

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 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

- *Increase Language Arts proficiency percentages by up to 10% + in grades (3-8)*
- *Increase Mathematics proficiency percentages by up to 10% + in grades (3-8)*
- *Increase the percentage of students taking the SAT and student performance on the SAT by 10% +*
- *Restructure the Guidance Department to better serve students*
- *To continue to improve communications with stakeholders (staff, students, Board, parents and community members)*

Board of Education approval 09.25.2013

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 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. Midgett, Vice President	Absent (arrived to the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Absent (arrived to the meeting at 7:16 p.m.)
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mrs. Soles moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts, student matters and collective negotiation contract.
Seconded by Mr. Probasco, 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. Probasco made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:35 p.m.
Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller, President	Present
Mr. Midgett, Vice President	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present
Mr. Witham	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. Probasco moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for November 20, 2013.

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Soles, Mrs. Wig, Mr. Witham, Mr. Midgett, Mr. Miller
No	None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mrs. Soles that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on October 30, 2013.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Wig, Mrs. Soles, Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham, Mr. Midgett
No	None
Absent	Mr. Probasco, Mr. Miller

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

December 11, 2013

B. Student Enrollment

Primary	PreK3			PreK4			K - AM			Grade 1			Total			Difference			
	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-				
	18	18	0	29	29	0	82	81	-1	98	98	0	227	226	-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			
	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-				
	88	88	0	90	91	+1	98	98	0	125	125	0	401	402	+1				
Out of District	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	3	0				
Middle	Grade 6			Grade 7			Grade 8			Total			Difference						
	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-		10/23	11/12	+/-			
	122	122	0	145	145	0	145	146	+1				412	413	+1				
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
	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	10/23	11/12	+/-	
	135	135	+1	139	139	0	114	113	-1	145	145	0	4	4	0	537	536	-1	
Out of District	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	4	4	0	
													Post Graduates Out of District						
													1						
													Total						
													10/23	11/12	+/-				
Total Enrollment													1577	1577	0				
													10/23						
Out of District Students													10	10	0				

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones commented on the following:

HIB

American Education Week visits will be November 18-21st. Please see the website for specific times.

Primary School

Thanks to Mrs. Rita Williams, NEPS has won yet another grant. The Crayola Corporation sponsored The Champion Creatively Alive Children grant which is a national grant award that only 20 schools were chosen from across the nation. Our school will receive a \$2,500 monetary grant and \$1,000 worth of Crayola products. Thank you to Mrs. Williams and the Creative Team!

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on November 25th and 26th. These will be a half days for all students.

Elementary School

- The third grade will hold their Thankful Celebrations on November 27th. Parents are invited to share a meal and learn what their child is thankful for this year.

- Our first marking period success awards will be held December 5th and 6th. This year, students will be recognized for their incremental successes in the classroom as well as for earning Blue Honor Roll, which is all As and Bs, or for Gold Honor Roll, which is all As in the students' academic classes.
- The staff and students conducted a food drive and will be able to provide 14 families in need with an abundance of food including turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The PTO's Holiday Shop will be open December 9th - 11th in the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School library. Students can shop for their holiday gifts in what has proven to be a highlight of the season for our students

Middle School

- On November 21st the 6th grade will have the privilege to attend a new assembly program developed by the New Jersey Renaissance Faire called, *The Renaissance Revisited: A Modern Magical Adventure!*

The program introduces the culture of the Renaissance Period through the adventures of a modern young girl, brought back in time. With a dose of character education as well, the main character learns a bit about herself along the journey.

Special thanks to community member and middle school parent, Mr. Andy Pritikin, who works with the NJ Renaissance Faire and offered this complimentary program to our 6th grade students!

- The staff at New Egypt Middle School is looking forward to meeting with our parents and guardians during American Education Week November 18th - November 21st and Parent-Teacher Conferences November 25th and November 26th. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to visit our school to further your appreciation of your child's educational program. For more information, please visit our website.

High School

- New Egypt High School's first "Naviance Night," sponsored by the Guidance Department, was held on November 14 in the auditorium. The purpose of the program was to familiarize parents and their children with this college and career program.
- On November 13, two seniors, Mackenzie Magnotta and Jamie Soles, signed national letters of intent, accepting scholarships to participate in intercollegiate athletics. Ms. Magnotta will be playing lacrosse at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania. Ms. Soles will play softball for Hartford University in Connecticut.
- Thank you to our Boys Varsity Soccer Team who had a 1-0 victory over Haddon Township.
- November 24 – Boys Varsity Soccer Final State Championship game at TCNJ 5:30 p.m.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Chandler Miller, student representative, commented on the following:

Primary School

December 12 – Presentation by Ocean County DART Coalition “Your Kids Count: Can We Talk?” 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Primary school won 1st place in Garden contest

Camp Fire USA Safe and Sure Program

Elementary School

Rockin Warriors of the month: Abbey VonHarten, 2nd grade; Nick Golio, 3rd grade; Alex Ramirez, 4th grade; Mikaela Ferrara, 5th grade

Morning Clubs: Games Galore, Instrumental, Music, Drawing, Digital Cameras and Technology

Middle School

Green Team sponsored a candy buyback program

November Eco Challenge 100 mile menu for Thanksgiving

Lexus Eco Challenge team won contest second year in a row

High School

November 22 – Clothing Drive sponsored by the Freshman Class 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

November 27 – Blood Drive sponsored by the Student Council 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Yearbooks on Sale

XII PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. New Egypt High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony presented by Katina George and Jason Frable

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

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

- A. Finance Motions

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that A.1 – A.5 be approved:

- 1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for November 20, 2013, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.

2. Recommend ratification of a contract with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 to provide tutoring services for partial hospitalization program to one student at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, effective March 27, 2013 – June 3, 2013.
3. Recommend ratification of a contract with Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 to provide tutoring services for partial hospitalization program to one student at a rate of \$44.00 per hour, effective May 17, 2013 – May 28, 2013.
4. Recommend ratification of a contract with Education, Inc. to provide educational instruction services to one student at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, effective October 29, 2013.
5. Recommend approval of a contract between MTI Production and New Egypt High School for the drama production “Annie” on February 28, 2014 – March 2, 2014 in the amount of \$2,840.00.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that B.1 – B.10 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Tova Horovitz, middle school speech language specialist:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
Maternity Leave utilizing sick time	February 3, 2014	February 12, 2014
NJFLA Leave, with benefits	February 13, 2014	April 4, 2014

2. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Sabeeha Rahin, bus driver:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
FMLA Without pay, with benefits	December 2, 2013	December 13, 2013

3. Recommend ratification of the resignation of Linda Marrazzo as a lunchroom/playground monitor at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School effective November 12, 2013, with regrets.
4. Recommend that the board rescind motion B.10 approved on October 30, 2013 to appointment Craig Conk as assistant bowling coach.
5. Recommend approval of the stipend winter sports coaches, [as per the attached list](#).
6. Recommend approval of substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, [as per the attached list](#).

7. Recommend approval of school volunteers for the 2013/2014 school year, [as per the attached](#).
8. Recommend approval of a high school club entitled [Archery & Fishing Club](#) in the amount of \$1,813.00 per the PTEA contract.
9. Recommend approval of the stipend extracurricular positions [as per the attached list](#).
10. Recommend revision of approval for Jordan Brody as a leave replacement school social worker for Alisa Forman from November 18, 2013 through February 13, 2014, at the New Egypt High School at a salary of \$55,094.00 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.

Discussion: Mr. Miller asked Mr. Mosley if the students inquired about the Archery & Fishing Club. Mr. Mosley responded that it was inquired during the summer.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

11. Mrs. Soles moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that B.11 be approved:

Move the Board approve the Agreement with the Plumsted Township Education Association resolving a correspondence matter and authorize the signing of the Agreement.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Soles, Mr. Probasco,
Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Witham, Mr. Midgett,
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 staff professional development](#).

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Soles, Mrs. Wig,
Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Witham, Mr. Midgett,
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 November 20, 2013 by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend approval of the spring student teachers and their assignments [as per the attached list](#).
3. Recommend approval of an *Admissions Agreement as to Non-Resident Student* from Renee Capasso to permit her daughter Grade 2, to attend the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, enrollment permitting, for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year according to stipulations contained in the 2012-2015 PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.
4. Recommend approval of New Jersey Renaissance Faire to present The Renaissance Revisited: A Modern Magical Adventure assembly on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 for the 6th graders of New Egypt Middle School, at no cost to the board.
5. Recommend approval of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurances for the purpose of submission of said scores to the Office of the Executive County Superintendent of Ocean County.
6. Recommend approval of the Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Discussion: Mrs. Soles asked Dr. Jones what is the enrollment in the second grade. Dr. Jones responded that we have 4 sections open.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

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

1. Recommend approval of the [attached field trips](#).

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gately gave an update on the solar project.

XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

The Board congratulated the soccer team.

The Board congratulated the inductee.

The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Board thanked Mrs. Williams for the grants.

Mr. Miller reminded everyone of the Principal's Roundtable on November 21st at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Soles made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Wig, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary