMS held an Internet Safety Assembly. The goal of the assembly is to teach students how to best protect themselves online.

Mr. Ray Bernier: SBAC testing will begin shortly after students return from Spring Break. A final Safety Meeting will be held after the break as well. The 5th grade is preparing for their annual trip to Sonny’s Place. The 4th grade State Fair was a hit, and Long Island Sound posters have been submitted for judging. Ray contacted a local poet; Margaret Gibson, and arranged for her to visit PVMS next year and share her poetry.

6. Superintendent's Report
2019-2020 School Calendar: Dr. Seitsinger presented the proposed calendar to the Board. He explained that it is set up like this year’s calendar, with built in snow days. He asked that the Board review the calendar, send any suggestions to Central Office, and be prepared to vote on the calendar at the May meeting.

BOF Meeting: On Thursday, April 11th, the BOE will present their budget to the BOF. This meeting will be held in the gym at PPMS at 7PM. Sean Nugent said that this meeting can be used as a dry run for the new polling location at PPMS. Dr. Seitsinger stated that there is work to be done to prepare PPMS to be the new polling location. Signage needs to be posted and the walkway must be repaired. Sean suggested that BOE members come a half hour early for their May meeting in order to complete a walk through.

Budget Submission Date: It has been determined that the new BOE budget submission date to the BOF will be the 1st Tuesday in April from now on.

7. District Overview/Update

8. Expenditure/Projection Report
   John Spang: He presented his March expense report and also gave an update on the capital projects.

   PPMS Science Labs: Members of the committee visited Ellis Technical High School, Griswold Middle School, and Sayles School to take pictures and notes regarding their science labs. Dr. Seitsinger shared 3 options drawn up by the architect. The Science Lab Committee is meeting on Wednesday, April 10th to discuss the timeline and next steps for this project.

   MBR Letter: The state of CT would not grant Preston a waiver. Therefore they provided a letter stating that the BOE should request $8300.00 from the BOF.

   Moved, to request the Superintendent write a formal letter requesting the BOF to appropriate $8300.00 to the BOE before June 30, 2019. Raymond/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.

9. Public Comment
   Andy Bilodeau: (Came to the meeting late). He stated he would get the information he missed once the minutes are posted.

   Jill Charron: She stated that working on environmental issues, such as recycling, are a great first step in community involvement.

   Heather Helwig: Preston Palooza will be held at PVMS on June 5th.

10. Adjournment
    Moved, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM. Burke-Grabarek/Luty. Unanimous. Motion Carries.