

MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
July 31, 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, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 disseminated to the Asbury Park Press on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 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

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Raywood made a motion to go into executive session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent search.
Seconded by Mr. Burnett, passed unanimously.

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.

Dr. Giardina made a motion to go out of executive session.
Seconded by Mrs. Raywood, passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

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

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Raywood moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the special meeting agenda for July 31, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Raywood, Dr. Giardina,
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Mr. Meroney

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None - 7:02 p.m.

IX.

A. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Raywood moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that IX.A.1 be approved:

1. Move the appointment of John Russo, as Interim Superintendent of Schools for the period of August 7, 2023 through December 31, 2023, at the per diem rate of \$700.00, approved by the Commissioner of Education.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Morgan,
Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Potter

No

None

Absent

Mr. Meroney

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC - 7:03 p.m.

Kim Robbins, 361 East Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - asked a question on the hiring of Superintendent process.

Bernard Bahnam, 370 East Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - questioning the status of joining lawsuits with other school districts.

Mr. Peterson, 44 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke about contractors not being approved and the bidding process. HIB investigations.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Giardina made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Burnett, passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary