

Minutes  
PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 14, 2022

6:00 p.m. Executive Session  
7:00 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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education will continue to maintain transparent communication through various media platforms to highlight news districtwide as well as inform the community of legally permissible topics/information at monthly Board of Education meetings.*
2. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education supports the implementation of targeted professional development to address ways to reduce the number of out of district placements for students with special needs, vertical articulation across grade levels to promote cohesion within the curriculum, and personalized learning opportunities that promote increased college and career readiness and student/teacher retention.*
3. *The Plumsted Township Board of Education supports the implementation of a district five-year strategic plan aimed at teacher retention and appreciation and providing a safe, supportive learning environment that promotes self-worth and encourages productive contributions in a constantly evolving global society. The Superintendent will develop strategic planning committees who will work cohesively with the Board of Education to provide regular comprehensive updates. Prior to the start of Year 5 initiatives and strategies a thorough review and evaluation of Year 4 outcomes will be conducted with the Board of Education and District Stakeholders.*

2022-2023 District Goals

1. *The Plumsted Township School District will create and begin the implementation of a New Teacher Academy to support and retain new teachers. These four year cohorts will be designed to offer targeted training and professional learning to foster growth and collaboration among new teachers with the guidance of master teachers and administration.*
2. *The Plumsted Township School District will establish three community committees and host three meetings over the course of the 2022-2023 school year to engage an array of stakeholders in collaborating on district initiatives:*
  - *Equity Committee*
  - *Curriculum Committee*
  - *Success, Recognition and Promotion Committee*
3. *The Plumsted Township School District will support staff and expand expertise in data analysis and implementation of differentiated instruction to facilitate student learning and mastery of New Jersey Learning Standards while increasing NJSLA results.*

*Board of Education approval October 12, 2022*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Septor, President, called 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. Septor	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Present
Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mrs. Molnar	Absent (arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m.)
Mrs. Raywood	Absent (arrived at the meeting at 6:15 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Burnett made a motion to go into executive session at 6:04 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and Attorney/Client privilege.  
Seconded by Dr. Giardina, 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. Burnett made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:01 p.m.

Seconded by Dr. Giardina, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Septor	Present
Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Present
Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mrs. Molnar	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for December 14, 2022.

Roll Call

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

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Dr. Giardina, that VIII.A be approved:

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on November 16, 2022.

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Burnett, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter
No	None
Abstain	Mrs. Molnar, Mrs. Septor

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

January 4, 2023 (reorganization meeting)

B. [Student Enrollment](#)

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

D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Halperin-Krain gave an update on the 21st Century Curriculum Committee Meeting.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Dane Chamberlain, Student Representative and Assistant, commented on the following:

High School

Climate Survey

Middle School

Door Decorating Contest

Pep Rally

Snack Shack

Winter Concert

Elementary School

Holiday Highlights

PreSchool Popcorn Zoo Trip

Kindness Assembly

Upcoming Polar Express Day

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

- HIB Investigation Report
- Climate Survey-open for students grades 3-12, parents, and staff
- January 5, 2023, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office will present an evening for parents, on Cyber Safety for Children

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

A. Recognition of Board Members

Leslie Septor - Mrs. Halperin-Krain, Superintendent, thanked Mrs. Septor for her time and service to our schools.

Andrea Molnar - Mrs. Halperin-Krain, Superintendent, thanked Mrs. Molnar for her time on the Board.

B. 2022 NJGPA [Presentation](#)

Mrs. Halperin-Krain spoke on the test scores from spring of 2022, and using the data for our curriculum and standards.

- C. Presentation - 2023-2024 Application for State School Aid (ASSA)  
Mr. Gately, Business Administrator/Board Secretary spoke on the application for School State Aid and how the process works, and impacts our funding.

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

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Burnett that A.1 - A.6 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for December 14, 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 December 14, 2022, which required handwritten checks after the November 16, 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 October 31, 2022.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary’s Report for the period ending October 31, 2022, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending October 31, 2022.
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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mr. Burnett,  
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Molnar,  
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Raywood moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that B.1 - B.11 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of Elizabeth Young, as a School Psychologist, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective on or before February 16, 2022 , at a salary of \$82,818.00, equal to MA+30, Step 16, 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.

2. Recommend approval of Leah Fickenscher, as a Non-Tenured LOA Track Position, K-2 Self-Contained Teacher, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective January 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023, at a salary of \$57,693.00, BA Step 1, 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.
3. Recommend approval of Carol Rouski, as a PreK Self Contained Teacher , at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective January 3, 2023, at a salary of \$57,993.00, BA Step 2, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.
4. Recommend approval of Michael Baccoli, as a Bus Driver, for Plumsted Township Schools, effective January 4, 2023, at a rate of \$22.50 per hour, 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.
5. Recommend approval to rescind the approval of Cameryn Cimirro as a Long Term Sub, for a Self Contained classroom at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective on or before December 19, 2022, at a salary of \$59,693.00, equal to MA Step 1, of the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.
6. Recommend approval of the extra-curricular staff for the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached:](#)
7. Recommend approval to compensate staff members to provide Afterschool Academic Achievers Support at the Dr. Gerald H. Elementary School during the 2022-2023 school year, funded by the 2022-2023 ESSA Title I grant, [as per the attached:](#)
8. Recommend approval of the New Egypt Extended Day (NEED) staff rates of pay, effective January 1, 2023, [as per the attached:](#)
9. Recommend ratification of approval of the 2022-2023 renewal of non-affiliated staff and salary change for the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached:](#)
10. Recommend approval of certified staff position and/or building transfers for the 2022-2023 school year, effective January 3, 2023, [as per the attached:](#)
11. Recommend approval to fulfill the District mentor-mentee requirements, [as per the attached:](#)

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Raywood, Dr. Giardina,  
Mr. Burnett, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Molnar, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

No

None

C. Policy - None

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that D1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Dr. Giardina,  
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Molnar,  
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

No

None

E. Other Motion

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that E.1 - E.6 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on December 14, 2022 , by the Board of Education.
2. 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
3. Recommend approval of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School drama production of “Enchanted Bookshop”, to be held on March 24, 2023 and March 25, 2023, at no cost to the Board of Education.
4. Recommend approval of Dan Duddy a motivational speaker to provide an assembly on drug and alcohol prevention for high school students on June 2, 2022, at a cost of \$500.00.
5. Recommend acceptance of an anonymous donation of a “Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener”, valued at \$7,199.99.
6. Recommend approval to approval to apply for the Healing Center Engagement Model Project Grant through NJPSA.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood,  
Mr. Burnett, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Molnar, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

Mr. Supsie, Board Attorney read in motion E.7

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that E.7 be approved:

7. Recommend that the Plumsted Township Board of Education approve a sidebar agreement with the Plumsted Township Education Association.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Dr. Giardina,  
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

No

None

Abstain

Mrs. Molnar, Mrs. Raywood

F. Facilities - None

G. Field Trips

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that G.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood,  
Mr. Burnett, Mr. Goodman,  
Mrs. Molnar, Mrs. Potter,  
Mrs. Septor

No

None

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Mrs. Caines, 37 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533, spoke on homeschooled students not being able to participate in sports.

April Eder, 176 Brynmore Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533, spoke on smaller class sizes.

Kate Tallon, 53 Oak Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533, spoke on homeschoolers being able to participate in sports.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS - None

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS -

Mr. Burnett stated how much Mrs. Septor will be missed.

Mrs. Septor wished everyone a wonderful holiday.

XX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Burnett made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

Seconded by Dr. Giardina, Passed unanimously.

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Sean Gately

Business Administrator/Board Secretary