

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 18, 2012
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:30 p.m. Anticipated Public Session
NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

District Goals

Student Achievement

To provide ongoing support to the instructional program, with a focus on student learning outcomes, by working closely with the administration, faculty staff and community to increase and improve student achievement

Curriculum and Instruction

To conduct a comprehensive review of curriculum and instruction throughout the district k-12 and begin to implement curriculum changes based on schedule from New Jersey Department of Education aligned to the Common Core Standards

Technology

To increase the use of technology as a classroom instructional tool and expand opportunities for students to engage in 21st century learning activities

District Communications and Operations

To improve communications with stakeholders (staff, students, Board, parents and community members)

Board Goals

Communications

To improve communications with community stakeholders about the development, goals and initiatives contained in the annual school budget and the direct relationship to student achievement

Demographics

To conduct a demographic and enrollment study to determine the impact on class size and facility usage

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

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. 2011-1 and revised in Resolution No. 2011-17, 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

Mr. Miller, President	Present
Mr. Hauge, Vice President	Absent
Mr. Midgett	Absent
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Soles	Absent
Mrs. Wig	Present
Dr. Jones, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney	Present

Mrs. Wig moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:36 PM for the purpose of discussing student matter, personnel, vendor contracts, litigation and negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Probasco, 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.

Mr. Hauge arrived to the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Mr. Hauge made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Wig, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller, President	Present
Mr. Hauge, Vice President	Present
Mr. Midgett	Absent
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Soles	Absent
Mrs. Wig	Present
Dr. Jones, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney	Present

VI. FLAG SALUTE – Mr. Miller led all in the salute to the flag.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the board approve the regular meeting agenda for April 18, 2012.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mr. Probasco,
Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Probasco moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the Regular meeting on March 14, 2012.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Wig,
Mrs. Septor, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

May 9, 2012	September 26, 2012
May 23, 2012	October 10, 2012
June 13, 2012	October 24, 2012
June 27, 2012	November 14, 2012
July 25, 2012	November 28, 2012
August 22, 2012	December 12, 2012
September 12, 2012	January 2, 2013 (Reorganization meeting)

B. STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Primary	PreK3			PreK4			K			Grade 1			Total		To Date
	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-
	5	5	0	11	11	0	82	82	0	96	96	0	194	194	0
Out of District				1		0							1	1	0
Elementary	Grade 2			Grade 3			Grade 4			Grade 5			Total		
	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-
	104	104	0	122	122	0	134	134	0	135	135	0	495	495	0
Out of District				1	1	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	5	5	0
Middle	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8			Total					
	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-				3/19	4/4	+/-
	151	151	0	153	153	0	147	147	0				451	451	0
Out of	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	2	0				4	4	0

District	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			Total		
High	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	+/-	3/19	4/4	
	118	118	0	145	145	0	139	139	0	130	130	0	532	532	0
Out of District				2	2	0	2	2	0				4	4	0
Total Enrollment													1,672	1672	0
													3/19	4/4	
Out of District Students													14	14	0

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones commented on the following:

- HIB Update
- Primary School
 - Kindergarten registration packets are still being picked up – 81 to date.
 - Screenings will take place on May 21, 22, 23
 - Preschool Registration starts April 23
 - April 20: Commission for the Blind screenings
 - Earth Week: week of April 23
- Elementary School
 - The Elementary School Play was a tremendous success.
 - NJASK Testing
 - Our Spring music concert will be held on Wed, April 25th for all staff and students and again on Thursday evening April 26th at NEHS for all parents and community members.
 - Friday, April 27th will be the third annual NEPS v DWES staff volleyball game at NEHS at 6:30 PM.
 - The Elementary school has kicked off our food drive, partnering with the Wrightstown Rotary Club. We are tasked with donated 1,000 non-perishable food items. For every item donated the Rotarians will donate \$1.00 to the Helping Hands Food Pantry.
 - We are also sponsoring pennies for patients to help raise funds for Leukemia.
- Middle School
 - NEMS is pleased to announce that they have been selected to participate in the Roots Program, an anti-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying intervention and research program conducted by faculty at Princeton University which will commence during the 2012-13 school year.
 - A Big Congratulations to our Middle School Students who represented NEMS by competing in today’s Academic Bowl held at Goetz Middle School in Jackson Township.
 - NEMS Proudly Presents, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast on May 11th at 7:00PM & May 12th at 1:00PM and 7:00PM.
 - Our 8th graders are very excited for their upcoming Semi-Formal organized and hosted by our 8th grade parents on Friday, May 4th from 7:00PM- 10:30 PM at the New Egypt Elks!
 - Congratulations to our April Students of the Month!
 - 6th Grade – Peyton Samuelson
 - 7th Grade – Rebekah Schroeder
 - 8th Grade- Anthony Plaag
 - 8th Grade students who were accepted into the MATES and Performing Arts High School Program for next year. They are the following:

MATES
Max Witkowski
Lauren Harper
Matt Lombardo

Performing Arts Academy
Jakob Walsh
Brielle Parrey
Jacklyn Consolloy

- On April 3rd NEMS kicked off a very special campaign called “Pennies for Patients” sponsored by the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of one of our 6th grade students, who was just recently diagnosed with Leukemia. The program will run for a three-week period from April 16th – May 4th where students and faculty can donate their spare change that will benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor our student. To learn more about the program, and to contribute to this most worthy cause, please go to the middle school website.

- High School

- The following high school students participated in the Penn Model Congress Debates for 2012:

Caroline Arzt
Rachel Rocuzzo
Julie Ciak
Kristen Ordonez
Rachel Horn
Dee Heer
Brandon Graser
Matthew Knigge

Danielle Shanahan
Dan Mount
Josh Reed
Gerald Miraglia
Billy Wetzel
Steven Wetzel
Shaun Drury

- The Community Luncheon will be held tomorrow at noon
- There was a presentation today, April 18 Trenton Area Soup Kitchen

- SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Professional Learning
Innovative Designs in Education (IDE) is wrapping up the coaching component of the two-year initiative across the district. Cori Uray will be meeting with our NEMS and NEHS participants on May 18th.
- State Mandates
Parents of students with disabilities should be receiving their Parent Surveys in the mail this month. The Parent Survey is mandated by the NJ State Department of Special Education. Please fill out your survey and return it.
- Special Events
The annual environmental trip to Island Beach State Park is scheduled for May 30th with a rain date of May 31st under the leadership of Mr. Gary Conk and Mrs. Kathy LoPresti. This is a longstanding event which promises to be a great day to learn about the ecosystem at the beach.
- April is Autism Awareness month. The Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School special education staff will be sponsoring Autism Awareness events during the month of April. Autism puzzle pins have been made and distributed and a special "Blowing Bubbles for Autism" event will be held on April 26th.

- CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Assessment
NJASK testing begins April 23rd for 7th and 8th grade students, followed by 5th and 6th

grade students beginning April 30th. Finally, our 3rd and 4th graders will be tested beginning May 7th through May 11.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Anthony Tucker, student representative, presented a video on Woman's History Month March Madness.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Miller informed the public that a hearing is required on the lease agreement for the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School roof replacement, so the public may comment on the lease agreement for agenda item A.11.

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. Woman's History Month March Madness presented by Sara Bouroult and NEHS/AA Teams
- B. Recognition of Charles Beam for donations made to the Primary School Library presented by Dennis Wilno, Media Specialist and Jennifer Miller, Primary School Teacher
- C. Dennis Wilno, Media Specialist gave an update on the media centers in each school.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Mrs. Caldes, middle school principal, regarding sponsorship awards for the 8th Grade Promotional Exercise.

Mr. Gately informed the board about middle school graduation on June 11th, 2012.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that A.1 – A.9 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for April 2012, which have been examined by the Finance Committee prior to this meeting and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for April 2012, which required hand written checks after the March 28, 2012 bills and claims list was approved, which have been examined by the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
3. Recommend approval of a contract between Tropical Beat Steel Band and New Egypt High School to provide music at the Junior/Senior Prom on June 1, 2012 in the amount of \$880.00 to be paid from the student activities account, at no cost to the Board.
4. Recommend approval of a grant application for Ocean First Foundation "Model Classroom Grant" in the amount of \$15,000.00.
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6. Recommend approval of a grant application for Ocean First Foundation “Model Classroom Grant” in the amount of \$15,000.00.
7. Recommend approval of a grant application for the 2012 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group’s MOCSSIF Sub fund in the amount of \$4,489.46.
8. Recommend approval of the Kindergarten Complement Program for tuition for one student in the amount of \$2,750.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.
9. Recommend approval of the Preschool Program for the 2012-2013 school year with the monthly rates as follows:

Half Day	Full Day
5 days a week - \$275.00	5 days a week - \$650.00
3 days a week - \$235.00	3 days a week - \$500.00
2 days a week - \$175.00	2 days a week - \$375.00

Discussion: Mr. Hauge asked if there were any changes made on agenda item A.9. Mr. Gately responded that the full day rates are new and half day rates are the same.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mr. Probasco,
Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that A.10 – A.12 be approved:

10. Recommend that the Board approve a contract with McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C. for legal service related to the lease purchase financing for the roof replacement project at Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School not to exceed \$15,000.00.
11. Recommend approval of Resolution 2011-2012 No. 36, Lease Purchase Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Roof Replacement.
12. Recommend that the Board approve a contract with Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for lease purchase bidding/financial advisory services in the amount of \$2,250.00.

Discussion: Mr. Miller informed everyone that agenda item A.10 – A.12 is all related to the roof replacement projects.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that A.13 – A.14 be approved:

13. Recommend approval of a contract between New Egypt Middle School and Heartland Costumes for enchanted rose rental for the production of Beauty and the Beast, funded through student activities, at no cost to the board.
14. Recommend approval of a grant application for the State of New Jersey “Excellent Educators for New Jersey (EE4NJ) Pilot Program cohort 2A: Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation System” in the amount of \$66,000.00.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mr. Probasco,
Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

B. Personnel Motions

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

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that B.1 – B.3 be approved:

1. Recommend approval for the following Community Education classes:

Community Ed Class	Duration	Student Cost	Community Ed Cost	Tentative Dates	Brief Description
TNT Tennis	5 weeks	\$70.00	\$70.00; Rebate of \$10.00 per child, per class is given	Fridays – Starting April 26 at GHWES gym	Instructional Tennis lessons for children preschool – 5 th grade.

2. Recommend ratification of approval of Michael Hughes as middle school track coach for the spring 2012 season at a stipend of \$2800.00 effective April 16, 2012.
3. Recommend approval of Stephanie Skrocki as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year effective April 19, 2012 at a rate of \$80.00 per day.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Septor, Mr. Probasco,
Mrs. Wig, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

C. Policy

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that D.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the attached staff professional development.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

E. Other Motions

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that E.1 – E.6 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on April 18, 2012 by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend approval to operate the state mandated Extended School Year (ESY) program at the Primary School which will be conducted as follows:

Date of opening session: July 9, 2012

Date of closing session: August 9, 2012

Hours of operation: 9:00 AM- 1:00 PM

3. The Board acknowledged that New Egypt Primary School and Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School conducted emergency school bus exit drills, as per State regulations according to NJAC 6A:27-11.2 at 8:35 a.m. at the location of 131 Evergreen Road on April 3, 2012. Joann Holman, Business Manager was in charge. The following bus routes participated in the drill: E01 – E016.
4. The Board acknowledged that New Egypt Middle School conducted emergency school bus exit drills, as per State regulations according to NJAC 6A:27-11.2 at 7:50 a.m. at the location of 115 Evergreen Road on April 3, 2012. Richard DeMarco, Vice Principal, was the administrator in charge. The following bus routes participated in the drill: M01 – M09.
5. The Board acknowledged that New Egypt High School conducted emergency school bus exit drills, as per State regulations according to NJAC 6A:27-11.2 at 7:00 a.m. at the location of 117 Evergreen Road on April 2, 2012. Joseph R. Carroll, Vice Principal, was the administrator in charge. The following bus routes participated in the drill: NH01 – NH09.
6. The Board acknowledged that New Egypt Primary School conducted emergency school bus exit drills, as per State regulations according to NJAC 6A:27-11.2 at 8:35 a.m. at the location of 131 Evergreen Road on April 4, 2012. Joann Holman, Business Manager was in charge. The following bus routes participated in the drill: PHS and wheelchair bus.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Wig, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Probasco, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

Mr. Probasco moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that G.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the attached field trips.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Wig,
Mrs. Septor, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Miller

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Probasco asked for an update on the barn roof.

Mr. Gately gave an update on the high school barn roof and said the project should be starting within the next two (2) weeks.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Septor commented on the great job everyone did on the Women's History Month March Madness.

Mrs. Septor congratulated the 6th graders on their achievements.

Mr. Hauge thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Hauge thanked the staff for their hard work on the grants.

Mrs. Wig congratulated the Model Congress students.

Mrs. Wig congratulated Dennis Wilno on the awesome job with the libraries.

Mr. Probasco thanked everyone for the great job.

Dennis Wilno, media specialist, thanked everyone for their support.

Mr. Miller echoed the board members comments.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Hauge made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Seconded by Mrs. Wig, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary