

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 26, 2015  
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 Common Core State Standards and the 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.

**2014-2015 District Goals**

- *To develop a five year strategic plan for the Plumsted Township School District that includes representatives from all district stakeholder groups including community members, parents, teachers, administrators and Board Members to create a blueprint of the mission, vision and goals for the direction of the district and includes school community input and participation.*
- *Work with the administrative team to enhance school district organizational strength, stability, and climate. Conduct a district survey of staff and students using a valid and reliable instrument for evaluating school climate. Provide professional development on research based leadership theory and best practices, team building and problem solving activities that will create a collaborative culture with unified goals, expectations and vision of student achievement. The principals and directors will in turn work with building level staff and departments to turnkey these skills to enhance the organizational capacity and foster an overall positive school and district climate.*
- *To provide increased visibility and enhanced community relations, outreach, and communications through a series of alternating monthly Superintendent roundtables and school community information sessions on current topics ie: PARCC, New Math Series, Reading with your child at home etc.*
- *To prepare students, staff and parents for the new PARCC Assessments for the 2014-2015 school year.*
  - *To ensure that the district is prepared with all the necessary technology, security, training and facility use for successful test administration in all four schools.*
  - *Students at all levels will exceed the New Jersey State performance on the PARCC Assessments in Mathematics and Language Arts.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Soles, President, called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 disseminated to the Asbury Park Press and The Trenton Times on Friday, February 20, 2015, thereafter posted upon the bulletin board in the main office of all four schools and the Board Secretary's office 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

Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mrs. Potter	Absent (arrived to the meeting at 6:49 p.m.)
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Bilenker, Interim Superintendent  
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Mrs. Wig moved that the Board go into executive session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.

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.

Mrs. Potter arrived to the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Mr. Septor made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Seconded by Mrs. Wig, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Midgett	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present
Mr. Witham	Present

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VI. FLAG SALUTE – Mrs. Soles led all in the salute to the flag.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the special meeting agenda for February 26, 2015.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

March 11, 2015	September 9, 2015
April 15, 2015	October 14, 2015
May 13, 2015	November 18, 2015
June 10, 2015	December 9, 2015
July 8, 2015	January 6, 2016 (Reorganization Meeting)
August 26, 2015	

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

Mrs. Bilenker, Interim Superintendent, commented on the following:

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Glenn Knigge, 244 Longswamp Road, New Egypt, NJ – expressed his concerns with the AB schedule.

XIV. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

XV. SUPERINTENDENT’S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

B. Personnel Motions

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

1. Recommend approval of Danielle Indursky as a part-time (0.5 FTE) Teacher of English for Basic Skills Instruction in the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, at a salary of \$28,234.00, prorated, equal to MA, Step 1, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools and that criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
2. Recommend approval of Cynthia Levy as a part-time (0.5 FTE) School Reading Specialist for Basic Skills Instruction in the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, at a salary of \$28,234.00, prorated, equal to MA, Step 1, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools and that criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

Discussion: Mrs. Bilenker explained that the two part-time new hires will be working in the elementary school to give more support for basic skills instruction.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mr. Midgett moved with a second by Mr. Probasco that B.3 be tabled:

3. Recommend approval of \_\_\_\_\_ as a part-time (0.5 FTE) School Reading Specialist for Basic Skills Instruction in the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year, at a salary of \$28,234.00, prorated, equal to MA, Step 1, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools and that criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Mrs. Wig moved with a second by Mr. Midgett that B.4 be approved:

4. Recommend ratification of approval for the teachers who modified the following curriculum as per the PTEA contract, [as per the attached list](#):

Discussion: Mrs. Soles explained that this is a list of teachers that have worked tirelessly to enhance our curriculum.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

- C. Policy
- D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements
- E. Other Motions

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

1. Recommend that the Board approve the Curricula, Programs and Services, which were designed to specifically align with the most recent State Board adopted version of the NJCCCS and NJCCSS, [as per the attached](#):
2. Recommend approval of the [attached job descriptions](#):
3. Recommend approval of the attached Plumsted Township School District Five Year Curriculum Plan (2014-2019), [as per the attached](#):
4. Recommend approval of the 2014-2015 Plumsted Township School District Goals as follows:

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Discussion: Mrs. Soles explained that the Board is being asked to vote on curriculum that has been realigned for the Common Core and that the jobs descriptions have been reworked and reworded. She also commented on the Board Goals and the Five Year Curriculum plan.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

JoAnn Dempsey, 8 Ashley Drive, New Egypt, NJ – expressed her concerns about athletic uniforms and the athletic budget.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Probasco expressed his concerns with the AB schedule.

Mrs. Bilenker responded that Mr. Mosley will be setting up meetings with other districts for staff to visit and discuss AB schedule concerns.

Mrs. Soles responded that she thinks this is a great idea.

Glenn Knigge expressed his concerns with the AB schedule.

Mr. Midgett explained that they are moving forward with the AB schedule.

Mrs. Potter commented on the AB schedule.

Mrs. Bilenker responded that Mr. Mosley is aware of the timelines.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS - None

Mr. Midgett made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Probasco, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary