

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 12, 2014  
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 6:37 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. 2013-12, 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
Mrs. Septor, Vice President	Absent
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mr. Probasco	Absent
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 6:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing student and contract matters.  
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 made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:39 p.m.  
Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for February 12, 2014.

Roll Call

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

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mr. Witham that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on January 29, 2014.

Roll Call

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

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

February 26, 2014  
March 12, 2014  
March 26, 2014  
April 16, 2014  
May 14, 2014  
May 28, 2014  
June 11, 2014  
June 25, 2014  
July 23, 2014

August 27, 2014  
September 10, 2014  
September 24, 2014  
October 8, 2014  
October 22, 2014  
November 12, 2014  
December 17, 2014  
January 7, 2015 (reorganization meeting)

B. Student Enrollment

GRADE	SEPTEMBER 5, 2013	JANUARY 31, 2014	DIFFERENCE
PK- 3	16	20	+4
PK-4	29	28	-1
Kindergarten AM	81	82	+1
Grade 1	99	97	-2
Grade 2	89	87	-2
Grade 3	90	92	+2
Grade 4	97	95	-2
Grade 5	126	123	0
Grade 6	122	125	+3
Grade 7	145	144	-1
Grade 8	144	145	+1
Grade 9	134	136	+2
Grade 10	140	139	-1
Grade 11	113	113	0
Grade 12	145	143	-2
Grade 12+	4	4	0
Totals	1574	1573	-1
Out of District	8	11	+3

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Dr. Jones commented on the following:

HIB Report

**PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

- February 4, 2014 Salad Tasting Day

- Week of February 5, 2014 – Friendship Week
- March 13, 2014 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

### **Elementary School**

- Thank you to the high school for giving a sneak preview of “Annie” on February 11, 2014
- February 18, 2014 – Second session of clubs to begin
- February 19, 2014 – Dental Hygiene experience with Captain Super Tooth – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- February 20, 2014 – Cat in the Hat

### **High School**

- Congratulations to the students who placed in the FBLA Regional Events in January
  - Onur Yilmaz (Spreadsheet Applications) 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - Rachel Horn (Business Calculations) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - Alexa Natalicchio (Spreadsheet Applications) 2<sup>nd</sup> place
  - Josh Harry (Word Processing) 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
  - Cassidy Nalbone (Personal Finance) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Rocco Tinneriello (Word Processing) 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Krista McGuire (word Processing) 4<sup>th</sup> Place
  - Michael Lento (Personal Finance) 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- Kurt Frimel, student, signed a National Letter of Intent with Cornell University
- February 24, 2014 – 9 week SAT program offered to juniors

### **Special Education**

- IEP Direct System

### **Special Projects**

- Paperless Day at the primary school, elementary school and middle school
- Three chromebook carts have been delivered to the elementary school and Mr. Mogol will begin a new unit on the Google Apps for education 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades

## **XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

Chandler Miller, student representative commented on the following:

### **Primary School**

- Thank you to the PTO on the Book Fair
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Make Your Own Book

- Thank you to Mrs. Williams for the School Museum

### **Elementary School**

- February 18<sup>th</sup> – Family Curriculum Night at 6:30 p.m.
- February 26<sup>th</sup> – Success Awards for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders
- February – Success Awards for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders

### **Middle School**

- Green Team working on their final Lexus Eco Challenge

### **High School**

- Class of 2016 hosting a Valentine’s Day photo booth
- Interact Club bandana sales raised funds for the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation
- Valentine’s Day Blind Date With A Book Challenge
- February 28, 2014 – March 2, 2014 Musical “Annie”
- March 4, 2014 – March 6, 2014 HSPA Testing

## XII PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

## XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A Mr. Dagoberto Pinol, High School Business Teacher – Virtual Business Presentation – presented by students Jacob German, Taylor Leonardo and Zena Merhi

## 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 Mrs. Wig that A.1 – A.10 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for February 12, 2014, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for February 12, 2014, which required hand written checks after the January 29, 2014 bills and claims list was approved, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.

3. 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 January 16, 2014.
4. Recommend approval of a contract with Howell Township Board of Education and the Plumsted Township Board of Education for one student to attend from January 21, 2014 – June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$29,578.00, prorated.
5. Recommend ratification of a jointure with North Hanover Township Board of Education to provide transportation services to the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School and New Egypt Primary School at a total rate of \$95,471.90 for the following routes:

E02/24(E11) - \$14,655.80  
 E06/21 (E12) - \$22,063.50  
 34 (E13) - \$19,584.20  
 33 (E14) - \$19,584.20  
 32 (E15) - \$19,584.20

6. Recommend approval of an agreement with Prevention Specialists Inc. to provide drug testing as required by law for bus drivers for the 2014 year at a rate as follows:

DOT Random Drug Test (on site testing)	\$68.00 per test
DOT Random Drug Test (Secured Lab)	\$58.00 per test
DOT Alcohol Testing	\$39.00 per test
Administrative Fee	\$505.00 for the year

7. Recommend approval of a grant application for NJEA/Hipp Foundation for Excellence in Education titled “Our School Museum: Masterpiece Quest” in the amount of \$10,000.00.
8. Recommend approval of a Lexus Eco Challenge Competition application to participate in the Siemens “We Can Change the World Challenge” for a chance to win \$10,000.00 savings bond for each member of the first place team and \$5,000.00 grant for their school to further green initiatives as well as a banner for the school.
9. Recommend approval of an amendment of the carryover for the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant for the 2013-2014 application year, as follows:

Title IA	\$4,149.00
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10. Recommend approval of a contract with Onward Healthcare to provide speech language services from February 13, 2014 – April 30, 2014 at the rate of \$63.00 per hour, not to exceed \$14,000.00.

Roll Call

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

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Soles moved with a second by Mrs. Wig that A.1 – B.5 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the following leave of absence for Tracy Staples, primary school special education teacher:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
Maternity/Disability Leave with pay	April 28, 2014	June 30, 2014 or last day of school
NJFLA without pay, with benefits	September 1, 2014	October 17, 2014

2. Recommend revision of approval for Jordan Brody as a leave replacement school social worker for Alisa Forman from November 18, 2013 through June 30, 2014 or last day of school, 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.
3. Recommend approval to compensate Aileen Chaney to participate in Reader’s Workshop session on February 26, 2014 or February 27, 2014 at the rate of \$39.00 per hour, not to exceed 3 hours, per the PTEA contract.
4. Recommend approval of the stipend spring sports coaches, [as per the attached list](#).
5. Recommend approval of Sean Curry as a leave replacement district adaptive physical education special education teacher for Diane DeBenedictis from February 10, 2014 – March 30, 2014 at a salary of \$53,218.00, prorated with no benefits equal to BA 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.

Roll Call

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

C. Policy

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mr. Midgett that C.1 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 2131, Chief School Administrator](#).

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

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

1. Recommend approval of the [attached staff professional development](#).

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor

E. Other Motions

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mr. Midgett that E.1 – E.2 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimation and Bullying) report on February 12, 2014 by the board of education.
2. Recommend revision that the Board accepts a donation from Colleen Gravel in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the district Green Team.  
Discussion: Mr. Gately explain the revision on the donation from Colleen Gravel. The Board thanked Colleen Gravel.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

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

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

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Septor

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Carol Ann Miller, 9 Toni Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533, commented that the cancellation of the band trip was premature.

Karen Myers 250 Brindletown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533, President of the Band Parents Association commented on her support of the cancellation of the band trip and could not risk the safety of everyone. Mr. Miller asked if there were other options.

Karen Myers explained the options but she could not see students sitting in an airport or separate students on planes.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Wig gave an update on the upcoming meeting Parent Connection on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Miller gave an update on the recent 8002 Impact Aid meeting he attended.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Miller commented on the Lydon family home destroyed during a fire and community involvement.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary