

MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2026
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

Lyndsey Gill, BOE Vice President, presided and voiced the call to order at 6:06 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. 2024-1, 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. Raywood	Absent
Mrs. Gill	Present
Mr. Goldberg	Present
Mrs. Kovacs	Present
Dr. Semko	Present
Mr. Stepnowski	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Semko made a motion to go into executive session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student and personnel matters, pending litigation, and HIB matters. Seconded by Mrs. Kovacs, passed unanimously.

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. Semko made a motion to end the executive session at 7:03 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Kovacs, passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Raywood	Absent
Mrs. Gill	Present
Mr. Goldberg	Present
Mrs. Kovacs	Present
Dr. Semko	Present
Mr. Stepnowski	Present

VI. FLAG SALUTE

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Semko made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Kovacs, that VII.A. be approved:

- A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for September 16, 2026.

Roll Call	
Yes	Dr. Semko, Mrs. Kovacs, Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Stepnowski Mrs. Gill
No	None
Absent	Mrs. Raywood

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Kovacs made a motion, with a second by Dr. Semko, that VIII.A. and VIII.B. be approved:

- A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on August 19, 2026.
- B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on August 26, 2026.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Kovacs, Dr. Semko,
Mr. Goldberg (VIII.B.), Mr. Stepnowski
Mrs. Gill

No

None

Absent

Mrs. Raywood

Abstain

Mr. Goldberg (VIII.A.)

IX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

X. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS - Kiera Ragazzo and Elizabeth Tantum
[Presentation](#)

XI. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Ytreboe, Superintendent, commented on the following:

Continuous advocacy on behalf of our district and students with the Commissioner of Education, Assemblyman Sauickie, and Senator Henry.

Recognized the 40 students who participated in the Plumsted Remembers ceremony.

Primary school building updates: new lunch setup, playground safety, new TVs in classrooms, new de-escalation room.

Addressed concerns regarding bus arrivals after school due to a new route. Expected to run more efficiently.

Elementary school updates: Administration and counselors working on Week of Respect, school climate, student concerns, and this year's support programming.

High school updates: Schedule changes were finalized 9/10; Bell-to-Bell cell phone policy is being well received; held Vaping Awareness Assembly.

Fall athletes have been competitive - proud of the student-athletes.

Thanked staff and community for their continued partnership to assist our students.

XII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Open at 7:16 p.m. - Closed at 7:16 p.m.
None

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Dr. Semko made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Kovacs that A.1. - A.13. 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 September 16, 2026, 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 16, 2026, which required handwritten checks after the August 26, 2026, 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 that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of June 30, 2026, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.
4. Recommend approval that the Plumsted Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, certifies that as of June 30, 2026, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
5. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement with The Bridge Academy, for student number 203606, to attend the 2026 Summer STREAM & Math program, from June 22, 2026 through July 23, 2026, at a total cost of \$4,500.00.
6. Recommend approval of a contract with The Bridge Academy, for tuition for the 2026 - 2027 school year, for student number 203606, at a total cost of \$58,696.20.
7. Recommend approval of a 2026 - 2027 joint transportation agreement with host Plumsted Township School District and joiner Florence Township (Burlington), at a cost of \$34,461.00.
8. Recommend ratification of approval of the 2026 - 2027 district bus routes, [as per the attached](#):
9. Recommend ratification of approval of the 2026 - 2027 MOESC bus routes, [as per the attached](#):
10. Recommend approval of a proposal with Curriculum Associates, LLC, to provide 25 Reading Site licenses during the 2026 - 2027 school year, at a cost of \$1,987.50.
11. Recommend approval of an agreement with Stericycle, Inc. (Shred-IT) to provide to the district, a one-time on-site shredding service, at a cost not to exceed \$3,200.00.
12. Recommend approval for the high school 2026 - 2027 AP staff to participate in the Ocean County Curriculum Consortium (AP Colloquium), at Ocean County College, at a cost of \$99.00.
13. Recommend approval of an agreement between Giovanelli School Business Services LLC and the Plumsted Township Board of Education to provide School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Business Office Services from October 26, 2026 through December 4, 2026.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Semko, Mrs. Kovacs,
Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Stepnowski
Mrs. Gill

No

None

Absent

Mrs. Raywood

B. Personnel Motions

Dr. Semko made a motion, with a second by Mrs. Kovacs that B.1. - B.9. be approved:

1. Recommend approval of an NJFLI leave of absence for employee 6119, paraprofessional at the

New Egypt Primary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
Medical w/pay, w/benefits	September 3, 2026	September 11, 2026
NJFLI w/o pay, with benefits	September 14, 2026	December 4, 2026

2. Recommend approval for district Paraprofessionals to attend a professional development session on September 1, September 3, and October 12, 2026 during non-contractual hours, [as per the attached](#):
3. Recommend approval of additional staff stipend positions for the 2026 - 2027 school year, as per the [attached](#):
4. 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 Agreements, [as per the attached](#):
5. Recommend ratification of approval for the district nurses to assist the Warrior Day Camp program during the summer of 2026, [as per the attached](#):
6. Recommend approval of NEED staff, and their rates of pay for the 2026 - 2027 school year, as per [the attached](#):
7. Recommend a revision of the renewal of the tenured certified staff for the 2026 - 2027 school year, [as per the attached](#):
8. Recommend a revision of the renewal of the paraprofessional staff for the 2026 - 2027 school year, [as per the attached](#):
9. Recommend approval of staff professional development/travel reimbursements, [as per the attached](#):

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Semko (B.1., B.2., B.4.-B.9.), Mrs. Kovacs,
Mr. Goldberg, Mr. Stepnowski
Mrs. Gill

No

None

Absent

Mrs. Raywood

Abstain

Dr. Semko (B.3.)

C. Policy - None

D. Other Motions

Mr. Stepnowski made a motion, with a second by Mr. Goldberg that D.1. - D.7. be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the [Fire Drill/Security Drill](#) report for the month of August 2026.
2. Recommend approval to apply for, and accept the NJDOE Focus Grant, which is to be submitted prior to September 22, 2026.

3. Recommend approval for the students of the New Egypt Primary School to take part in an Educational art fundraiser through Display My Art, at no cost to the Board.
4. Recommend approval for the students of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School to participate in a Lemonade Stand for charity. Proceeds will be donated to Ocean of Love, to support the families Of children affected by childhood cancer. No cost to the Board.
5. Recommend approval for the New Egypt Fire Department to provide students in grades 1 - 3 at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School an assembly on Fire Prevention, at no cost to the Board.
6. Recommend approval of the 2026 - 2027 Student Handbooks for the New Egypt Primary School, the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School and the New Egypt High School.
7. Recommend approval of field trips - None

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Stepnowski, Mr. Goldberg,
Mrs. Kovacs, Dr. Semko,
Mrs. Gill

No

None

Absent

Mrs. Raywood

E. Facilities

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL-RELATED TOPIC - Open at 7:18 p.m. - Closed at 7:18 p.m. None

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ytreboe - Question about Special Education programming and math app from last meeting: most of the time is spent on direct instruction. The math app is used only 3% of the time.

XVIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Education on _____ for the purpose of discussing _____.

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XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Semko made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.
Seconded by Mrs. Kovacs, passed unanimously.



Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary