

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 5, 2015  
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 7:30 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 disseminated to the Asbury Park Press and The Trenton Times on Tuesday, April 28, 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	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Mrs. Wig	Present
Mr. Witham	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the special public meeting agenda for May 5, 2015.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VII. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

May 13, 2015  
June 10, 2015  
July 8, 2015  
August 26, 2015

September 9, 2015  
October 14, 2015  
November 18, 2015  
December 9, 2015  
January 6, 2016 (Reorganization Meeting)

VIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

IX. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS - None

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS - None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

XII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

A. 2015-2016 Budget presented by Mrs. Stephanie Bilenker, Interim Superintendent and Mr. Sean Gately, Business Administrator

Mrs. Soles opened the meeting to a public hearing on the 2015-2016 Budget that was advertised in the Asbury Park Press on April 29, 2015. At the conclusion of the public hearing action will be taken.

The following individuals commented on the 2015-2016 Budget, to which members of the Board and administration responded accordingly.

Jessica Sibert, 26 Brown Lane, New Egypt, NJ  
Kristine Romano, 821 Rte 539, New Egypt, NJ  
Arlene Samuelson, 205 Devon Road, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Craig Goldberg, 118 Bobbi's Terrace, New Egypt, NJ  
Lyndsay Infante, 869 Rte 539, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Mike Haddock, 24 Cherry Tree Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Tony O'Donnell, 21 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt, NJ  
Rich Brevogel, 35 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ  
Kristine Romano, 821 Rte 539, New Egypt, NJ  
Mike Haddock, 24 Cherry Tree Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ  
Craig Goldberg, 118 Bobbi's Terrace, New Egypt, NJ

XIII. 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. Witham that A.1 – A.3 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the establishment of a Legal Reserve Account – Impact Aid in the amount of \$946,328.00.
2. Recommend adoption of the budget for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

General Fund Budget:	\$24,173,238
General Fund Tax levy:	\$10,519,408
Special Revenue Fund Budget:	\$ 433,995
Debt Service Fund budget:	\$ 2,478,807
Debt Service Fund Tax Levy:	\$ 1,599,249

There should be raised for General Funds \$24,173,238 for the ensuing school year (2015-2016).

Resolved that the Plumsted Township Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increases costs of health benefits in the amount of \$192,278. The additional funds are included in the base budget and will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefits.

- (a). Recommend approval of the 2015-2016 maximum travel as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 in the amount of \$45,000.00 and that the maximum amount established in the pre-budget year (2014-2015) was \$45,000.00, which includes year-to-date expenditures of \$37,489.45.
- (b). Recommend approval of the maximum dollar limit to be spent on public relations and professional services as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)1 in the amount of \$274,500.00, attached.
- (c). Recommend approval of the establishment of dollar thresholds for awards to recognize special accomplishments and establish a budget supported by general fund revenues for each category in a non-discriminatory manner (for example, football, boys soccer, girls soccer, student council, clubs), as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.8(c)2-3 in the amount of \$970,832.00, attached.

Resolved that the Plumsted Township Board of Education requests the approval a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$97,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for required maintenance expenses district-wide.

- 3. Recommend approval of a contract with Mercer County Special Services School District for tuition from May 7, 2015, through the end of the 2014-2015 school year for student number 203447, at a total cost of \$9,211.34.

Discussion: Mr. Midgett asked for a clarification of agenda A.2c. Mr. Gately responded that this is a requirement that the State has the district approve annually.

Mr. Probasco commented that the motion is misleading.

Mr. Gately explained this comes from the State for Boards to comply with the disclosure of funds.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

C. Policy

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

E. Other Motions

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

1. Recommend approval of the submission of the amended New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Short Term District Improvement Plan for the Plumsted Township School District.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Tony O'Donnell, 21 Kenyon Drive, New Egypt, NJ – thanked the Board for supporting the budget, full day kindergarten program, and the extension of the interim superintendent. He also commented about the new program on sustainable schools in New Jersey.

XV. NEW BUSINESS – None

XVI. OLD BUSINESS – None

XVII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mr. Midgett thanked everyone involved with the budget.

Mrs. Wig thanked everyone involved with the NJQSAC.

Mrs. Septor thanked teachers for their service in appreciation of teacher week.

Mr. Midgett made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary