

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 28, 2012  
6:30 p.m. Executive Session  
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 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.

**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 continue 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 and 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, Operations and Public Relations**

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

**Board Goals**

**New Jersey Sustainable Schools Project Grant**

Mission Statement: To foster a connected green community in which students develop into-life-long environmental stewards

**Demographics**

To continue to monitor demographic and enrollment information to determine the impact on class size and facility usage

**Alumni Association**

Develop a student Alumni Association that connects graduates with the New Egypt School community and allows the district to track their success

*Board of Education approval 08.22.2012*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:08 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 revised Resolution No. 2011-1 and revised in Resolution No. 2011-17, which Resolution were 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	Present
Mr. Midgett	Absent
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Jones, Superintendent  
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney

Mr. Hauge moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student matters and contracts.

Seconded by Mrs. Wig, 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. Midgett arrived to the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Mrs. Soles moved that the Board go out of executive session at 8:17 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Probasco, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller, President	Present
Mr. Hauge, Vice President	Present
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Jones, Superintendent  
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/  
Board Secretary  
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney

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 November 28, 2012.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on October 24, 2012.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Septor,  
Mr. Midgett, Mrs. Soles,  
Mrs. Wig, Mr. Miller

No

None

Abstain

Mr. Probasco

## IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

### A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

December 12, 2012

January 2, 2013 (Reorganization meeting)

### B. Student Enrollment

Primary	PreK3			PreK4			K - AM			Grade 1			Total		Difference			
	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-			
	19	20	+1	27	27	0	97	97	0	89	89	0	232	233	+1			
Out of District	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0			
Elementary	Grade 2			Grade 3			Grade 4			Grade 5			Total		Difference			
	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-			
	92	92	0	104	104	0	126	126	0	127	128	+1	449	450	+1			
Out of District	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	3	0			
Middle	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8						Total		Difference			
	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-				11/7	11/19	+/-			
	142	142	0	144	144	0	154	154	0				440	440	0			
Out of District	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0				4	4	0			
High	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			Grade 12+			Total		Difference
	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-	11/7	11/19	+/-
	136	136	0	118	117	-1	143	143	0	142	142	0	3	3	0	542	541	-1
Out of District	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
													Total		Difference			
													11/7	11/19	+/-			
Total Enrollment													1663	1664	+1			
													11/7	11/19	+/-			
Out of District Students													14	14	0			

## X. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones commented on the following:

- HIB Report

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

- First grade working with Project Readers on RTI training – 2 Lehigh people will be here on November 27 & November 28, 2012 for follow-up

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- This month we will begin preparing for the winter holidays. The Blue Skies Academy will be making holiday visits on Dec. 5th to drop off their Blue Skies Books and to perform some music for the Crestwood Manor, assisted living community to spread a little holiday cheer!
- The PTO will be running their holiday shop for students on Dec. 5, 6 & 7 so that they can do some early shopping for family and friends.

- Grades 4 & 5 are conducting service learning projects to help those in need this winter and holiday season. Grade 5 is coordinating a food drive to provide food baskets to New Egypt families in need, while our 4th graders are coordinating a coat, hat and gloves drive to make sure that everyone has the appropriate warm clothing during these colder months.
- Elementary School choir will be performing in a joint concert with the Middle School and the High School at 7pm on Dec. 13.

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- New Egypt Middle School Student Council sponsored a school supply collection for schools impacted by Super Storm Sandy. In an effort to do our part in supporting other schools located in Ocean County, students spent a week gathering donations. We are proud to report that we will be delivering 20 boxes of school supplies to various schools across the county! A very special thanks to all of our generous families who donated, and to our student council's tireless efforts in organizing, collecting and packaging all the supplies. Ocean to Ocean, NEMS Made a World of Difference!
- New Egypt Middle School Student Council also participated in their annual Thanksgiving Food Basket Drive during the month of November which provided 17 New Egypt families with food baskets filled with a complete dinner for them to enjoy on Thanksgiving.

## **HIGH SCHOOL**

- On November 19, 2012 Ms. Jamie Baumiller's Ecology class "skyped" with "Deep Earth Academy", a drilling boat in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.
- National Honor Society had a student/staff blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, November 21, 2012 in the high school cafeteria.

## **ATHLETICS**

- The following athletes have been named All Conference by the Burlington County Scholastic League for the fall season:  
  
 Cross Country: Kevin Smith, Jonathan Mitchell, Matt Knigge  
 Girls Soccer: Kim Wilson, Nicole Miller, Jamie Soles  
 Boys Soccer: Kenny Stillwell, Matt Dey, Nick Sample, Travis Ward, Adam Coyle  
 Field Hockey: Danielle Andreula, Makenzie Magnotta, Jackie Delannoy, Alexa Magnotta  
 Girls Tennis: Jenny Goebel, Gabriela Morfin, Zena Merhi, Deanna Byrne, Anna Farrand, Jenna Wiggett
- The cross country, boys' soccer, field hockey and girls tennis teams were all BCSL Division Champions.
- Mid-Year Progress on Goals

## XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Kimberly Wilson, student representative commented on the following:

### PRIMARY SCHOOL

- After meeting with Mrs. Sennett, the Primary School principal, I became thoroughly aware that the kindergarten and first graders are technologically savvy. I was amazed when she told me that these students know how to use the iPads, cell phones, and other devices without trouble. Time with these devices is given to these students as a reward. They have gotten much positive feedback from parents regarding the use of the technology. It is easier for them to learn when they are having fun.
- The Halloween parade was a success. We moved the Halloween trail and parade indoors due to the weather. Yet everything was successful and the students enjoyed it.
- The Primary School is doing many activities for the holidays and I look forward to reporting how they all went at the next meeting.

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- I also met with Mrs. Beams, and she was pleased to tell me that her students are also skilled and fascinated with technology. They have iPad carts, which have been donated by the PTO that the students use avidly. They have a program called Blue Skies, where the students create artwork then digitize it. Mrs. Beams told me they can actually create movies out of them, and all of these digital pictures are sent to the Children's Hospitals.
- They are also very involved with Hurricane Relief. Every grade was in charge of bringing in some sort of food, clothing, goods, and cleaning supplies. They are doing a hat and glove drive in December, where they put a tree in the front of the school decorated with hats and gloves that the students can take as needed.
- Success Week December 17th-20th, which is when students are recognized for their success. But what Mrs. Beams emphasized was that not only students that made honor roll and got good grades will be recognized, but even the kids that might not make honor roll and might not be that social. She thought it was important to have every student recognized.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

GREEN Update for Newsletter-please approve

- The Student Eco Action Team has been very busy this month!  
Eco-Challenges- We held a student Eco-Challenge, asking students to wear Green on Fridays. We held a teacher Eco-Challenge, encouraging teachers to reduce their energy usage by going "Watt-less" on Wednesdays. We were able to show a significant growth in the number of students and teachers who participated!  
Recycling- We are very excited to report that we teamed up with our Student Council, and encouraged recycling during the first school dance. As an incentive for students to recycle their cans and bottles, we raffled off several prizes to recyclers!

Green Clubs- We continued our Green Club Friday initiative, where all Friday clubs are asked to 'Go Green' for their activities. Some clubs chose to participate in a scripted lesson, while others came up with creative ways to make their own GREEN efforts.

FEATHER Project- We met as a team and began discussing the bird houses and feeders that we will need to create our observatory. We have also done some research on various birds in the area.

Lexus Eco-Challenge- Finally, we are proud to announce that selected members of the Eco-Action Team have been participating in the Lexus Eco-Challenge-which is a national competition that encourages students to act locally regarding environmental issues in their community. We created a composting program to reduce cafeteria waste, involving students, teachers and cafeteria staff. We look forward to seeing rich compost develop using our cafeteria waste!

In the coming month, we will be focusing our efforts on Food Impacts and Agricultural Sustainability.

## HIGH SCHOOL

- As I have mentioned before, after meeting with the Primary and Elementary school I have realized that technology is our future. These young students already know how to use iPads, iPhones, and iPods better than some of us do. Expanding on my BYOD mission, I think that it's important to realize that this is a change that is going to happen no matter what. Technology is going to be used even more in our everyday lives as time goes on, and I think that it's important to keep up to date in our school for research and learning purposes.

Update on alumni Melissa Levenduski.

XII PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

XV. PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing on employment contract for superintendent in accordance with P.L. 2007, Chapter 53

Mr. Hauge moved with a second by Mr. Midgett to open the Public Hearing.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mr. Midgett to close the Public Hearing.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mrs. Soles moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that XV.1 be approved:

1. Move the rescission of the contract of employment for Karen Jones, Ed. D., superintendent of schools, for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2014 effective November 28, 2012.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that XV.2 be approved:

2. Move the approval of the contract of employment for Karen Jones, Ed. D., superintendent of schools, for the period November 28, 2012 through June 30, 2016.

Discussion: Mr. Midgett commented on what a better place we are today than where we were when Dr. Jones came here and thanked her.

Mr. Hauge commented on the wonderful district we have and thanked Dr. Jones.

Mr. Probasco commented the way Dr. Jones makes a decision and could move forward and not continue to look back

Mr. Miller echoed the comments.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Dr. Jones thanked the Board for their comments and stated that this is a wonderful place to work.

## XVI. 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. Midgett that A.1 – A.10 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for November 28, 2012, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee prior to this meeting and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend ratification of the transferring of funds.
3. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending October 31, 2012 and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the period ending October 31, 2012.



4. Recommend approval that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 – 2.12(c)3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of October 31, 2012, 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.S.A. 18A:22-8, that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.
5. Recommend approval that the Plumsted Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)4 certifies that as of October 31, 2012, 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:23-2.12(c)4 I-VI and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
6. Recommend approval of Individual with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) of Basic (Ages 3-21) application in the amount of \$340,200.00 and Preschool (Ages 3, 4 & 5) application in the amount of \$21,874.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.
7. Recommend approval of a jointure with Jackson Township Board of Education (host) to provide transportation for one (1) student to St. Aloysius School at a cost of \$884.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.
8. Recommend approval of an agreement with Camp Speers-Elijabar YMCA Outdoor Center for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Experience Camping Trip to be held September 25, 2013 – September 26, 2013, fundraised by the middle school class of 2013, at no cost to the board.
9. Recommend approval of a contract with Regional Professional Development Academy for professional development in the amount of \$1,900.00 for the 2012-2013 school year to be paid from NCLB Title III grant funds.
10. Recommend approval of the New Egypt Middle School drama production of “Dr. Dolittle” to be held on May 17, 2013 & May 18, 2013 in the amount of \$426.45.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Probasco moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that B.1 – B.6 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals for the 2012-2013 school year at the rate of \$80.00/\$60.00 per day respectively, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools and the criminal history clearance that is obtained through the State of NJ in accordance with the law.

Brendan McCarthy  
Kimberly Vigilotti

2. Recommend approval of the following winter sports coaches for the 2012-2013 season:

<b>Postion</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>	<b>Stipend</b>
NEMS Pep Squad Advisor	Amy Freeman	\$1,400.00
NEMS Pep Squad Advisor	Jessica Chielli	\$1,400.00

3. Recommend approval of the following medical leave of absence for Donna Buxton, high school special education teacher:

<b>LEAVE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>THROUGH</b>
Medical Leave With Pay utilizing 10 sick days	November 26, 2012	December 7, 2012

4. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Brad Mogol, primary/elementary school technology teacher:

<b>LEAVE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>THROUGH</b>
NJFLA Without pay, with benefits	December 10, 2012	January 25, 2012

5. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Jonathan Corby, high school physical education teacher, pending medical certification:

<b>LEAVE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>THROUGH</b>
Medical Leave With pay utilizing 8 sick days, with benefits	December 12, 2012	January 1, 2013

6. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Kathy LoPresti, elementary school teacher, pending medical certification:

<b>LEAVE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>THROUGH</b>
Medical Leave With pay utilizing 18 sick days, with benefits	November 28, 2012	January 1, 2013 (approx)

Discussion: Mr. Midgett asked if agenda item B.2 was a new program. Mr. Carroll responded that B.2, NEMS pep squad advisors were inadvertently left off the approval list.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

- C. Policy
- D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

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

- 1. Recommend approval of the attached Professional Development.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

- E. Other Motions

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that E.1 – E.4 be approved:

- 1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on November 28, 2012 by the Board of Education.
- 2. Recommend approval of the following fall and spring student teachers and their assignments:

Internship Students Fall 2012 Semester				
Name	Certification Area & Grade Preference	College/University	Placement Dates	Cooperating Teacher(s)
Nadirah Thompson	Occupational Therapy Assistant Student	Philadelphia University	January 1, 2013 - March 30, 2013	Karen O'Brien

Student Teachers Spring 2013 Semester/90 Hour Practicum				
Name	Certification Area & Grade Preference	College/University	Placement Dates	Cooperating Teacher(s)
Danielle F. Arico	Elementary & Special Education 6-8 Science	Georgian Court University	February 4, 2013	Diane Dancer

- 3. Recommend approval of the following Community Education class for the 2012-2013 school year:

Class	Duration	Student Cost	Community Education Cost	Tentative Dates
<b>Group Voice Lessons (group of 6 or less students)</b>	Weekly	\$15.00 per 1 hour class	\$14.00 per child payable to Ken Beere, \$1 per student for Community Education	Effective November 26, 2012
Mr. Beere is expanding his music lessons to include a group voice lesson option.				

4. Recommend approval of Resolution 2012-2013 No. 11, Amend Federal Budget Control Act of 2011.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

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

1. Recommend approval of the attached Field Trips.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Mayor Dave Leutwyler thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Jones for being available during Superstorm Sandy.

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIX. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Jones commented on the possibility of changing the January in-service day.

Mrs. Soles asked for an update on the School Resource Officer (SRO).

Dr. Jones gave an update on the SRO.

Mayor Leutwyler responded that they are discussing with Chief Petrecca to have the SRO put in more regular days.

Mrs. Wig asked how much of the salary of the SRO do we pay.

Mayor Leutwyler responded that the district pays 50 % of the SRO salary.

Mr. Miller responded that the Township recognizes that we are in a shared service and pay 50% of the salary and the need to get the SRO back into the school on a regular basis.

XX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Soles congratulated Kimberly Wilson on a great job tonight.

Mrs. Soles congratulated all the fall sports.

Mrs. Soles stated that winter sports have begun.

Mrs. Soles commented that she looks forward to more great and wonderful things happening and regaining more of our warrior pride we once had in New Egypt.

Mrs. Soles thanked all the staff members who helped out during the storm.

Mrs. Septor thanked Dr. Jones on her presentation.

Mr. Probasco made a motion to adjourn at 9:16 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary