

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 9, 2022  
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

Mrs. Septor, 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. 2021-1, 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

Mrs. Soles	Absent (arrived at the meeting at 6:36 p.m.)
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Burnett	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

Administer the Oath of Office

Mr. Gately, Board Secretary, administered the oath of office to Dr. Giardina.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to go into executive session at 6:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective negotiations and student matters.

Seconded by Mrs. Potter, 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. Soles arrived at the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Mr. Burnett left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Septor made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:55 p.m.  
Seconded by Mrs. Potter, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Soles	Present
Mrs. Septor	Present
Mr. Burnett	Absent
Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Potter moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that VII.A be approved:

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for February 9, 2022.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Septor, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles,
No	None
Absent	Mr. Burnett

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Potter moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that VIII.A and VIII.B be approved:

- A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on December 15, 2021.
- B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the reorganization meeting on January 5, 2022.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Septor,  
Mrs. Raywood (with the exception of VIII.A)  
Mrs. Soles  
None  
Mr. Burnett  
Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Raywood (abstained on VIII.A)

No

Absent

Abstain

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

March 9, 2022

April 13, 2022

May 11, 2022

June 8, 2022

July 13, 2022

August 17, 2022

September 14, 2022

October 12, 2022

November 16, 2022

December 14, 2022

January 4, 2023 (reorganization meeting)

B. [Student Enrollment](#)

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

D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Nicholas Surdo, Student Representative, commented on the following:

Elementary School

Heart of a Warrior Recipients  
Rockin' Warriors of the Month  
Rockin' Warriors of the Week  
Black History Month  
Rockin' Teachers of the Month  
Yearbook Cover Winners  
Calm Down Kits  
Donations from the PBA

Middle School

DART Coalition  
Heart of a Warrior Recipients  
World of Difference Winners  
Students of the Month  
Principal's Roundtable  
Student Council

High School  
Second Semester  
Junior Post High School Planning Meetings  
Heart of a Warrior Recipients  
WOBM Student of the Week  
Bandana Day  
Girls Bowling  
A Coach for All Seasons  
January Students of the Month  
Heart of a Warrior - January  
Academy Applications

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

HIB Report  
COVID-19 Update

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. 2022-2023 Budget Update
- B. Start Strong

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Megan Fisher, 20 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ - asked for clarification on COVID and quarantining.

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

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

A. Finance Motions

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

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for February 9, 2022, 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 9, 2022, which required handwritten checks after the January 6, 2022, 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 December 31, 2021.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending December 31, 2021, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending December 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 December 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 December 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 ratification of approval of the bus route for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Recommend ratification of approval of a transportation jointure with Upper Freehold Regional School District (Host) and the Plumsted Township School District (Joiner) to provide transportation services for the 2021-2022 school year, at a cost of \$45,373.70.
9. Recommend ratification of approval of a contract with Y.A.L.E. School North II, Inc. for tuition from November 1, 2021 through June 17, 2022, for student number 320018, at a total cost of \$67,270.48.
10. Recommend approval of the carryover from the ESEA consolidated grant for the 2020-2021 application year as follows:

Title I:	\$136,833.60
Title II:	\$21,833.00

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Potter, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles
No	None
Absent	Mr. Burnett

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Potter moved with a second by Mrs. Septor that B.1 - B.17 be approved:

1. Recommend ratification of acceptance of the resignation of Carolyn Santoro, as the New Egypt High School Stage Director, effective January 19, 2022.
2. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Susan Watters, Mathematics teacher, at the New Egypt High School and New Egypt Middle School, effective January 31, 2022, with regrets.
3. Recommend ratification of approval of an FMLA leave of absence for Lisa Goff, Paraprofessional at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
FMLA without pay, with benefits	January 15, 2022	February 14, 2022

4. Recommend ratification of approval of a Medical leave of absence for Kenneth Evanko, District Technician:

<u>LEAVE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>THROUGH</u>
Medical with pay, with benefits utilizing 19 days	February 4, 2022	March 4, 2022

5. Recommend approval of a Medical/NJFLA leave of absence for Alyson Romei, Special Education teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

<b><u>LEAVE</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>THROUGH</u></b>
Medical with pay, with benefits utilizing 19 days	March 28, 2022	April 29, 2022
NJFLA without pay, with benefits	May 2, 2022	October 7, 2022

6. Recommend approval of a Medical/NJFLA leave of absence for Tara Richards, Mathematics teacher at the New Egypt High School:

<b><u>LEAVE</u></b>	<b><u>FROM</u></b>	<b><u>THROUGH</u></b>
Medical With pay, with benefits utilizing 56 sick days	February 22, 2022	May 18, 2022
NJFLA without pay, with benefits	May 19, 2022	October 28, 2022

7. Recommend approval of Christine Marcario, as a English teacher at the New Egypt Middle School, effective on or before March 1, 2022, at a salary of \$68,685.00, prorated, equal to MA Step 10, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
8. Recommend approval of Jennifer Hope, as a Special Education teacher, at the New Egypt Middle School, effective on or before April 11, 2022, at a salary of \$58,982.00, prorated, equal to BA Step 5, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
9. Recommend approval of Vanessa Cassandra, as a Basic Skills teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective February 10, 2022, at a salary of \$56,482.00, prorated, equal to BA Step 1, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.
10. Recommend approval of Nicole Mariano, as a School Social Worker, effective February 11, 2022 through the last day of the 2021-2022 school year, at the rate of \$45.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours weekly, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
11. Recommend approval of Myra Slachetka, as a District Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, to work/participate in IEP meetings, on an as needed basis, pending the successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.
12. Recommend approval of Barbara Bronstin, as a District Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant at the rate of \$55.00 per hour, to work/participate in IEP meetings, on an as needed basis, pending the successful

completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools, and that the criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with the law.

13. Recommend ratification of approval of New Egypt High School staff to teach an additional 80 minutes per day, beyond their contractual time, in accordance with the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreements, [as per the attached list:](#)
14. Recommend ratification of approval to compensate staff members that are providing Afterschool Academic Achievers Support at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School and New Egypt Middle School during the 2021-2022 school year, funded by the 2021-2022 ESSA Title I grant, [as per the attached list:](#)
15. Recommend approval of the staff stipend positions for the 2021-2022 school year, [as per the attached list:](#)
16. Recommend approval of the spring sports stipend positions for the 2021-2022 school year, [as per the attached list:](#)
17. Recommend approval of the following district appointments for the 2021-2022 school year:

- a. Title IX Coordinator: Richard DeMarco

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Septor,  
Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles (with the exception of B.13 & B.16)

No

None

Absent

Mr. Burnett

Abstain

Mrs. Soles (abstained on B.13 & B.16)

C. Policy

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Potter that D.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Potter,  
Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles

No

None

Absent

Mr. Burnett

E. Other Motion

Mrs. Soles amended E.2, 2022-2023 District School Calendar.

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Potter that E.1 - E.6 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on February 9, 2022, by the Board of Education.



2. Recommend approval of the 2022-2023 District School Calendar, [as per the attached:](#)
3. Recommend approval of the ELL Three-Year Plan.
4. Recommend approval of student observers/interns and their assignments, [as per the attached list:](#)
5. Recommend approval of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School students, to participate in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge.
6. Recommend approval of a Settlement Agreement with the parents of student number 320386 and authorize signing of required documents by appropriate Board of Education representatives.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Potter, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles
No	None
Absent	Mr. Burnett

F. Facilities

G. Field Trips

Mrs. Septor moved with a second by Mrs. Potter that G.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Septor, Mrs. Potter, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Soles
No	None
Absent	Mr. Burnett

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Marissa, Oakwood Drive, New Egypt, NJ - concerned about assessment.

Deanna Tedesco, 1 Maple Ave, New Egypt, NJ - commented on the budget and teachers.

Kerri Rotundo, 44 Hopkins Road, New Egypt, NJ - commented on the budget.

Tasha Fernandez, Bunting Bridge Road, New Egypt, NJ - commented on the teachers and their contract.

Morgan Peterson, Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ - commented on the teachers and welcomed new Board members.

Mike Hladik, Cherry Tree Lane, Cream Ridge, NJ - commented on the teachers' contract and keeping students.

Michelle Baustista, 26 Oak Lane, New Egypt, NJ - commented on Summit, loss of teachers and students.

Phil Curry, 8 Hawkin Road, New Egypt, NJ - asked about the renewal of the security contract.

Heidi Spencer, 25 Oak Lane, New Egypt, NJ - asked about the Summit program.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consolidation Grant

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Septor made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m.  
Seconded by Mrs. Potter, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary