

MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 13, 2023
6:00 p.m. Executive Session
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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education will continue to maintain transparent communication through various media platforms to highlight news districtwide as well as inform the community of legally permissible topics/information at monthly Board of Education meetings.*
2. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education supports the implementation of targeted professional development to address ways to reduce the number of out of district placements for students with special needs, vertical articulation across grade levels to promote cohesion within the curriculum, and personalized learning opportunities that promote increased college and career readiness and student/teacher retention.*
3. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education supports the implementation of a district five-year strategic plan aimed at teacher retention and appreciation and providing a safe, supportive learning environment that promotes self-worth and encourages productive contributions in a constantly evolving global society. The Superintendent will develop strategic planning committees who will work cohesively with the Board of Education to provide regular comprehensive updates. Prior to the start of Year 5 initiatives and strategies a thorough review and evaluation of Year 4 outcomes will be conducted with the Board of Education and District Stakeholders.*

2022-2023 District Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township School District will create and begin the implementation of a New Teacher Academy to support and retain new teachers. These four year cohorts will be designed to offer targeted training and professional learning to foster growth and collaboration among new teachers with the guidance of master teachers and administration.*
2. *The Plumsted Township School District will establish three community committees and host three meetings over the course of the 2022-2023 school year to engage an array of stakeholders in collaborating on district initiatives:*
 - *Equity Committee*
 - *Curriculum Committee*
 - *Success, Recognition and Promotion Committee*
3. *The Plumsted Township School District will support staff and expand expertise in data analysis and implementation of differentiated instruction to facilitate student learning and mastery of New Jersey Learning Standards while increasing NJSLA results.*

Board of Education approval October 12, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Potter, BOE President, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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 given in the form of an Annual Notice contained in Resolution No. 2022-1, which Resolution was immediately thereafter posted upon the bulletin board in the main office of all four schools and the Board Secretary's office and disseminated within seven (7) days of passage to the Asbury Park Press and The Trenton Times, 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

Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Absent
Dr. Giardina	Absent
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mr. Meroney	Present
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Russo, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney

Mr. Meroney made a motion to go into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing township matters, student matters, collective negotiations.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, passed unanimously.

Mr. Russo and Mr. Gately were excused at 6:42 p.m.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.) permits bodies to discuss certain matters in closed sessions, and

WHEREAS, PURSUANT TO THE Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et seq.), such a meeting may be held in private;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Board shall meet in closed session on these matters; and
2. The matters to be discussed in private may be shared with the public at such other time as the Board may determine that there is no longer any requirement for confidentiality.

Mrs. Morgan made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:02 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Absent
Dr. Giardina	Absent
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mr. Meroney	Present
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Absent

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Russo, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney

Mr. Burnett arrived at 7:12 p.m.

VI. FLAG SALUTE - Mrs. Potter led all in the salute to the flag.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for September 13, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Morgan moved with second by Mr. Goodman that VIII.A - VIII.C be approved:

- A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on July 31, 2023.
- B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on August 7, 2023
- C. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on August 16, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Potter,

No
Abstain
Absent

None
Mr. Meroney
Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

October 11, 2023
December 13, 2023

November 15, 2023
January 3, 2024 (reorganization meeting)

B. Student Enrollment

C. [Fire/Drill/School Security Drills](#)

D. Suspension List

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Potter noted that the Superintendent search is ongoing.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

John Russo, Interim Superintendent, commented on the following:
Thanked staff, students and parents for the warm welcome..

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Christine Read, 10 Kuzyk Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - spoke on agenda item A.16 - Math Teacher and questioned special education students.
Morgan Peterson, 44 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke on HIB investigation.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that A.1 -A.19 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for September 13, 2023, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for September 13, 2023, which required handwritten checks after the August 16, 2023, Board of Education meeting. Bills and claims list were approved, and were examined by the members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
3. Recommend ratification of approval of the bus routes for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached:

4. Recommend ratification to rescind the rejection of bids received on May 24, 2023, bid number 2024-02 student transportation services to and from out-of-district schools, for the 2023-2024 school year, as follows:

Company	Tier/Route or Route Only	Per Diem Route Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Adjustment for Mileage Increase/Decrease
D.A.G. Transport	RGB	\$481.00	\$85.00	\$0.01
Hartnett Transit Service	RGB	\$422.90	\$130.00	\$1.00
Jonah Transportation Inc.	RGB	\$440.00	\$78.00	\$1.90
St. Mark School Bus	RGB	\$482.00	\$80.00	\$1.50

5. Recommend award of bid to Jonah Transportation Inc. to provide student transportation services to and from out-of-district schools, per bid number 2024-02, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as follows:

Company	Tier/Route or Route Only	Per Diem Route Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Adjustment for Mileage Increase/Decrease
Jonah Transportation Inc.	RGB	\$440.00	\$78.00	\$1.90

6. Recommend ratification of approval of a transportation jointure with Millstone Township School District (Joiner) and the Plumsted Township School District (Host) to provide transportation services for the 2023-2024 school year, at a cost of \$56,203.00.
7. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Alpha School for tuition from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for student number 203449, at a total cost of \$118,965.00.
8. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Y.A.L.E. School North II, Inc. for tuition from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for student number 320018, at a total cost of \$126,073.50.
9. Recommended ratification of approval of a contract with Ocean Academy for tuition from July 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024, for student number 203560, at a total cost of \$77,101.50.
10. Recommended ratification of approval of a contract with The Bridge Academy for tuition for the 2023-2024 school year, for student 203606, at a total cost of \$47,894.40.
11. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Mercer County Special Services District for tuition for the 2023-2024 school year, for student number 202617, at a total cost of \$64,935.00.
12. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Brick Township Board of Education and the Plumsted Township Board of Education for one student to attend from September 5, 2023 through June 14, 2024, in the amount of \$5,210.94, prorated.
13. Recommend approval of an agreement with Arbiter (formerly Family ID) to provide online registration management services, at a cost of \$1,760.00.
14. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement with JAG-ONE to provide Athletic Training Services during district athletic events, at the per diem rate of \$70.00 per hour, if needed.

15. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement with Hudl, to provide sports editing software effective August 31, 2023 through August 30, 2024, at a cost of \$3,995.00.
16. Recommend approval of an agreement with MOESC to provide New Jersey Virtual High School online mathematics instruction to New Egypt High School students, at a cost of \$8,550.00, to the Board.
17. Recommend ratification of approval to renew membership with the New Jersey School Insurance Group (NJSIG) sub-fund Monmouth-Ocean County Shared Services Insurance Fund (MOCSSIF) from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.
18. Recommend approval for Plumsted Township School District to enter into a shared educational service agreement with Manchester Township School District for a Preschool Instructional Coach from September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, not to exceed \$22,000.00.
19. Recommend approval for Plumsted Township School District to enter into a shared educational service agreement with Manchester Township School District for a Physical Therapist from September 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, not to exceed \$40,000.00.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that B.1 -B.17 be approved:

1. Recommend ratification of the acceptance of the resignation of Katie Graziano, Special Education Teacher, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective August 17, 2023, with regrets.
2. Recommend ratification of the acceptance of the resignation of Jennifer Malik, School Psychologist, at the New Egypt Middle School, effective August 31, 2023, with regrets.
3. Recommend ratification of approval to rescind the approval of Sherry Reynolds, as a lunchroom monitor, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective September 1, 2023 at the hourly rate of \$14.13.
4. Recommend ratification of approval of Taylor Maze, as a lunchroom monitor, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective September 1, 2023 at the hourly rate of \$14.13, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools and the criminal history clearance that is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
5. Recommend ratification of approval of the renewal of tenured certified staff for 2023-2024 school year, as [per the attached](#):
6. Recommend ratification of approval of the renewal of non-tenured certified staff for 2023-2024 school year, [as per the attached](#):
7. Recommend ratification of the renewal of renewal of the contracted paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year, [as per the attached](#):

8. Recommend ratification of approval of New Egypt High School staff to teach an additional 80 minutes per day, beyond their contractual time, in accordance with the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, [as per the attached](#).
9. Recommend ratification of approval of staff to to be compensated for additional academic support at the New Egypt Middle School during the 2023-2024 school year, [as per the attached](#).
10. Recommend ratification of approval of staff position and/or building transfers for the 2023-2024 school year, [as per the attached](#).
11. Recommend ratification of approval for staff members to participate in professional development training sessions beyond their contractual time, and their rate of pay, [as per the attached](#).
12. Recommend ratification of approval for Beverly Guiliano to perform student immunization record reviews during the summer, [as per the attached](#).
13. Recommend approval of additional NEED staff and their rates of pay for the 2023-2024 school year, as [per the attached](#).
14. Recommend approval of the additional extra-curricular staff for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the [attached](#).
15. Recommend ratification of approval of additional fall sports stipends for the 2023-2024 school year, as per [the attached](#).
16. Recommend approval of the staff stipend positions for the 2023-2024 school year, [as per the attached](#).
17. Recommend ratification of approval of the 2023 summer special education staff and their rates of pay, [as per the attached](#).

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

C. Policy

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Burnett that C.1 -C.10 be approved:

1. Recommend the approval of the first reading of Policy 5308, Student Health Records (M).
2. Recommend the approval of the first reading of Policy 5310, Health Services (M).
3. Recommend the approval of the first reading of Regulation 5308, Student Health Records (M).
4. Recommend the approval of the first reading of Regulation 5310, Health Services (M).

5. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Policy 2419](#), School Threat Assessment Teams (M).
6. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Policy 6112](#), Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (M).
7. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Policy 6115.04](#), Federal Funds-Duplication of Benefits (M).
8. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Policy 6311](#), Contracts For Goods or Services Funded By Federal Grants (M).
9. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Regulation 6115.01](#), Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs (M).
10. Recommend the approval of the second reading of [Regulation 5600](#), Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M).

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Meroney, Mr. Burnett
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mr. Meroney that D.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the [attached staff professional development](#):

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Meroney,
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Morgan,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

E. Other Motion

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mr. Meroney that E.1 - E.11 be approved:

1. Recommend ratification of approval of an Admissions Agreement for non-resident student from Vanessa Cassandra, Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School to permit her children, Grade 6 and Grade 10, to attend the New Egypt Middle School and New Egypt High School, effective September 7, 2023, enrollment permitting, for the 2023-2024 school year, according to the stipulations contained in the 2021-2024 PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.
2. Recommend approval of the acceptance of New Egypt Schools to be accepted as full time members of the Shore Athletic Conference for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Recommend approval of [NJ4S](#), a new statewide initiative from the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF), designed to enhance access for schools to provide prevention and mental health screening services for students, at no cost to the Board of Education.

4. Recommend approval of the Tigger Stavola Foundation, a nonprofit organization, to provide the New Egypt High School and New Egypt Middle School with drug awareness and prevention resources, at no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Recommend approval for the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office to provide New Egypt High School students with the Challenge Day program, a program related to social-emotional learning and team building activities, at no cost to the Board of Education.
6. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 Professional Development Plan and submission of the Annual Statement of Assurance.
7. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 Mentoring Plan and submission of the Annual Statement of Assurance.
8. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 District Emergency Operations Procedure Manual (Safety and Security).
9. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 District Nursing Services Plan.
10. Recommend the approval of the purchase and adoption of the [attached](#) educational materials.
11. Recommend ratification of approval for Rite Aid Pharmacy to host a flu shot clinic at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, on September 6, 2023, for staff members, at no cost to the Board of Education.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that E.12 be approved:

12. Recommend approval of a motion for the continuation of the long term suspension of student 202978 until the next regularly scheduled board of education meeting, which is currently scheduled for October 11, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

Abstain

Mr. Meroney, Mr. Burnett

Motion Failed: 3 Yes, (need 4)

Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney, consulted and confirmed with the Board, that Mr. Burnett had been educated on the matter and advised the board that a redo of the motion could be taken.

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that E.12 be approved:

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

Abstain

Mr. Meroney

F. Facilities

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mr. Meroney that F.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval to operate an Afterschool Academic Achievers Support for students in grades K-5, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, during the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman,,
Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood

G. Field Trips - None

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Mr. Peterson, 44 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - HIB investigation from last year, and grooming of students. Mrs. Morgan responded that the Board will be looking into this.

Mrs. Robbins, 361 E. Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - transportation incidents since previous week. Bus drivers credentials and background checks. Student schedules and academic courses.

Tricia Tantom, 23 Woods Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - asked about budgeting and savings with vacant positions, and repurposed to student clubs?

Christine Serafin, 3 Veronica Court, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Questioned high school virtual classes and math teacher.

Bernard Bahnam, 370 E. Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Questioned for extra instruction at the elementary level. Distributed literature to the BOE regarding parental rights? Equity?

Christine Read, 10 Kuzyk Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Asked if there was a motion in June regarding Summit? Regionalization?

Melissa Collins, Kenyon Drive - Summit Program transition.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gately proposed that a Special BOE meeting be scheduled for September 28, 2023 in regards to Stabilization Aid. The application deadline is October 6, 2023.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Meroney asked Mr. Burnett about the Primary Building status?

Mr. Burnett said that there is market research being conducted.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that the Board go into Executive session at 8:04 p.m. for the purpose of the Superintendent search and personnel, passed unanimously. No action was taken.

XXI.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary