

Minutes
PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 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, Board 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

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| 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 student matters, personnel, PTAA contract and contracts.
Seconded by Mrs. Morgan, 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 6:15 p.m.
Mr. Meroney arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Mrs. Raywood arrived at the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Burnett Made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:07 p.m.
Seconded by Dr. Giardina, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

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| 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. Suspie, Board Attorney

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

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the reorganization meeting on January 4, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

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

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

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| March 8, 2023 | September 13, 2023 |
| April 19, 2023 | October 11, 2023 |
| May 10, 2023 | November 15, 2023 |
| June 14, 2023 | December 13, 2023 |
| July 12, 2023 | January 3, 2024 (reorganization meeting) |
| August 16, 2023 | |

B. [Student Enrollment](#)

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

D. [Suspension List](#)

X. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Halperin-Krain reported that on January 24, 2023 the Success, Recognition and Promotion Committee met. Feedback from the many students who were in attendance, such as recognizing the many positive things going on in the schools.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Dane Chamberlain, student representative, commented on the following:

Elementary School

Friendship week
Teacher's of the Month

Middle School

Heroes and Cool Kids
Sidekick Program
D.A.R.T.

High School

Capstone
Engineering Academy Apparel sale

XII. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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

HIB Investigations

Alyson Nechamkin, Director of Special Education, will host a SPED Parent's Night

President's Day School Closure

High School will be administering PSAT's

High School will be having a Winter Formal fundraiser

Grease the Musical will be held at the High School in March

Middle School will host a Volleyball fundraiser March 9th

The 2023-2024 District Calendar is on this agenda for approval
Congratulations to Peyton Arnold on breaking the school record for 3 points for Girl's Basketball
A statement with respect to Homeschool Students and Athletics, Policy 2431 Athletic Competition, will remain in effect.

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. Student Presenters - Relay for Life New Egypt -canceled
- B. Start Strong Fall 2022 - Mrs. Nesbihal and Mrs. Halperin-Krain presented.

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.19 be approved:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for February 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 February 8, 2023, which required handwritten checks after the January 4, 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 December 31, 2022.
4. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending December 31, 2022, and the Treasurer of School Monies Report, for the period ending December 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 December 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 December 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.
7. Recommend approval of a contract with Bright Harbor Healthcare for tuition from January 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023, for student number 280714, at a cost of \$36,376.57.
8. Recommend approval of a contract with Bright Harbor Healthcare for tuition from January 11, 2023 through June 30, 2023, for student number 203560, at a cost of \$34,374.19.

9. Recommend approval of a contract with East Mountain School, HMH, Carrier Clinic from January 17, 2023 through June 30, 2023, for student number 203217, at a cost of \$39,285.18.
10. Recommend approval of a contract with Brick Township Board of Education for tuition from November 29, 2022 through June 20, 2023, for student number 350650, at a prorated cost of \$13,755.00.
11. Recommend approval of a contract with Cambridge School for tuition from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for student number 320386, per the settlement agreement approved February 9, 2022.
12. Recommend approval of a contract with Cambridge School for tuition from September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, for student number 203369, per the settlement agreement approved February 9, 2022.
13. Recommend approval for Teaching Strategies to provide Creative Curriculum materials for the Pre-K program at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School during the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost of \$7,366.00.
14. Recommend ratification of approval to MOESC to award contracts to provide transportation January 3, 2023 through June 16, 2023, as per the attached:
15. Recommend approval of an agreement between Adventure Aquarium/Aramark and the New Egypt High School for the Junior/Senior Prom on May 23, 2024, at no cost to the Board of Education.
16. Recommend ratification of approval of Scoir, Inc., to provide account setup, configuration and user training for a software subscription for Cloud-Based College & Career Guidance Management System at New Egypt High School, effective February 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, in the amount of \$935.44.
17. Recommend approval of resolution No. 2, to Purchase Natural Gas Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS.
18. Recommend approval of resolution No. 3, to Purchase Electric Generation Services through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS.
19. Recommend approval for Aston Carter to provide staffing services for the business office from February 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023 not to exceed \$45.00 per hour.

Roll Call

Yes

Dr. Giardina, Mr. Burnett,
Mr. Goodman, Mr. Meroney,
Mrs. Morgan (with the exception of A.1 and A.15)
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

None

B. Personnel Motions

Mrs. Raywood moved with a second by Dr. Giardina that B.1 - B.9 be approved:

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

| <u>LEAVE</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>THROUGH</u> |
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| Medical | | |

with pay, with benefits April 17, 2023 May 3, 2023

NJFLA
without pay, with benefits May 4, 2023 October 13, 2023

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

| <u>LEAVE</u> | <u>FROM</u> | <u>THROUGH</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Medical with pay, with benefits | January 24, 2023 | February 16, 2023 |

- 3. Recommend approval of Carol Florio, as a Part time Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Business Administrator of the Plumsted Township School District, effective February 13, 2023, at the hourly rate of of \$36.00, not to exceed 20 hours per week, 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.
- 4. Recommend approval of Evelyn Steiger, as a Part time PreSchool Paraprofessional, at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School effective February 9, 2023, at a prorated salary of \$19,060.00, Paraprofessional Step 8, 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.
- 5. Recommend ratification of approval of district interpreters for the 2022-2023 school year, effective January 3, 2023, [as per the attached:](#)
- 6. Recommend ratification of approval to compensate staff members to participate in the Title III Parent Advisory Night’s on January 18, 2023 and May 5, 2023, at the non-instructional rate of \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed two (2) hours per session, [as per the attached:](#)
- 7. Recommend ratification of approval of certified staff position and/or building transfers for the 2022-2023 School year, effective January 30, 2023, [as per the attached:](#)
- 8. Recommend ratification of approval to compensate staff members to participate in New Teacher Academy meetings, after contractual hours, [as per the attached:](#)
- 9. Recommend approval for certified staff at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School to provide Homebound instruction services to students during the 2022-2023 school year, [as per the attached:](#)

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

C. Policy

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mrs. Raywood that C.1 - C.14 be approved:

- 1. Recommend approval to abolish Policy 1648.1, The Road Forward Covid 19 Health and Safety,

(Administration)

2. Recommend approval to abolish Policy 1648.13, School Employee Vaccination Requirements (Administration)
3. Recommend approval to update Policy 3212, Attendance, (Teaching Staff Members)
4. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 0152, Board Officers, (Bylaws)
5. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 0161, Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation, (Bylaws)
6. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 0162, Notice of Board Meetings, (Bylaws)
7. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 2425, Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program, (Program)
8. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 5512, Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying, (Students)
9. Recommend approval of the first reading of Policy 8140, Student Enrollments, (Operations)
10. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 2425, Emergency, Virtual, or Remote Instruction Program, (Program)
11. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 8140, Student Enrollments, (Operations)
12. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 8420.2, Bomb Threats, (Operations)
13. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 8420.7, Lockdown Procedures, (Operations)
14. Recommend approval of the first reading of Regulation 8420.10, Active Shooter, (Operations)

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Dr. Giardina moved with a second by Mr. Meroney to open Policy 2431 for reconsideration:

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

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

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

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

E. Other Motion

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

1. Recommend receipt of the HIB (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) Report on February 8, 2023 , by the Board of Education.
2. Recommend revision of the acceptance of an anonymous donation of a “Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener,” valued at \$9,146.83.
3. 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](#):
4. Recommend approval of Jenkinson’s Aquarium, to present a Penguin Pointers assembly on May 2, 2023 to the preschool and kindergarten students at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School, at a cost of \$500.00, with no cost to the Board of Education.
5. Recommend approval for A Partnership for Change, to host a presentation on March 21, 2023 for High School Freshman and Sophomores, on dating and self esteem, at no cost to the Board of Education.
6. Recommend approval of the 2023-2024 District School Calendar, [as per the attached](#):
7. Recommend approval for the continuation of the long term suspension of student 280118 until the next regularly scheduled board meeting, currently scheduled for March 8, 2023.
8. Recommend approval for the continuation of the long term suspension of student 260719 until the next regularly scheduled board meeting, currently scheduled for March 8, 2023.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Meroney, (with the exception of E.7 and E.8)
Dr. Giardina, Mr. Burnett,
Mr. Goodman, Mrs. Morgan
Mrs. Raywood, Mrs. Potter

No

None

F. Facilities- None

G. Field Trips

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

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

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Brooklyn Crawford, Student, spoke on homeschool students and sports.

Ambrosia Caines, Student, spoke on homeschool students and sports.

Aaron Crawford, 45 Brindletown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533. Parent of 2 homeschooled students and spoke on policies regarding homeschoolers and sports.

Casey Crawford, 45 Brindletown Road, New Egypt, NJ 08533. Spoke on NJSIAA email.

Brittany Stillwagon, 14 Fort Ave. New Egypt, NJ 08533. Not a homeschool parent, supporting Homeschool students.

Kathleen Caines, 37 Hemlock Dr. New Egypt, NJ 08533. Thanking the BOE for revisiting Policy 2431, and spoke on behalf of homeschool students.

April Brand, 176 Brynmore Rd. New Egypt, NJ 08533. A Christian Academy and NEES Parent. Spoke on behalf of homeschool students and sports.

Brianna, question of provisions to homeschool students and participating in sports.

Anthony, grandfather of a homeschooled student. Questioned difference between a vocational school students and homeschooled students.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gately presented the budget calendar, to highlight the budget process and deadline dates. March 8, 2023 is the next BOE meeting, and possible Special BOE meeting on March 15, 2023 to discuss the preliminary budget. A Special BOE meeting will be held on May 3, 2023 for the Budget Presentation.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Dr. Giardina made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Burnett, passed unanimously.

Sean Gately

Business Administrator/Board Secretary