

MINUTES

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
April 19, 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, BOE 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. 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	Present
Dr. Giardina	Absent
Mr. Goodman	Present
Mr. Meroney	Absent
Mrs. Morgan	Present
Mrs. Raywood	Absent

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 6:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and student matters.
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 arrived at the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Mrs. Raywood arrived at the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Mr. Meroney arrived at the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:18 p.m.

Seconded by Dr. Giardina, passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Potter	Present
Mr. Burnett	Present
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 April 19, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mrs. Raywood, Dr. Giardina,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Burnett,
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 regular meeting on March 8, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Abstain

Mr. Burnett

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

- B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the special meeting on March 15, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

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)

September 13, 2023

- B. [Student Enrollment](#)

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

- D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

XII. SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None 8:00 p.m.

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.15 be approved:

- 1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for April 19, 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 April 19, 2023, which required handwritten checks after the March 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 February 28, 2023.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending February 28, 2023, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending February 28, 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 February 28, 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 February 28, 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 ratification of approval of a contract with Cambridge School for tuition from September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for student number 303369, per the settlement agreement approved February 9, 2022.
8. Recommend ratification of a quoted contract with GST Transport Corp. to provide student transportation services to and from school, per bid number QUOTE- GST PLQ, effective September 1, 2022 through March 3, 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

9. Recommend ratification of approval of an agreement with Prevention Specialist Inc. to provide drug testing as required by law for bus drivers, effective January 6, 2023 through January 5, 2024, at the following rates:

DOT Random Drug Test (on-site testing)	\$69.00 per test
DOT Random Drug Test (Secured Lab)	\$59.00 per test
DOT Alcohol Testing	\$40.00 per test
Administrative Fee	\$505.00 for the year

10. Recommend approval of a agreement with Liberty Lake for the NEMS Class of 2023 end of the year celebration, to be held on May 22, 2023, at a cost of \$3,822.00. The NEMS PTO is graciously paying half, with the remainder by the NEMS Class of 2023, at no cost to the Board of Education.
11. Recommend approval for the Center for Behavioral Health MD PA, to provide psychiatric and neuro-psychiatric evaluations during the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached fees.
12. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Tuition Schedule, as follows:

Preschool/K	\$13,084
Grade 1-5	\$15,951
Grade 6-8	\$14,696
Grade 9-12	\$17,775
Multiple Disabled	\$35,004
Preschool Disabled (Part-Time)	\$34,692
Preschool Disabled (Full-Time)	\$21,453

13. Recommend approval of a major amendment to the District's Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) as required by P.L. 2007, c. 137.
14. Recommend approval of resolution 2022-2023 No. 2, Audit
 - ACFR
 - AMR
 - Synopsis
15. Recommend that the Board of Education approve the application for Stabilization Aid in the amount of \$627,931 to retain staff as a result of the state aid reduction of \$951,411 for the 2022-2023 school year.

B. Personnel Motions

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

1. Recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Michelle Halperin-Krain, Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of retirement, effective July 31, 2023, with regrets.
2. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Fred Geardino, New Egypt High School Principal, effective June 30, 2023, with regrets.
3. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Alexander Quinn, Math teacher, at the New Egypt Middle And High Schools, effective June 30, 2023, with regrets.
4. Recommend acceptance of the retirement of Kathleen Donahue, Special Education teacher at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, effective June 30, 2023, with regrets.
5. Recommend the approval of the rescinding of Chelsea Sirico as a Middle School Girls Lacrosse Coach.

6. Recommend ratification of approval of an FMLA/ Medical leave of absence for Alyse Kreig, School Counselor at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School:

LEAVE	FROM	THROUGH
FMLA/Medical (utilizing 9 sick days)	March 28, 2023	April 17, 2023

7. Recommend ratification of 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 5, 2023

for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Burnett that E.3 be approved:

- 3. 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 May 10, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Abstain

Mr. Meroney

Mr. Burnett moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that E.4 be approved:

- 4. Recommend that the Board approve the application for ROD (Regular Operating District) grant funding to the NJDOE Office of School Facilities for all necessary approvals for school facilities Projects as follows:

- 1. Sanitary sewer connection at the New Egypt High School -State Project Number 29-4190
- 2. HVAC replacement at New Egypt High School - State Project Number 29-4190

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Mrs. Morgan moved with a second by Mr. Meroney that E.5 be approved:

- 5. Recommend that the Board establish an ad hoc committee to review the future of the Primary School building.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

Mrs. Morgan moved, there was no second.

6. Recommend that the Board approve a feasibility study for the District's regionalization and/or consolidation.

F. Facilities

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Morgan that F.1 - F.5 be approved:

1. Recommend approval to operate a State mandated Special Education Extended School Year (ESY) Program, effective July 10, 2023 through August 10, 2023, Monday - Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the New Egypt Middle School.
2. Recommend approval to operate an Extended School Year Basic Skills Summer Program, effective July 10, 2023 through August 10, 2023, Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the New Egypt Middle School.
3. Recommend approval to operate an Extended School Year ESL Summer School Program, effective July 10, 2023 through August 10, 2023, Monday - Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the New Egypt Middle School.
4. Recommend approval to operate the Summer Offerings Camps, pending student enrollment, at no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Recommend approval to operate the Warrior Day Camp, effective July 10, 2023 through August 20, 2023, at no cost to the Board of Education, pending enrollment.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

G. Field Trips

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

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

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Burnett, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Raywood,
Dr. Giardina, 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 HIB policy

Mrs. Tantom - brought up the transportation survey being unclear
Megan Fischer, 20 Huckleberry Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - Special services question in regards to different case worker each year
Ingrid Pizzalongo, 149 Brynmore Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - middle school HIB parent
Morgan Peterson, 44 Meadowbrook Lane, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke in regards to a bullying incident of student: gender identity confusion/communism/marxism/SEL/cameras in classrooms
Kerri Rotundo, 44 Hopkins Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - police overtime investigating HIB billable
Kathleen Caines, 37 Hemlock Drive, New Egypt, NJ 08533 - spoke on homeschooling and cited other districts (Brick and Manchester)
Lynn Pryzbylkoski, staff member - spoke against feasibility study - handout

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Dr. Giardina made a motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.
Seconded by Mr. Burnett, Passed unanimously.

Sean Gately
Business Administrator/Board Secretary