

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
March 15, 2017
6:30 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.

2016-2017 District Goals

1. *To develop and create a three (3) year and five (5) year Strategic Plan with input from all stakeholders and constituents to provide direction for the district.*
2. *To address and improve morale, communication and culture as evidenced by improved stakeholder feedback and the development of a district communication plan.*
3. *To improve student performance in ELA/Math by demonstrating positive growth for all students across all grade levels using multiple measures as defined by stakeholders.*

2016-2017 Board Goals

1. *To develop a strategic plan.*
2. *To improve morale, climate and culture through greater community, student and staff participation.*
3. *To continue participation in district financial planning.*

Board of Education approval September 14, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Septor, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 9, 2017, 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	Absent
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Sempervive	Present
Mr. Surdo	Present
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. North, Superintendent
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. FLAG SALUTE – Mrs. Septor led all in the salute to the flag.

Mrs. Septor asked for a moment of silence in memory of staff member Mr. Dagoberto Pinol.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Probasco moved with a second by Mr. Witham that V.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the special meeting agenda for March 15, 2017.

Roll Call

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

VI. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

April 19, 2017	September 13, 2017
May 10, 2017	October 11, 2017
June 21, 2017	November 8, 2017
July 12, 2017	December 13, 2017
August 23, 2017	January 3, 2018 (reorganization meeting)

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

VIII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS - None

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - None

Mr. North, Superintendent, commented on the following:

Impact Aid meeting
Passing of staff member Dagoberto Pinol

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

XI. PRESENTATION/AWARDS

A. 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget presented by Mr. Gerald North, Superintendent and Mr. Sean Gately, Business Administrator

The following individuals commented on the 2017-2018 Preliminary Budget, to which members of the Board and administration responded accordingly.

Jean Horner, 200 Longswamp Road, New Egypt, NJ
Jaimie Scott, 105 Sanders Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ
Maggie Bautista, 60 Hampshire Court, New Egypt, NJ
Kathleen Caines, 37 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ
Shannon D'arlagnan, 12 Lawrence Drive, Cream Ridge, NJ
Jaimie Scott, 105 Sanders Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ
Christine Seraphin, 8 Country Woods Drive, New Egypt, NJ
Shannon D'arlagnan, 12 Lawrence Drive, Cream Ridge, NJ
Kristyn Thoens, 11 Joseph Court, New Egypt, NJ
Herb Marinari, 227 Brynmore Road, New Egypt, NJ

Kate Shaw, New Egypt, NJ – Inquired as to meeting notice including discussion topics.

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

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

1. Recommend adoption of the tentative budget for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budget be approved for the 2017-2018 School Year using the 2017-2018 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>SPECIAL REVENUES</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2017-2018 Total Expenditures	25,748,190	498,920	2,430,757	28,677,867
Less: Anticipated Revenues	14,644,243	498,920	851,666	15,994,829
Taxes to be Raised	11,103,947	-0-	1,579,091	12,683,038

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 at New Egypt High School, 117 Evergreen Road, New Egypt, New Jersey on May 3, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

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 a 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);

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 reimbursement in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$45,000.00 for all staff and Board members.

Discussion: Mr. Probasco thanked the Public for their comments.
Mrs. Septor commented on the school district.
Mr. Surdo commented on the feedback from the community.
Mrs. Sempervive commented on information put on facebook and that she wants what's best for kids and home values.

Roll Call	
Yes	Mr. Witham, Mr. Surdo, Mrs. Potter, Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Sempervive, Mrs. Septor
No	None
Absent	Mrs. Soles

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC - None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

XV. OLD BUSINESS

XVI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Potter commented on the excellent job on the Tricky Tray.

Mrs. Sempervive made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Probasco, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary