

MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

March 19, 2025

6:00 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 presided and voiced the call to order at 6:05 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 and The Trenton Times on Thursday, March 6, 2025, 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

IV. FLAG SALUTE

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- A. Recommend that the Board approve the special meeting agenda for March 19, 2025.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

None

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ytreboe, Superintendent, commented on the following:

State aid figures were released but aid was capped at a 6% increase and a 3% decrease.

The district has written letters to Senator Henry, Assemblyman Clifton, Assemblyman Sauickie as well Senator Gopal, and the Ocean County Executive Superintendent in regard to the lack of fairness in state funding.

Thanked Assemblyman Sauickie for responding to our letter and his consistent, courageous response to his counterparts in the assembly, the Commissioner of Education, and the Department of Education.

The district has been identified as being below adequacy and received limited information from the Department of Education on what we can do to balance our budget. Hope to provide more information once the Department of Education shares it with the district.

VIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT - Opened at 6:09 p.m. - Closed at 6:12 p.m.

Stephanie Hagelstein, 12 Ivins Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Posting preliminary budget on website
Al Mancuso, 40 Churchill Blvd., New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Land sale budget last year

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Mrs. Morgan made a motion, 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 tentative budget for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 school year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$23,500,047.00	\$2,232,776.00	\$524,700.00	\$26,257,523.00
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$8,302,322.00	\$2,232,776.00	\$0.00	\$10,535,098
Taxes to be Raised	\$15,197,725.00	\$0.00	\$524,700.00	\$15,722,425.00

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Plumsted Board of Education includes in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$334,075.00. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for increased operational expenses.

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-7.2 et seq. Requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by 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, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150.00 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et. seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq., as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER 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 all staff and Board members.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Abstain

Mr. Stepnowski

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS
None

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Morgan made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Stepnowski passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary