

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 4, 2016  
7:30 p.m. Anticipated Public Session  
NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

The educational programs of the New Egypt Schools shall foster high expectations, in academics and behavior, giving attention to all students' individual needs. We are resolved to ensure all students achieve the New Jersey Common Core State Standards and the Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels, children will be provided a variety of activities and experiences that allow them to mature into lifelong learners, who are critical thinkers, and who cooperate with others as they grow and learn in our democratic society.

**2015-2016 District Goals**

- 1. To improve student achievement by implementing English Language Arts standard aligned goals and benchmark assessments that measure progress in each school. Standard aligned goals will include reading and writing goals.*
- 2. To improve student achievement by implementing Mathematics standard aligned goals and benchmark assessments that measure student progress in each school.*
- 3. To improve student achievement by ensuring alignment of district curriculum and benchmarks to the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards or the Common Core State Standards.*
- 4. To provide professional development to ensure the delivery of instruction of the aligned curriculum to the NJCCCS and the CCSS.*

**2015-2016 Board Goals**

- 1. Complete the Superintendent search process for a start date of July 1, 2016*

*Objective: Develop a search calendar and review the candidate criteria*

- 2. Improve and enhance community, student, and staff relations and morale through effective communication*

*Objective: Develop and implement a communication plan*

*Board of Education approval August 11, 2015*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Soles, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 17, 2016, 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. Soles	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Midgett	Absent
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Sempervive	Absent
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Bilenker, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. North, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Septor moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and student matters.

Seconded by Mr. Witham, 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.

Mrs. Septor made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Midgett	Absent
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Sempervive	Absent
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Bilenker, Interim Superintendent  
 Mr. North, Assistant Superintendent  
 Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

VI. FLAG SALUTE – Mrs. Soles led all in the salute to the flag.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mr. Witham that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the special public meeting agenda for May 4, 2016.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham,  
Mrs. Potter, Mr. Probasco,  
Mrs. Soles

No

None

Absent

Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Sempervive

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting Dates:

May 11, 2016	October 12, 2016
June 8, 2016	November 9, 2016
July 13, 2016	December 14, 2016
August 10, 2016	January 4, 2017 (Reorganization Meeting)
September 14, 2016	

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

XIV. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

A. 2016-2017 Budget presented by Mrs. Stephanie Bilenker, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Gerald North, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Sean Gately, Business Administrator and Mrs. Colleen Gravel, Director of Special Projects

XV. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mr. Witham that A.1 be approved:

1. Recommend adoption of the budget for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

General Fund Budget:	\$25,196,032.00
General Fund Tax Levy:	\$10,886,223.00
Special Revenue Fund Budget:	\$ 486,002.00
Debt Service Fund Budget:	\$ 2,418,057.00
Debt Service Fund Tax Levy:	\$ 1,534,474.00

There should be raised for General Funds \$25,196,032.00 for the ensuing school year (2016-2017).

Resolved that the Plumsted Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in the amount of \$156,427.00. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefits.

- (a). Recommend approval of the 2016-2017 maximum travel as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 in the amount of \$45,000.00 and that the maximum amount established in the pre-budget year (2015-2016) was \$45,000.00, which includes year-to-date expenditures of \$15,730.48.
- (b). Recommend approval of the maximum dollar limit to be spent on public relations and professional services as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1 in the amount of \$245,150.00, [attached](#).
- (c). Recommend approval of the establishment of dollar thresholds for awards to recognize special accomplishments and establish a budget supported by general fund revenues for each category in a non-discriminatory manner (for example, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, student council, clubs), as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.8(c)2-3 in the amount of \$947,939.00, [attached](#).

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Soles
No	None
Absent	Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Sempervive

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Daelin Hulse, former student, commented on attending the prom as an invited guest.  
Mrs. Bilenker responded that she would speak with Mr. Mendes.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gately gave an update on the solar project.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Septor made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Witham, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary