

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 WORKSHOP MEETING
 September 8, 2010
 6:30 p.m. Executive Session
 NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Harry Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. 2010-1 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 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	Present
Mr. Buckalew	Absent
Mr. Marinari	Present
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Dr. DeMareo, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Strimple, Interim Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney	Present

Mr. Hauge moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:38 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts, and negotiations.
 Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 21) permits bodies to discuss certain matters in closed sessions, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a need to hold a meeting on Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4 – 6-21), 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. Probasco made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:35 PM.
 Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller, President	Present
Mr. Hauge, Vice President	Present
Mr. Buckalew	Absent
Mr. Marinari	Present
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Dr. DeMareo, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Strimple, Interim Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney	Present

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

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

Workshop meetings

October 13, 2010
 December 8, 2010
 January 12, 2011
 February 9, 2011
 March 16, 2011

Regular meetings

September 22, 2010
 October 27, 2010
 November 17, 2010
 December 22, 2010
 January 26, 2011
 February 23, 2011
 March 30, 2011 (Public Hearing on Budget)
 May 4, 2011 (Reorganization Meeting starts
 at 7:30 p.m.)

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. DeMareo commented on the following:

We had an exceptional Opening Day yesterday. Needless to say we had some rough spots with transportation but that was to be expected. The Business Office, in particular Joann Holman, Clara Rose and Pat Tilghman have done an outstanding job in overseeing the bus transportation process including running off letters, doing the routing, getting the bus passes in place and answering questions from parents. I have been at the schools with the students being dropped off yesterday and today and things have improved remarkably within two days. Unfortunately, we had a sub bus driver this morning that did not have an updated list of students or addresses but we still managed to get everyone in place. I expect things to be worked out very shortly and want to thank the public for their patience as we work our way through this.

20 grants of \$2500 have been awarded by the OceanFirst Foundation to local schools that have winning ideas that focus on teaching the next generation of environmental stewards, engaging students in hands-on green projects and reinventing how we live in ways that are good for us and the planet. Rita Williams, art teacher at the elementary school created a winning grant project for the 2nd graders and their teachers called "GREENTEAM". Students will work to recreate outdoor classroom space with native plantings, collect rainwater and become worm farmers.

Mr. Tom Farrell applied for the Excellence in Teaching Conference to be held October 22-24 at Notre Dame University and was selected to attend based on his essay, "Achievement beyond the Classroom" which talks about the Advisor/Advisee program at the high school. He will receive free transportation, meals, hotel and attend sessions on "Teaching outside of the Box", "Achievement Beyond the Classroom: Career and Technical Education in a Global Economy and Society" and Take Ten: Violence Prevention Program. The University of Notre Dame Jersey Shore Alumni Club sponsors one educator from Monmouth and Ocean County each year.

The NJEA Frederick L. Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education grants have been awarded to the following educators and they will be recognized on Friday, November 5th at the Sheraton Hotel in Atlantic City during the Teacher's Convention:

Mary Dancer, Rita Williams, Scott Jacobs and Janet Popyk for the project *Going Coastal* and Andrea Merhi, Sarah Carey, Ginger White, Jennifer Roth, Deanna Rodriguez and Aileen Chaney for the project, *Literacy Without Borders*

I have contacted Dennis Wilno who will be setting up a committee to oversee the spending of the Dorothy Mount Scholarship fund which comes to \$41,472.38. If you are interested in serving on this committee, I recommend that you reach out to Dennis to let him know of your interest.

Lastly, Tom Young and Celeste Chardrick came in to visit with the administrators on August 25th to talk about the many programs offered by *Junior Achievement*. *Junior Achievement* offers many excellent programs for students in the elementary through high school level paid for by major corporate sponsors such as Verizon, Campbell Soup, Citizens Bank, Wachovia, Lincoln

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Investments, PSEG to name a few. We expect to take advantage of these programs throughout the school year.

- XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS – no report
- XII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS (To be presented at Regular Meeting)
 - A. Swearing in of Student Representative to the Board of Education
- XIII. CORRESPONDENCE - none
- XIV. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

Board reviewed proposed agenda items for action at the September 22, 2010 meeting.

- A. Finance Motions (Action to be taken on September 22, 2010)
 - 1. Recommend approval of a contract with The Arc of Monmouth/Dorothy B. Hersh High School for one student to attend the 2010 – 2011 school year at a cost of \$7,210.00.
 - 2. Recommend approval of a contract with The Arc of Monmouth/Dorothy B. Hersh High School for one student to attend the 2010 – 2011 school year at a cost of \$7,210.00.
 - 3. On the advice of Bond Counsel and in compliance with the 2010-2011 certified budget that the Board of Education transfer \$72,000 from the Capital Projects Fund and then transfer the \$72,000 to the Capital Reserve Account.
 - 4. On the advice of Bond Counsel and in compliance with 2010-2011 certified budget, it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the transfer of \$72,000 from the Capital Reserve Account to the Debt Service Fund 40.
- B. Personnel Motions (Action to be taken on September 22, 2010)
 - 1. Recommend ratification of approval for following staff members to attend Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary Principal’s Council meeting for one day on August 30, 2010 at a rate of \$100.00 per day.

Jana Kekesi, Lisa Rajeski, Dannie Valles, Patti Garces, Kathleen Donahue and Kenneth Beere
 - 2. Recommend acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Michael Mendes as Assistant Principal of the New Egypt High School.
- C. Policy
 - 1. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 3351, Healthy Workplace Environment (Teaching Staff).

2. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 3431.3, NJ Family Leave Insurance Program (Teaching Staff).
 3. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 4351, Healthy Workplace Environment (Support Staff).
 4. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 4431.3, NJ Family Leave Insurance Program (Support Staff).
 5. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 5338, Diabetes Management.
 6. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Regulation 5338, Diabetes Management.
 7. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 5460, High School Graduation.
- D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements
 E. Other Motions (No action taken)
 F. Facilities
 G. Field Trips

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Bonnie Vogel, PTEA President, thanked the Board, custodians and staff for getting our schools ready on time.

Laura Farrand commented on advance placement classes at the middle school and asked what the criteria is.

Mrs. Soles stated that falls on the rubric and the rubric will show you where each criteria is.

Dr. DeMareo suggested Mrs. Farrand make an appointment with Mrs. Caldes.

Mr. Miller suggested to Mrs. Farrand that she be specific going through the rubric with Mrs. Caldes and if she is not satisfied she should contact Dr. DeMareo.

Joanne Dempsey commented on advance placement classes at the middle school and stated that Ms. Belfiore would not answer her questions and claimed she knew her son but never met her son. She stated Mrs. Caldes called her and informed her there is no difference between enrichment and regular education.

Joanne Dempsey commented on her son's schedule at the middle school. She also commented on the curriculum and foreign language.

Mr. Hauge stated maybe we can get an update on these issues at the next meeting.

Carolann Miller commented on the core curriculum for the middle school.

Carolann Miller commented on Policy 5460, High School Graduation.

Carolann Miller commented that she is hoping Dr. DeDeMareo start up the parent meetings quickly because we need a curriculum meeting.

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XVI. NEW BUSINESS - none

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hauge asked Mr. Strimple if he had an opportunity to look at where the projective balances are going to be coming out of this year and going into next year.

Mr. Strimple explained the individual the district is relying on to do transportation is also the individual the district is relying on to do the financials. He stated we recently completed the close out for June 30, 2010 and will be discussing this with Ms. Holman. Mr. Strimple stated he cannot say at this time what the free balance is.

XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Soles thanked everyone for coming out tonight and schools are open.

Mr. Probasco welcomed back the students and thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Midgett thanked everyone for coming out tonight and also thanked the Business Office for all their time and effort.

Mr. Hauge welcomed everyone back. He also commented on recognizing the Business Office at the next meeting.

Mr. Marinari thanked the teaching staff and administration.

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for coming out tonight and the opening of school. He appreciates the comments.

Mr. Probasco moved that the Board go into executive session at 8:40 PM for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts, and negotiations.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

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Mr. Hauge made a motion to go out of executive session at 10:17 PM.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

Mr. Hauge made a motion to adjourn at 10:17 PM.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary