MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
October 16, 2024
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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Giardina, BOE President will preside and voice the call 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 given in the form of an Annual Notice contained in Resolution No. 2023-1, 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

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

Ms. Morgan made a motion to go into executive session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation, student matters, collective negotiations, and some personnel matters.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, 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.

V. ROLL CALL

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

VI. FLAG SALUTE

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Morgan made a motion, with a second by Mr. Goodman that VII.A. be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for October 16, 2024.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Raywood, Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Morgan made a motion, with a second by Mr. Stepnowski that VIII.A. be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on September 11, 2024.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Stepnowski, Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

Abstain Mrs. Raywood

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS
Curriculum Meeting - Staff professional development

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS - Jordan Lanuto
Presentation

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS
Mr. Ytreboe, Superintendent, commented on the following:

Thanked Jordan Lanuto for her presentation and for volunteering to be the Student BOE representative for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
The district will now be live-streaming BOE meetings - links to be available on the district website and ParentSquare.
Introduced new district logo - thanks to Jeff Apel, graphic designer, and Carol Reed from the New Egypt Historical Society. New Egypt's first public school was created in 1834 and is reflected in the new logo.
Thanked the Women's Club at Longview for their Schools Supply Drive that they held over the summer and discussed a collaboration with a food pantry in addition to our Confidence Closet.
Thanked the Plumsted PBA #390 for their generous donation of middle school soccer uniforms.
Provided a brief update on the district's financial situation - nothing to report on the land sale.

XII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS
State of Our Schools - Jessica Drucker and Heather DeGrandis
School Safety Data System Report - David Ytreboe
The School Safety/School Climate Team in each building has completed their self-assessment and, as a result, determined the following scores (the maximum score possible is 78):
New Egypt High School: 78
New Egypt Middle School: 78
Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School: 78

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Opened at 7:47 p.m. and closed at 7:47 p.m.
One question about the state testing presentation.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Mr. Meroney moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that A.1 - A.16 be approved:

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

A. Finance Motions

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for October 16, 2024, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.

2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for October 16, 2024, which required handwritten checks after the September 11, 2024, 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 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, 2024

through June 30, 2025, not to exceed $40,000.00.

4. Recommend approval of a contract with The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, from September 17, 2024 through June 10, 2025, for student number 202310, at a cost of $5,040.00.

5. Recommend approval of a contract with The Children's Center of Monmouth County Inc; for the 2024-2025 school year, for student number 203447, at a cost of $70,050.60.

6. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Mary A. Dobbins School, effective October 14, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year, for student number 203217, at a cost of $66,198.60.

7. Recommend approval of an agreement SchoolCraft Studios and New Egypt Primary School for student portraits for the 2024-2025 school year, to be paid by the students and at no cost to the Board of Education.

8. Recommend approval of an agreement between Concord Theatricals and New Egypt High School for the musical production "Rock of Ages, Youth Edition", to be held on February 28, 2025 and March 1, 2025, in the amount of $875.00, funded by student activities, and at no cost to the Board of Education.

9. Recommend approval of an agreement between Pioneer Drama and the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School to purchase the drama production, "Kokonut Island" in the amount of $473.00, funded by student activities, and at no cost to the Board of Education.

10. Recommend approval of an agreement with Riverside Insights to provide 180 CogAT testing licenses for grades 2-5 at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, at a cost of $2,722.50.

11. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement with Discovery Education, to provide 25 single seat, DreamBox Reading Plus Licenses and teaching webinar at New Egypt High School, during the 2024-2025 school year, at a total cost of $1,762.50.

12. Recommend approval for EdPuzzle Pro to provide subscription access for the 2024-2025 school year to grades 7-8, at a cost of $2,380.00.

13. Recommend approval of an agreement with Heartland Payment Systems for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of $2,300.01.

14. Recommend ratification of approval of an additional MOESC transportation route.

Route	School	Per Diem	Start Date	End Date	Total
ESQ1706	East Mountain School	$258.48	9/13/2024	9/26/2024	$2,584.80
ESQ1751	ARC Ocean County	$202.56	10/8/2024 (Tuesday's Only)	6/10/2025	$6,684.48

15. Recommend ratification of approval of TravelingMan Entertainment to provide DJ Services for the New Egypt High School homecoming dance on October 10, 2025, at no cost to the Board of Education.

16. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement between Ocean County College and Plumsted Township School District for OCC to provide college-level courses to students of the District from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Kovacs, Mrs. Raywood, Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Raywood moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that B.1 - B.21 be approved:

1. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Michelle Cressman, Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective October 16, 2024, with regrets.

2. Recommend approval of an NJFLA/Maternity leave of absence for Katherine Gilpin, teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
Maternity/Disability (utilizing 29 sick days) with pay, with benefits	October 28, 2024	December 11, 2024
NJFLA without pay, with benefits	December 12, 2024	March 21, 2025

3. Recommend approval of a Disability Medical leave of absence for Jennifer Sonsiadek, teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
Medical/Disability (utilizing 27 sick days) with pay, with benefits	October 23, 2024	December 4, 2024

4. Recommend approval of an FMLA leave of absence for Kim Lange, secretary at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
FMLA without pay, with benefits	October 15, 2024	November 27, 2024

5. Recommend approval of Shelby Rajos as a Paraprofessional, at the New Egypt Primary School, effective October 17, 2024, at a salary of $18,320.00, equal to Para Step 6, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

6. Recommend approval of Diane Lauro, as a Paraprofessional, at the New Egypt Primary School, effective October 17, 2024, at a salary of $18,320.00, equal to Para Step 6, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

7. Recommend approval of Shyann Frappier, as a Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective on or about October 23, 2024, at a salary of $18,320.00, equal to Para Step 6, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

8. Recommend approval of Paul Dreher, as a Substitute School Security Guard, for the District Schools, at the rate of $30.00 per hour, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

9. Recommend approval of Melissa Terpanick, as a Substitute School Security Guard, for the District Schools, at the rate of $30.00 per hour, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

10. Recommend ratification of approval the renewal of non-affiliated staff for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached:

11. Recommend approval of Connie Mullen as a N.E.E.D Site leader at the New Egypt Primary School at the hourly rate of $18.50, effective October 17, 2024.

12. Recommend approval of additional staff stipend positions for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached:

13. Recommend approval of extra-curricular staff for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached:

14. Recommend ratification of approval of the fall sports stipends for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached:

15. Recommend approval of 2024-2025 Plumsted Township Community Education staff, as per the attached:

16. Recommend ratification of approval of SPED staffing for summer 2024, as per the attached:

17. Recommend ratification of approval to compensate staff for the relocation of the contents of their classroom, at a contractual rate of $100.00 per day, as per the attached:

18. Recommend ratification of approval of Bus Aide's for the 2024-2025 school year, as per the attached:

19. Recommend approval for Thomas Chemris to provide in district Safety Care Certification Training on November 18 and 19, 2024.

20. Recommend approval of staff to be compensated for providing grounds services for the Lacrosse tournaments being held on November 15, 2025 and November 16, 2024, at a rate of $50.00 per hour, paid by Lax For The Cure, at no cost to the Board of Education, as per the attached:

21. Recommend approval of staff professional development/travel reimbursements, as per the attached:

Roll Call
Yes Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Morgan,

	Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney, Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

C. Policy

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Stepnowski that C.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the second reading of Policy 9202, Civility.

Roll Call	
Yes	Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Stepnowski, Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Raywood, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

D. Other Motions

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that D.1 - D.16 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on October 16, 2024 , by the Board of Education.

2. Recommend approval of the Fire Drill/Security Drill report for the month of September 2024.

3. The Board acknowledged that the New Egypt Primary School conducted an emergency school bus exit drill, as per State regulations according to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2 at 9:42 a.m. at the location of 131 Evergreen Road September 19, 2024.

4. The Board acknowledged that the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School conducted an emergency school bus exit drill, as per State regulations according to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2 at 8:15 a.m. at the location of 44 N. Main Street September 19, 2024.

5. The Board acknowledged that the New Egypt High School conducted an emergency school bus exit drill, as per State regulations according to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2 at 7:00 a.m. at the location of 117 Evergreen Road September 19, 2024.

6. Recommend approval for the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School students and staff, to participate in the annual Halloween Parade on October 31, 2024.

7. Recommend the approval of Rock of Ages, Jr; as the grades 7-12 musical to be performed on Friday, February 28, 2025 and Saturday, March 1, 2025, at no cost to the Board of Education.

8. Recommend the approval of Kokonut Island; as the elementary school drama production, to be performed at the New Egypt High School on Friday, March 14, 2025 and Saturday, March 15, 2025, at no cost to the Board of Education.

9. Recommend approval of the K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital annual Helmet Safety Assembly at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School on April 10, 2025, at no cost to the BOE.

10. Recommend approval for students of the Dr.Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Chorus to perform in the American Young Voices concert, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on June 3rd, 2025, at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ, funded by student activities, and at no cost to the Board of Education.

11. Recommend approval of the acceptance of the agreement with the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Educational Services for participation in the New Jersey Tiered System of Supports-Early Reading (NJTSS-ER) Initiative.

12. Recommend approval of the submission of a low ropes course/outdoor classroom grant application for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant, funded by the NJEA.

13. Recommend approval of the submission of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Innovation in Education Grant application.

14. Recommend approval of the generous donation of pumpkins for the New Egypt Primary School and the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School from the following local businesses: Omary Acres, Shades of Green, Custom Tees 4 U, Cade Motor Company, Septic Pumping Services, One North Main, Touch of Magic Stables and ATM Contracting, with gratitude.

15. Recommend approval of the generous donation of soccer uniforms for the New Egypt Middle School Girls and Boys teams, from the Plumsted PBA #390, at a value of $1,482.63, with gratitude.

16. Recommend approval of field trips, as per the attached:

Roll Call	
Yes	Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Meroney, Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goodman, Dr. Giardina
No	None

E. Facilities

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that E.1 - E.3 be approved:

1. Recommend ratification of approval for the Class of 2025 to host a Homecoming Dance in the high school Gymnasium on October 10, 2024, at no cost to the Board of Education.

2. Recommend reapproval for Lax For The Cure to hold Lacrosse Tournaments on the New Egypt School District fields on November 15 - November 16, 2024, at no cost to the Board of Education.

3. Recommend approval to operate the New Egypt Extended Day/ Plumsted Township Community Education Parents Night Out, Holiday Care and Kids Kamp programs, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School during the 2024-2025 school year, dates and rates, as per the attached:

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

No None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL-RELATED TOPIC - Opened at 7:51 p.m. - Closed at 8:09 p.m.
Megan Fischer, 20 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533- Spoke about multiple jobs for employees - no specifics.
Liz Barnes, 154 W. Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Dyslexia Awareness Month - Pleased with new ELA screener and assessments and participation in NJTSS.
Bernard Bahnam, 370 E. Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Question regarding graduation rates vs. earlier grade levels.
Elizabeth Bloomfield, 29 Hickory Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Middle school students using HS classrooms instead of middle school's science lab. HS Open House not occurring this year, but neighboring towns are holding these events.
Tom Potter, 94 Sanders Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - Inquired about land re-zoning and asked if the State will close the district and send students to other districts.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary