

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 WORKSHOP MEETING
 January 13, 2010
 6:30 p.m. Executive Session
 NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Buckalew, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

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. 2009-1 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 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

Mr. Buckalew, President	Present
Mr. Miller, Vice President	Absent
Mr. Downs	Present
Mr. O'Donnell	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mr. Hauge	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Dr. DeMareo, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Gripp, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney	Present

Mr. Downs made a motion to go into executive session at 6:35 PM.
 Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Request resolution for Executive Session at this point in the meeting of the Plumsted Township Board of Education on January 13, 2010 for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 to 21) permits bodies to discuss certain matters in closed sessions, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has a need to hold a meeting on Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy issues; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4 – 6-21), 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. Downs made a motion to go out of executive session at 7:55 PM.
 Seconded by Mr. Hauge, Passed unanimously.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Buckalew, President	Present
Mr. Miller, Vice President	Absent
Mr. Downs	Present
Mr. O'Donnell	Present
Mrs. Soles	Present
Mr. Hauge	Present
Mr. Probasco	Present
Dr. DeMareo, Superintendent	Present
Mr. Gripp, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	Present
Mr. Stein, Board Attorney	Present

VI. FLAG SALUTE

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the workshop meeting agenda for January 13, 2010.
 Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Downs, Mrs. Soles, Mr. Hauge, Mr. Probasco, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Buckalew
No	None
Absent	Mr. Miller

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

Workshop meetings

February 10, 2010
March 17, 2010

Regular meetings

January 27, 2010
February 24, 2010
March 25, 2010 (Thursday) Public
Hearing on Budget
April 28, 2010 (Reorganization Meeting starts at
7:30 p.m.)

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. DeMareo stated Classroom Close-up will be visiting the New Egypt Primary School to tape a story entitled Young Leonardo's.

Dr. DeMareo commented that the New Egypt High School hosted a workshop for parents and students call Financial Aid 101: Demystifying the Process.

Dr. DeMareo commented the Guidance Department has begun a Grief Group.

Dr. DeMareo stated the Elementary School held a Parenting Workshop on "Bus Safety and Child Abduction Tips".

Dr. DeMareo stated Mrs. Brown presented on the topic of "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen, and Listen So Kids Will Talk".

Dr. DeMareo comment on the repeat program to be held on Thursday, January 21st at the Primary School.

Dr. DeMareo commented on the middle school sports teams.

Dr. DeMareo commented on the high school sports teams.

Dr. DeMareo gave an update on the dates and time of the committee meetings.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS (To be presented at Regular Meeting)

XII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS (To be presented at Regular Meeting)

XIII. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Gripp gave an update on the information he received pertaining to the estate of Dorothy Mount.

XIV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

A. Finance Motions

Mr. Probasco made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending November 30, 2009 and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the period ending November 30, 2009.

2. Recommend approval of resolution 2009-2010 No. 20, *authorize the project submission of the Auditorium Renovation Project at New Egypt High School.*
3. Recommend approval of resolution 2009-2010 No. 21, *authorize the project submission of the District Wide Security Upgrades.*
4. Recommend approval of an agreement with True Productions and New Egypt High School for prom portraits to be taken on June 4, 2010.
5. Recommend approval that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 – 2.12(c)3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of November 30, 2009, 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.S.A. 18A:22-8, 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:23-2.12(c)4 certifies that as of November 30, 2009, 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:23-2.12(c)4 I-VI and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Discussion: Mr. Hauge questioned agenda item A.2 stating he thought this was already approved at the last meeting.

Mr. Gripp stated Spiezele was approved to do the application for the ROD Grant and this is for the submission of the grant.

Mr. Probasco suggested our Tax ID Number be put on the form for agenda item A.4.

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Probasco, Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Soles, Mr. O’Donnell, Mr. Downs, Mr. Buckalew
No	None
Absent	Mr. Miller

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

7. Recommend approval of the submission of the Race to the Top (RTTT) Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education on behalf of the Plumsted Township Board of Education.
- Seconded by Mr. Probasco
- Discussion: Mr. Hauge asked if this locks us into the federal mandates of this grant.
- Mr. Gripp stated by submitting this will get us on the list. He stated this will not tie us into the grant.

Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Downs, Mr. Probasco, Mr. Hauge, Mr. O’Donnell, Mr. Buckalew
No	None
Absent	Mr. Miller
Abstain	Mrs. Soles

B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following as amended:

1. Recommend renewal of the following substitute teachers/paraprofessionals for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school at the rate of \$80.00/\$60.00 per day respectively, pending successful completion of the application process established by the Superintendent of Schools and criminal history clearance is obtained through the State of New Jersey in accordance with law:

Shannon Wilkins
 Maggie Bautista
 Jean DeSilvestri

2. Recommend ratification of approval of Kyle Emery as a substitute clerk for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$60.00 per day effective January 12, 2010.
3. Recommend approval of a tuition reimbursement for Megan Castro to take a Spring course at The College of NJ entitled "Correction and Remediation of Reading Difficulties" for 3 credits and be reimbursed at a per credit amount of \$225.00 per credit pending receipt of a grade of "B" or better, proof of payment and the availability of funds.
4. Recommend approval of a tuition reimbursement for Megan Castro to take a Spring course at The College of NJ entitled "Supervision and Administration of Reading Program" for 3 credits and be reimbursed at a per credit amount of \$225.00 per credit pending receipt of a grade of "B" or better, proof of payment and the availability of funds.
5. Recommend approval of Nelly Hughes and N. Scott Jacobs as District Language Interpreters effective immediately at a rate of \$18.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.
6. Recommend approval of a medical leave of absence for Carolyn Videla from March 22, 2010 – June 30, 2010 utilizing her accumulated sick days and an unpaid leave of absence from September 7, 2010 - December 7, 2010 as part of the NJFLA Family Leave Act for child rearing.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Discussion: Mrs. Soles questioned agenda item B.6 and asked if we posted for the position.

Dr. DeMareo stated as long as we received a letter from Ms. Videla.

Mrs. Soles questioned the NJFLA Leave.

Mr. Downs clarified the NJFLA Leave.

Mr. Probasco asked if we have more Spanish speaking parents.

Dr. DeMareo stated they are mostly translating and not interpreting.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Hauge,
 Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Soles,
 Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

C. Policy

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of staff members to attend professional development workshops/conferences.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mrs. Soles,
Mr. Hauge, Mr. Probasco,
Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

2. Recommend approval for Sandy Soles to take the NJSBA Governance I webinar at a cost of \$50.00.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Probasco, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

Abstain

Mrs. Soles

E. Other Motions

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend the following student teacher placement:

William Componile Rowan University - Secondary Health & Phys. Ed.

Cooperating Teacher: Kevin English from 3/15/2010 – 5/7/2010

2. Recommend acceptance of a donation, with appreciation, of a Tomato Chair to the district from a private citizen.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Discussion: Mr. Downs thanked the donor for the Tomato Chair.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Probasco,
Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Soles,
Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

F. Facilities

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of The American Cancer Society to use the New Egypt High School facilities on May 22, 2010 and May 23, 2010 for the annual Relay for Life.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Discussion: Mrs. Soles commented on the Relay for Life.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Probasco,
Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Soles,
Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

2. Recommend ratification of an application for the West Jersey Witches to use the middle school gym on Sundays from January 10 –March 21, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Probasco, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mr. Buckalew

No

None

Absent

Mr. Miller

Abstain

Mrs. Soles

G. Field Trips

1. Recommend approval of the following student field trips:

XV. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Carolann Miller stated she was hoping for monthly updates on the technology and auditorium spending. She also commented on having monthly updates on the four committees and the district budget.

Mrs. Soles asked Mrs. Miller if she was referring to the tasks force committees.

Carolann Miller stated "yes".

Mr. Hauge stated the Board gets an update every month for the Board to approve.

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hauge gave an update on District Finances.

Mr. Probasco gave an update on Policy related to curriculum.

XVII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hauge commented on the Task Force and open lines of communication with the PTEA.

XVIII. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Soles thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Mr. Probasco invited everyone to come to the upcoming Technology meeting.

Mr. Hauge wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Downs wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Buckalew wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mr. Downs made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles, Passed unanimously.

Frank E. Gripp III
Business Administrator/Board Secretary