

Minutes

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2023
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. Potter, President, called the meeting to order at 6:07 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. 2022-1, 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. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Absent
Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mr. Meroney	Absent
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Absent (arrived at 6:52 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT

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

Dr. Giardina made a motion to go into executive session at 6:10 p.m. for the purpose of collective bargaining, student matters, and contracts.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, 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.

Dr. Giardina made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:10 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Goodman, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Absent
Dr. Giardina	Present
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mr. Meroney	Present
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Present

ALSO PRESENT

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

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

A. Recommend that the Board approve the regular meeting agenda for March 8, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes	Mrs. Raywood, Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Potter
No	

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the special meeting on February 2, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes	Dr. Giardina, Mr. Meroney, Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter
No	

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that VIII.B be approved:

B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on February 8, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes	Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood
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No

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

April 19, 2023	September 13, 2023
May 10, 2023	October 11, 2023
June 14, 2023	November 15, 2023
July 12, 2023	December 13, 2023
August 16, 2023	January 3, 2024 (reorganization meeting)

B. [Student Enrollment](#)

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

D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Raywood gave an update on the Policy Committee reviewing current policy number 2431.
Dr. Giardina spoke in regards to the committee reports not being added to the BOE members packets.
Mrs. Potter gave an update on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Dane Chamberlain, student representative, commented on the following:

Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary

Students got to Pie their Teachers for surpassing reading expectations

New Egypt Middle School

NEMS PTO will be hosting a volleyball tournament

Holding an American Heart Association week

Kickball tournament in April

New Egypt High School

Engineering and Communications Academy field trip to a Video production Studio

Drama Club finished their production of GREASE

National Honor Society had a clothing fundraiser

Business Academy supported AT Foundation

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

HIB Report

Production of Grease

Semi-Formal

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. Relay for Life New Egypt - Student Presenters
- B. 2023-2024 Budget - Sean Gately

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 Mrs. Raywood that A.1 - A.11 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for March 8, 2023, which have been examined by members of the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for March 8, 2023, which required handwritten checks after the February 8, 2023, 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 January 31, 2023.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending January 31, 2023, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending January 31, 2023.
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 January 31, 2023, 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 January 31, 2023, 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 a contract with The Arc, Ocean County Chapter, from March 14, 2023 through June 15, 2023, for student number 301270, at a cost of \$3,120.00.
8. Recommend approval of a proposal with Pyramid Model Consortium to provide online training modules to 4 PreK teachers during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$196.00.
9. Recommend approval of an agreement between Richmond Tours and the New Egypt High School for the Senior trip to Villa Roma Spring, Callicoon, NY on May 8, 2023 through May 9, 2023, paid by the Class of 2023, and at no cost to the Board of Education.

10. Recommend acceptance of bids received on March 1, 2023, bid number 2023-05 student transportation services to and from school, effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 school year, as follows:

Company	Tier/Route or Route Only	Per Diem Route Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Adjustment for Mileage Increase/Decrease
GST Transport Corp.	E09	\$178.00	\$0.00	\$1.95

11. Recommend award of bids to GST Transport to provide student transportation services to and from school, per bid number 2023-04, effective March 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 school year, as follows:

Company	Tier/Route or Route Only	Per Diem Route Cost	Per Diem Aide Cost	Adjustment for Mileage Increase/Decrease
GST Transport Corp.	E09	\$178.00	\$0.00	\$1.95

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Potter

No

B. Personnel Motions

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that B.1 - B.8 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of a Medical/NJFLA leave of absence for Stefania Watts, Teacher at the New Egypt High School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
Medical with pay, with benefits	April 19, 2023	May 3, 2023
NJFLA without pay, with benefits	May 8, 2023	October 13, 2023

2. Recommend ratification of approval of a Medical/FMLA leave of absence for Donna Preston, Special Education Teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
Medical with pay, with benefits	February 21, 2023	February 27, 2023
FMLA without pay, with benefits	February 28, 2023	March 31, 2023

3. Recommend approval of the spring sports stipends for the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached](#):
4. Recommend approval of a Bus Aide for one (1) student for the 2022-2023 school year, at the rate of \$25.00 per hour, [as per the attached](#):
5. Recommend approval to compensate staff members to participate in the Title III Parent Advisory Night on May 17, 2023, at the non-instructional rate of \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed two (2) hours per session, [as per the attached](#):

6. Recommend approval for certified staff at the New Egypt High School to provide homebound instruction to students during the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached](#).
7. Recommend approval of additional New Egypt Extended Day (NEED) staff and their rates of pay, effective March 9, 2023, [as per the attached](#).
8. Recommend approval of the Community Education Staff and Courses, for the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached](#).

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,
Mr. Meroney, Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

C. Policy

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that C.1 - C.12 be approved:

1. Recommend approval to update [Policy 3212](#), Attendance, (Teaching Staff Members)
2. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 0152](#), Board Officers, (Bylaws)
3. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 0161](#), Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation, (Bylaws)
4. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 0162](#), Notice of Board Meetings, (Bylaws)
5. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 2425](#), Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program, (Program)
6. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 5512](#), Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying, (Students)
7. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Policy 8140](#), Student Enrollments, (Operations)
8. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Regulation 2425](#), Emergency, Virtual, or Remote Instruction Program, (Program)
9. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Regulation 8140](#), Student Enrollments, (Operations)
10. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Regulation 8420.2](#), Bomb Threats, (Operations)
11. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Regulation 8420.7](#), Lockdown Procedures, (Operations)
12. Recommend approval of the second reading of [Regulation 8420.10](#), Active Shooter, (Operations)

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that D.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

E. Other Motion

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that E.1 - E.7 be approved:

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on March 8, 2023, by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend approval for student volunteers of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Chorus to perform at the New Egypt Speedway Opening Day Ceremonies, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on Sunday, April 16, 2023, prior to the New Egypt Quarter Midget races, at no cost to the Board of Education.
3. Recommend approval for student volunteers of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Chorus to perform at the New Egypt Baseball and Softball Opening Day Ceremonies, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on Saturday, April 22, 2023, prior to the New Egypt Baseball and Softball games, at no cost to the Board of Education.
4. Recommend approval for student volunteers of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Chorus to perform at the Lakewood Blue Claws Family Fun Day, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on Friday, May 19, 2023, prior to the Lakewood Blue Claws baseball game, at no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Recommend approval for student volunteers of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Chorus to perform at the Harlem Wizards PTO Event, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, prior to the Harlem Wizards basketball game, at no cost to the Board of Education.
6. Recommend approval for students of the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School Band and Chorus to perform the annual spring concert, under the guidance of Mr. Ken Beere, on Thursday, June 1, 2023.
7. Recommend approval for the students of the New Egypt Middle School to participate in the American Association Kickball Tournament Fundraiser, March 13, 2023 through April 6, 2023, at a cost of \$5.00 per student, and no cost to the Board of Education.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Morgan,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Goodman that E.8 be approved:

8. Recommend the approval for the termination of a long term suspension of student number 260719 effective March 8, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mr. Goodman,
Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood,
Mrs. Potter

Abstain

Mr. Meroney

No

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that E.9 be approved:

9. Recommend the approval of the continuation of a long term suspension of student number 280118 until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, currently scheduled for April 19, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mrs. Raywood,
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Morgan,
Mrs. Potter,

Abstain

Mr. Meroney

No

F. Facilities - None

G. Field Trips

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Meroney that G.1 be approved:

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

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood,,
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Potter

No

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Kerri Rotundo, 44 Hopkins Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke on the middle school suspension list and the HIB reports.

Mario Rotundo, 44 Hopkins Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke on the middle school suspension list.

Kathleen Caines, 37 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - concerned about staff member attending a homeschool event to post pre-school flyers.

Karen Lamport, 6 Harrison Court - questioned curriculum director position and curriculum review for homeschoolers.

Jason Caines, 37 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - prior to 2018 the district allowed homeschoolers to participate in athletics.

Brooklyn, 45 Brindletown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke in favor of homeschooling.
Cassie Crawford, 45 Brindletown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - please talk to homeschool parents in regards to making the policy work.
Jonathan Kisthart, 328 Millstream Road, Cream Ridge, NJ 08514 - student attends non-public school and questioned whether son could participate in athletics in the district.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Short break from 8:39 p.m. - 8:48 p.m.
Resumed with the Presentation at 8:49 p.m.

NJSBA Mini Retreat

Mary Ann Friedman presented the BOE Members Roles and Responsibilities training slides.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Dr. Giardina made a motion to adjourn at 10:08 p.m.
Seconded by Mrs. Morgan, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary