

MINUTES
PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
May 7, 2024
7:00 p.m. Anticipated Public Session
NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL
Vision Statement

“Unleashing Unlimited Opportunities . . . Empowering One Warrior At A Time!”

Mission Statement

The Plumsted Township School District shall inspire all students to realize their personal potential. A rich and challenging learning environment, in partnership with the community, will develop critical thinkers, lifelong learners and productive citizens in an emerging global society.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Giardina, Board President, will preside and voice the call to order.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting has been disseminated to the Asbury Park Press and The Trenton Times on April 23, 2024, thereafter posted upon the bulletin board in the main office of all four schools and the Board Secretary's office and a copy of such resolution was filed with the Plumsted Township Clerk. No advance written notice of this meeting was requested and paid for by any person according to the record of the Secretary of the Board. I direct the Secretary of the Board to enter into the minutes of this meeting this public announcement.

III. ROLL CALL

Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mrs. Kovacs	Present
Mr. Meroney	Present
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Present
Mr. Stepnowski	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Ytreboe, Superintendent
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney (absent)

IV. FLAG SALUTE - Dr. Giardina led all in the salute to the flag.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Meroney moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that V.A be approved.

- A. Recommend that the Board approve the special meeting agenda for May 7, 2024.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Morgan,
Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Raywood,
Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman,
Dr. Giardina

No

None

VI. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- A. Board Meeting Dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

May 8, 2024

October 19, 2024

June 12, 2024

November 13, 2024

July 10, 2024

December 11, 2024

August 14, 2024

January 7, 2025(reorganization meeting)

September 11, 2024

*Tuesday

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS -

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS -

IX. PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

Mrs. Morgan moved at 7:05 p.m. with a second by Mr. Meroney that the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget be opened:

Motion to open the meeting for public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Raywood,
Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman,
Dr. Giardina

No

None

District Presentation - Mr. Ytreboe opened the presentation speaking on the budget shortfall based on the S2 Funding and the budget deficit it presents to our district.

Mr. Gately presented and explained the 2024-2025 budget and explained the funding formulas.

Tricia Tantom, 23 Woods Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - questioned grants for sidewalks. Questionnaire about bussing and the outcome of that. Class size being condensed? Short term fix for budget? Pro's and cons of condensing student's.

Megan Fischer, 20 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - how will the moving of middle school to the high school allow for separation? Middle School sports?

Chris Chaney, 51 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - effects of middle school student's in the high school environment?

Jennifer Booth, - commended staff for all their work. Glad to hear about year round ELA/Math, but questioning block scheduling. Field trips moving forward.

Inaudible - consideration of moving the 1st grade to the primary school?

Melissa Collins, 29 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - thank you for the presentations. HIB reports, possibly tracking for next year. Sixth grade schedule? Class sizes? Land sale, what land, and has it been presented to the Land Use Board?

Hannah Muldanado, 719 Monmouth Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Summit platform ending?

Dominic Cuzzo, 98 Lakewood Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Thank you to the Superintendent, BA and BOE being hands on during this situation. Also, the support from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Herb Marinari.

Craig Goldberg, 118 Bobbi's Terrace, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - what is the land across from the elementary School zoned for? Did we apply for the grant to go above the 2% cap, without voter approval? Question About the 7-12 model, will student's remain in the middle school or be in the high school? What do you need from the general public to help?

Melissa Collins, 29 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - questioned transportation budget? How much money is owed from the township? The S2 formula needs to change and people need to advocate for change.

Kerri Rotundo, Hopkins Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Pro's and con's of courtesy bussing? Does this apply to students who attend private schools?

Motion to close the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget.

Mrs. Morgan moved at 8:48 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Raywood that the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget be closed:

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood,
Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney,
Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman,
Dr. Giardina

No

None

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that A.1 be approved:

The following items are presented for approval as recommendations by the Superintendent of Schools:

A. Finance Motions

1. Recommend adoption of the budget for the 2024-2025 school year as follows:

WHEREAS, the Plumsted Township Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 13, 2024, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on May 3, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was sent to the Asbury Park Press on May 3, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a hearing held in the New Egypt High School IMC, 117 Evergreen Road, New Jersey 08533 on May 7, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Plumsted Township Board of Education hereby adopts the following final budget for SY 2024-2025:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service Fund	Total
2024-2025 Total Expenditures	\$23,189,639.00	\$2,482,637.00	\$523,300.00	\$26,195,576.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$9,613,201.00	\$2,482,637.00	\$0.00	\$12,095,838.00
Taxes to be Raised	\$13,576,438.00	\$0.00	\$523,300.00	\$14,099,738.00

There should be raised for General Funds \$13,576,438.00 for the ensuing school year (2024-2025).

Adjustment for Enrollment

RESOLVED that the Plumsted Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$49,452.00. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

Adjustment for Banked Cap

RESOLVED that the Plumsted Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$7,373.00 for the purposes of retaining staff. The Board of Education will complete this by June 30, 2025 and acknowledges that it cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Plumsted Township Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Plumsted Township Board of Education established \$35,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$11,211.99 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$35,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call
Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,

No

Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Raywood, Mr. Stepnowski,
Dr. Giardina
None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Mike Search, Middle School staff member - 80 minute block schedule, or 40 minute class. This scheduling model is a good one.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS - Mr. Meroney made a comment about the middle school and occupancy.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Raywood made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary