

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 15, 2021
6:00 p.m. Executive Session
7:30 p.m. Anticipated Public Session
NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

Vision Statement

“Unleashing Unlimited Opportunities . . . Empowering One Warrior At A Time!”

Mission Statement

The Plumsted Township School District shall inspire all students to realize their personal potential. A rich and challenging learning environment, in partnership with the community, will develop critical thinkers, lifelong learners and productive citizens in an emerging global society.

2021-2022 Board of Education Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education will continue to maintain transparent communication through various media platforms to highlight news district wide as well as inform the community of legally permissible topics/information at our monthly Board of Education meetings.*
2. *The Plumsted Board of Education will provide a safe, supportive learning environment which promotes self-worth and encourages productive contributions in a constantly evolving global society.*
3. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education will continue to ensure that reopening plans are followed, reviewed and revised as necessary all while following State and Federal Mandates and guidelines.*

2021-2022 District Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township School district will support students, teachers, and families with the process of teaching and learning as the district returns to full time in person instruction. The administrative team will work collaboratively with professional staff, the Board of Education and the Plumsted Township Community to the best of our abilities to pivot as needed to continue this support in this fluid situation as it changes and evolves while striving to meet the diverse needs of our students.*
2. *Plumsted Township School District will implement the final year of the 2017-2022 strategic plan while reflecting and assessing throughout the year. The superintendent, central office, and building administration will work in conjunction with consolidated strategic planning committees with a refocused dedication to promoting the District brand internally and externally. The Board of Education and administration will use the data gathered throughout the year to make decisions for future next steps.*

Board of Education approval October 13, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Burnett, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:03 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. 2020-1, 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

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| Mrs. Soles | Absent (arrived at the meeting at 6:48 p.m.) |
| Mr. Burnett | Present |
| Mr. Kudrick | Absent (arrived at the meeting at 6:08 p.m.) |
| Mrs. Potter | Present |
| Mrs. Sempervive | Present |
| Mrs. Septor | Present |
| Mr. Witham | Present |

ALSO PRESENT

- Mrs. Halperin-Krain, Superintendent
- Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- Mr. Tedeschi, Board Attorney

Mrs. Septor made a motion to go into executive session at 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective negotiations, COVID-19 Impact, student matters and personnel.
Seconded by Mr. Witham, 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. Sempervive made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:38 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Burnett, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

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| Mrs. Soles | Present |
| Mr. Burnett | Present |
| Mr. Kudrick | Present |
| Mrs. Potter | Present |
| Mrs. Sempervive | Present |
| Mrs. Septor | Present |
| Mr. Witham | Present |

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Halperin-Krain, Superintendent
 Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Mr. Tedeschi, Board Attorney

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mrs. Sempervive that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for December 15, 2021.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Sempervive,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kudrick moved with a second by Mr. Burnett that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on November 17, 2021.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Kudrick, Mr. Burnett,
Mrs. Potter, Mr. Witham,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

Abstain

Mrs. Sempervive, Mrs. Septor

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

January 5, 2022 (reorganization meeting)

B. [Student Enrollment](#)

C. [Fire/Drill/School Security Drills](#)

D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Witham gave an update on the Budget & Finance Committee meeting.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Megan Normile and Nicholas Surdo, Student Representatives, commented on the following:

Elementary School

Rockin' Warriors of the Week

Rockin' Warriors of the Month

Rockin' Teachers of the Month

Holiday Shop for Students

Mr. Therien, Principal last day is December 23, 2021

Book Fair

2nd Grade Polar Express Day - December 17th

Second Grade Santa Visit - Google Meet

Gingerbread Building

Middle School

World of Difference Winners

Students of the Month

Heroes & Cool Kids

NEHS Academies Q & A

8th Grade Holiday Outreach

Band Concert

Student quote about an event: "I was happy to see my Heroes and Cool Kids group again"

High School

Winter Sports

Heroes and Cool Kids

November Students of the Month

Ocean County Vocational Technical School present to sophomores and juniors

Band Concert - November 30th

Great American Smoke Out

Rock Paper Scissors Tournament

Warrior Way Shop

Business Academy – Ginger Bread Houses

South Jersey Singles Classic

Engineering Academy Pumpkin Launch

Student quote about an event: "We're loading our trebuchet with 400 lbs. of counterweight, we have an 11 foot arm, and will launch the pumpkin a mile"

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Mrs. Halperin-Krain, Superintendent, commented on the following:

Thanked the student representatives for sharing information that is going on in our schools.
Thanked Mr. Witham, Mrs. Sempervive and Mr. Kudrick for their time on the board.
Wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Healthy New Year

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

A. Recognition of the retirement of Walter Therien

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

Mr. Witham moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that A.1 - A.10 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for December 15, 2021, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for December 15, 2021, which required handwritten checks after the November 17, 2021, Board of Education meeting. Bills and claims list were approved, and were examined by the members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
3. Recommend ratification of the transferring of funds, for the period ending October 31, 2021.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending October 31, 2021, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending October 31, 2021.
5. Recommend approval that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of October 31, 2021, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.
6. Recommend approval that the Plumsted Township Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, certifies that as of October 31, 2021, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
7. Recommend approval of an agreement with Beth Newman, Consultant, to provide Bridges Support training for grades 4-5 teachers, during the remaining 2021-2022 school year, at the rate of \$100.00 per session, for ten (10) sessions, not to exceed \$1,000.00.
8. Recommend approval of Jennifer Wierski, Consultant, as a Certified Learning Disabilities Teacher to perform Learning Evaluations and attend IEP meetings, as needed, during the 2021-2022 school year.

9. Recommend approval of a contract with Battleground Country Club and New Egypt High School for the Junior/Senior Prom on June 2, 2023, at no cost to the Board of Education.
10. Recommend approval of a grant application for the Holocaust and Genocide Teacher Education through Rider College in the amount of \$400.00.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Witham, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Sempervive, Mr. Burnett,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mrs. Sempervive that B.1 - B.9:

1. Recommend ratification of acceptance of the resignation of Julie Quattrone, Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, with regrets.
2. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Matthew Carroll, Social Studies teacher, at the New Egypt High School, effective on or before February 4, 2022, with regrets.
3. Recommend ratification of approval of a Medical/FMLA leave of absence for Scott Rodriguez, District Maintenance:

| <u>LEAVE</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>THROUGH</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Medical with pay, with benefits (utilizing 41 sick days) | September 28, 2021 | November 24, 2021 |

4. Recommend ratification of approval of a NJFLA leave of absence for Ellen Taylor, Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

| <u>LEAVE</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>THROUGH</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| NJFLA without pay, with benefits | November 30, 2021 | February 22, 2022 |

5. Recommend approval of Theresa Levi, as a Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective December 16, 2021, at a salary of \$20,337.00, equal to Paraprofessional Step 11, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
6. Recommend approval of Christine Rowland, as a Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective on or before January 30, 2022, at a salary of \$20,337.00, equal to Paraprofessional Step 11, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

7. Recommend ratification of approval for the District nurses(s) to provide additional after hours contact tracing, [as per the attached list](#):
8. Recommend ratification of approval of the extra-curricular staff for the 2021-2022 school year, [as per the attached list](#):
9. Recommend approval of an additional district interpreter for the 2021-2022 school year, [as per the attached list](#):

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mrs. Sempervive,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

C. Policy

Mrs. Potter moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that C.1 - C.5 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 5533, Student Smoking.
2. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 5751, Sexual Harassment of Students.
3. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 5751, Sexual Harassment of Students.
4. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 2431.3](#), Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation For School-Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities.
5. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 3134](#), Assignment of Extra Duties.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Septor,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Sempervive,
Mr. Witham, Mr. Burnett,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Mr. Witham that D.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Witham,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Sempervive, Mrs. Septor,
Mrs. Soles

No

None

E. Other Motion

Mrs. Sempervive moved with a second by Mr. Burnett that E.1 - E.6 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on December 15, 2021, by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend approval for the Council of Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey to provide a presentation on the dangers of internet gambling, gambling addiction, and treatment to the students at New Egypt High School health classes, at no cost to the Board of Education.
3. Recommend approval of John Morello, to provide a performance called "DIRT" on drug and alcohol prevention for New Egypt High School students on or about June 3, 2022, at a total cost of \$2,500.00, and at no cost to the Board of Education
4. Recommend approval for New Egypt Middle School and New Egypt High School students to attend a county Youth Prevention Coalition (YPC) convention on or about May, 2022, at a total transportation cost of \$660.00, and at no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Recommend approval of staff to receive tuition reimbursement in the amount of \$225.00 per credit, pending receipt of a grade of "B" or better and proof of payment pending the availability of funds, as per the PTEA Collective Bargaining Agreement, [as per the attached:](#)
6. Recommend approval for the Board of Education to award the following Barnes & Noble gift cards to the New Egypt High School graduates:
 - \$100.00 High School Most Improved Award
 - \$100.00 High School Academic Excellence Award
 - \$500.00 Friend of Education Award

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Sempervive, Mr. Burnett,
Mr. Kudrick, Mrs. Potter,
Mrs. Septor, Mr. Witham,
Mrs. Soles (with the exception of E.5)

No

None

Abstain

Mrs. Soles (abstained on E.5)

F. Facilities - None

G. Field Trips - None

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Kevin English, teacher, commented on the PTEA contract.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

A. DRAFT Resolution No. 1, Board Meetings

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Septor wished Mr. Therien the best on his retirement.

Mrs. Septor wished the best to Mr. Witham, Mrs. Sempervive and Mr. Kudrick.

Mrs. Sempervive wished Mr. Therien the best on his retirement.

Mrs. Sempervive thanked everyone.

Mrs. Potter thanked Mr. Therien for all he has done.

Mrs. Soles congratulated the athletes on their signing day.

Mrs. Soles thanked Mr. Witham, Mrs. Sempervive and Mr. Kudrick for their time on the Board.

Mrs. Soles wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

Mrs. Septor made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Witham, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary