

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 10, 2013
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 6:30 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 Resolution No. 2012-12, 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	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 (arrived to the meeting at 6:34 p.m.)

Mrs. Septor moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, vendor contracts for solar project, potential litigation and PTEA sidebar agreements. Seconded by Mr. Hauge, 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. Soles made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:36 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Midgett, 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

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for April 10, 2013.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hauge 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 21, 2013.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

April 24, 2013
 May 8, 2013
 May 29, 2013
 June 12, 2013
 June 26, 2013
 July 24, 2013

August 28, 2013
 September 11, 2013
 September 25, 2013
 October 9, 2013
 October 30, 2013
 November 20, 2013
 December 11, 2013

B. Student Enrollment

Primary	PreK3			PreK4			K - AM			Grade 1			Total		Difference			
	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-			
	20	20	0	28	28	0	95	96	+1	90	90	0	233	234	+1			
Out of District	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Elementary	Grade 2			Grade 3			Grade 4			Grade 5			Total		Difference			
	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-			
	91	91	0	104	104	0	126	126	0	129	129	0	450	450	0			
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						
	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-				3/14	4/3	+/-			
	144	144	0	144	144	0	155	155	0				443	443	0			
Out of District	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0				3	3	0			
High	Grade 9			Grade 10			Grade 11			Grade 12			Grade 12+			Total		Difference
	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-	3/14	4/3	+/-
	136	136	0	117	117	0	143	143	+1	139	139	0	3	3	0	538	538	0
Out of District	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	6	0
													Total		Difference			
													3/14	4/3	+/-			
Total Enrollment													1664	1665	+1			
													3/14	4/3	+/-			
Out of District Students													12	12	0			

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones commented on the following:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Meridian Health provided assemblies today for all students regarding safety and emergency procedures. The presenter was Dr. Bernard - a Saint Bernard in a lab coat

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Our Rocking Warriors of the Month are:

Grade 2 Alexandra Pullen
 Grade 3 Jenna Uster
 Grade 4 John Magnotta
 Grade 5 PJ Hlubik

- Two fifth grade students Alissa Esposito and Libby Witham are being environmentally friendly and collecting old art supplies that can be recycled into new art supplies for student use.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Congratulations to our middle school students who participated in the 2013 Academic Bowl on March 20th. Below are the results for each grade level:

6th grade placed 6th out of 20 schools

7th grade placed 9th out of 24 schools

8th grade placed 6th out of 24 schools

All three placing in the top 10! Congratulations to all of our students! We are very proud of their achievements!

- Friday, April 12th our 6th grade students will be hosting their annual “Breakfast of Champions” in honor of someone special in their lives that they look up to and admire. During this special event our students will get the opportunity to thank their champion for all that they do while enjoying a nice sit down breakfast. A very special thank you to our generous middle school PTO who sponsors this event.
- On April 23rd the middle school will be hosting the Plumsted Township School District’s “Night of the Arts” from 6-8 PM. Come see fantastic student artwork and class work on display throughout the halls and classrooms and hear the beautiful music performed by our talented band and chorus students. Hope to see everyone there!

HIGH SCHOOL

- Community Luncheon was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 the food and entertainment was enjoyed by all

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- The ACCESS for ELL tests have begun in all 4 schools for our ESL population. In addition, the NJASK tests have arrived. Testing will begin for 7th and 8th grade on April 29, 2013.
- The technology Task Force has continued to meet both face to face, as well as via a Google group, where information and ideas have been exchanged. A three year plan will be shared at the beginning of May.
- The Green Team continues to work together to increase student and staff awareness of environmental issues. We will celebrate “Green Day” on April 26, 2013. In the plans are some ceremonial tree plantings and various green activities. Even Aramark food services company has promised something green to celebrate the day!

ATHLETICS

- The high school baseball team will be hosting a tournament on Saturday, April 13th. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Games start at 11:00AM.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

XII PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

1. Jamie Leto, Vice President for the PTEA, commented on the interim principal position.
2. Kathy Aaronson 13 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 spoke in favor of Rich Carroll as interim principal.
3. Janet Cristman, 35 Carter Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533, spoke in favor of Rich Carroll as interim principal.
4. Christine Kukoda, former student, Hamilton, NJ, spoke in favor of Rich Carroll as interim principal.
5. Laura Kazio, 179 Longswamp Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 spoke in favor of Rich Carroll as interim principal.

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

1. New Egypt High School Interact Club Induction Ceremony presented by Karen Hammerschmidt
2. EE4NJ Evaluation Process and School Report Card presented by Dr. Jeanette Baubles and Colleen Gravel

Dr. Jones explained the process of hiring a principal.

Mr. Midgett commented on the process of hiring a high school principal.

Mr. Hauge commented on the process of hiring a high school principal.

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Gately read a thank you from the Plumsted Business and Merchant Association's.

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. Midgett that A.1 – A.8 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for April 10, 2013, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee prior to this meeting and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for April 10, 2013, which required hand written checks after the March 21, 2013 bills and claims list was approved, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
3. Recommend approval of the following financial institutions to be designated as depositories of record for the Plumsted Township Schools Board of Education accounts for the 2012-2013 school year.

Bank of America

4. Recommend approval of the following signature to appear on all disbursements for the 2012-2013 school year for the following school accounts:

5. Recommend approval of an agreement between Forsgate Country Club of Monroe Twp. and New Egypt High School for the Junior/Senior Prom on June 7, 2013 at a cost of approximately \$13,500.00, fundraised by the Class of 2013 and at no cost to the Board.
6. Recommend approval of a contract between Kahwaty Joe DJ Entertainers and New Egypt High School for the Junior/Senior Prom on June 7, 2013 at a cost of \$700.00, fundraised by the Class of 2013 and at no cost to the Board.
7. Recommend approval of an agreement between Classic Tours and New Egypt High School to provide transportation to and from the Junior/Senior Prom to Forsgate County Club in Monroe Twp., NJ on June 7, 2013 in the amount of \$925.00 to be paid from the student activities account and PTO, at no cost to the Board.
8. Recommend approval of STARR Tours to transport 8th grade students to Camp Speers-El Jabar YMCA on September 25, 2013 and return to New Egypt Middle School on September 26, 2013 at a total cost of \$8,200.00, fundraised by the middle school Class of 2014, at no cost to the board.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Following the approval of the Superintendent's agenda, the following motion was approved:

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that A.9 be approved:

9. Recommend approval of a contract with ARMM Associates for the development of bid specifications and construction administration for a district solar project at no cost to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Miller explained that agenda item A.9 is no cost to the Board, that ARMM Associates is willing to prepare a bid package for solar installation.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Probasco moved with a second by Mrs. Soles that B.1 – B.4 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of Jacqueline Racciua as a leave replacement speech and language specialist for Danielle Goglia from on or about April 11, 2013 – June 19, 2013 or the last day of the 2012-2013 school year whichever comes first, at the New Egypt Primary School at a salary of \$53,752.00, prorated, with no benefits equal to MA Step 1 of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement 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 New Jersey in accordance with the law.

2. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Renee Palumbo, high school French teacher:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
Maternity Leave With Pay (13 sick days)	June 3, 2013	June 19, 2013
NJFLA Without pay, with benefits	September 3, 2013	November 22, 2013
Child rearing leave Without pay, without benefits	November 23, 2013	January 29, 2013 or 1 st day of 2 nd semester

3. Recommend acceptance of a resignation of James Search as a NEED counselor effective April 11, 2013, with regrets.
4. Recommend revision of the following spring sports coaches for the 2012-2013 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
High School Girls Lacrosse Asst. Coach	Gabrielle Haspel	\$4950.00
High School Girls Lacrosse Freshman Coach	Patricia Nicholson	\$4290.00

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mr. Hauge that B.5 be approved:

5. Recommend approval of Dr. Jeanette Baubles as interim principal at New Egypt High School in the amount of \$100.00 per day in addition to her contracted salary from April 16, 2013 – June 19, 2013.

Discussion: Mr. Probasco explained there is going to be a difference of opinion on agenda item B.5 and stated he will be voting “no”.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Mrs. Soles stated that this vote is not a reflection on Dr. Baubles.

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

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

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimation and Bullying) report on April 10, 2013 by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend approval of the following Community Education classes:

Class	Duration	Student Cost	PTCE Cost	Tentative Dates
Overtime Athletics: Soccer/Flag Football Combo Class	4 weeks	\$56.00	\$50.00 per student	GHWES: Thursdays – April 18, 25, May 2, 9 from 3:25 – 4:25
Overtime Athletics: Soccer/Flag Football Combo Class	4 weeks	\$56.00	\$50.00 per student	NEPS: Mondays – April 15, 22, 29, May 6, from 3:15 – 4:15
Basketball with TNT Sports	4 weeks	\$66.00	Rebate of \$6.00 per child made payable to PTCE from TNT Sports	NEPS: Fridays, April 19, 26, May 3, 10
Dance Moves NJ	4 weeks	\$48.00	\$40.00 per student	NEPS: Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 3:15—4:15 pm
Dance Moves NJ	4 weeks	\$48.00	\$40.00 per student	GHWES: Mondays - April 8, 15, 22, 29

3. Recommend approval of the following spring and fall student teachers and their assignments:

Student Teachers Fall 2013 Semester				
Name	Certification Area & Grade Preference	College/University	Placement Dates	Cooperating Teacher(s)
Arico, Danielle	Elementary & Special Education Grade 6-8 Science	Georgian Court University	September 3, 2013-December 13, 2013	Diane Dancer

4. Recommend approval to co-sponsor one 11th grade female student at a cost of \$250.00 to attend the American Legion Jersey Girls State Program to be held at Georgian Court University from June 23, 2013 – June 28, 2013.
5. Recommend approval to co-sponsor one 11th grade male student at a cost of \$225.00 to attend the American Legion Jersey Boys State Program to be held at Rider University from June 16, 2013 – June 21, 2013.
6. Recommend that the Board accept a donation from Erin Skudlark Fox with Girl Scout Troop #450 in Westfield, NJ of approximately 1,000 books to be used by the NEED before and after school program starting in the 2013-2014 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Midgett thanked Erin Skudlark Fox for the donation of books.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Following the approval of the Superintendent's agenda, the following motion was approved:

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that E.7 be approved:

7. Recommend approval of the 2013-2014 district school calendar.

Discussion: Dr. Jones explained that there was a discussion whether we would open or stay closed for the last two (2) days (January 2 & 3) of winter break.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

F. Facilities

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Soles that F.1 –F.2 be approved:

1. Recommend approval to operate the Warrior Day Camp from June 24, 2013 through August 23, 2013 from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
2. Recommend approval to operate the Warrior Sports Camps at the New Egypt High School from June 24, 2013 through August 9, 2013 from 9:00 am to 11:30 pm.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

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

No

None

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Toni Barnett, 23 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533, commented on the interim principal position. Dr. Jones responded that the interim position is a current employee who will resume her own existing role at that point of time and if there would need to be any sort of overlap with any administrative coverage during the summer time we would just do that internally.

Toni Barnett, 23 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533, asked if they anticipate naming a new principal by the beginning of the new school year.

Dr. Jones responded that they will have a new principal by the start of the new school year.

Toni Barnett, 23 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533, inquired about the committee for the principal search.

Dr. Jones explained the process of the committee for the principal search.

Lorraine Simunovich, 4 Maria Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533, commented on the high school principal position and spoke in favor of Rich Carroll.

Herb Marinari, Brynmore Avenue, New Egypt, NJ 08533, asked that the Board post the two (2) signs "Parents who Host Lose the Most" on district property.

Herb Marinari, Brynmore Avenue, New Egypt, NJ 08533, commented on the transparency of prior board of education members.

Glenn Knigge, Longswamp Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533, commented on the high school principal position and letter/email not read at board of education meeting.

Mr. Hauge commented on past and present administrators and stated that Dr. Jones runs the district and does a phenomenal job. He stated they are trying to do the right thing for the district.

Jaime Leto, Vice President of the PTEA, stated her concerns regarding curriculum and Dr. Baubles assuming dual roles.

Carolann Miller, 9 Toni, Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533, stated the Board and public need to support Dr. Jones.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Jones gave an update on the School Resource Officer (SRO).

Mr. Miller commented on the shared services agreement article that was published in the Tri-Town News.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Midgett thanked Mr. Farrell for his years of service in the district and wished him best of luck.

Mr. Miller commented on the Board wants to do what is best for the district and they work well together and it is not a bad thing to disagree.

Mrs. Septor made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary