

PLUMSTED TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REGULAR MEETING
 November 18, 2009
 6:30 p.m. Executive Session
 7:30 p.m. Public Session
 NEW EGYPT HIGH SCHOOL

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Miller, Vice 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. 2008-1 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	Absent
Mr. Miller, Vice President	Present
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 6:34 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 November 18, 2009 for the purpose of discussing personnel;

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.

V. ROLL CALL

Mr. Buckalew, President	Absent
Mr. Miller, Vice President	Present
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. Probasco made a motion to approve the regular meeting agenda for November 18, 2009.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

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

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hauge made a motion to approve the following:

- A. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the workshop meeting on October 7, 2009.

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- B. The minutes are presented for necessary correction and approval for the regular meeting on October 21, 2009.
Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

IX. DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

A. Board Meeting dates:

The remaining Board of Education meetings will be held:

Workshop meetings

January 13, 2010
February 10, 2010
March 17, 2010

Regular meetings

December 16, 2009
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 commented on the Fall accomplishments of our student athletes.

Dr. DeMareo stated he will be creating the following four (4) committees:

- Curriculum
- Communications
- Technology
- Budget

Dr. DeMareo commented on the upcoming Holiday Shopping Night.

Dr. DeMareo announced Mrs. Diane McMahon, K-12 Supervisor of Guidance will start in the district on Monday, November 23rd.

Mr. Gripp gave an update on District Goal #4.

XI. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Caitlin Francis, student representative, commented on the following:

Primary School

- Kinder-garden created in the backyard of the Primary School. Special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Herb Marinari of Big Woods Farm and Arbor Vision for their donations to the project.
- Month of November "Virtue of Gratitude."
- November 20th – Batty Bash
- November 23rd & 24th – Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mrs. Williams and Ms. Marsh sponsored a food drive to assist local families.
- Preschool students will be celebrating Thanksgiving with their very own classroom feast.

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- Kindergarten and first grade preparing their Native American and Pilgrim costumes.
- December 5th – PTO will hold their annual Holiday Extravaganza at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School.
- December 8th – picture make-up day at the primary school.
- December 13th – NEPS PTO sponsoring a Barnes & Noble fundraising event.

- December 18th – Kindergarten students will board the “Polar Express”.
- December 21st & 22nd – First grade classes are hosting a Gingerbread House Building event.
- December 23rd – Students will be celebrating in their classrooms with related activities.

Elementary School

- November 16th – American Education Week
- November 19th – “Make a Difference Night”, Alcohol Awareness Program
- November 20th – Second grade classes celebrating Pilgrim Day.
- November 23rd & 24th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 25th – Third grade classes will host “Thankful Day”.
- December 3rd – 5th grade Art Show.
- December 5th – PTO will hold their annual Holiday Extravaganza.
- December 12th – PTO sponsoring a Barnes & Noble fundraising
- December 15th – Winter Concert

Middle School

- Students of the month: 6th grade, Jennifer Rodriguez; 7th grade, Gavin Pritchard and 8th grade, Jon Scutellaro
- November 16th – American Education Week
- November 23rd & 24th – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- December 11th – 8th grade Grandparent Breakfast
- December 11th & 12th – Middle school performance of “Alice in Wonderland Jr.”
- December 17th – Band/Chorus will perform with the high school in the winter concert.
- Middle school fall sports season was successful.
- Thank you to the New Egypt community for all you do for our students.

High School

- Students of the month: 9th grade, Zach Rose; 10th grade, Teresa Tiedge; 11th grade, Dylan Wills and 12th grade, Melissa Galaz
- November 12th-15th – Model United Nations conference. Elizabeth Campbell won an award for writing the best position paper in her committee, United Nations Children’s Fund.
- Assembly held on “Dangers of Addiction” given by Nancy Joyce.
- November 15th – Fall Cheerleaders competed in the Burlington Township School Spirit Fest and place second in their division.
- November 29th – Fall Cheerleaders competing at Temple University.
- November 18th – Paraprofessional Day
- High school Peer Leaders continue their monthly outreaches to the freshmen class.
- Hero’s and Cool Kids program
- November 20th – Holiday Night
- November 25th – National Honor Society hosting a blood drive.

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- December 8th – OCVTS will be giving a presentation to sophomores in regard to vo-tech programs.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

XIII. PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS

- A. New Egypt High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony presented by Caitlyn Tilley
- B. Robert Burkhardt, Principal at Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary School presented the NJ ASK student achiever
- C. Differentiated Instruction Presentation by Administration

XIV. CORRESPONDENCE - none

XV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

- A. Finance Motions

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for November with the exception of PO #10-1917 in the amount of \$408.00, which have been examined by the Finance Committee prior to this meeting and are presented for approval.
2. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for October, which required hand written checks after the October bills and claims list was approved, which have been examined by the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
3. Recommend approval of all bills and claims for November, which required hand written check prior to the November bills and claims list being approved, which have been examined by the Finance Committee and are presented for approval.
4. Recommend ratification of the transferring of funds as attached.
5. Recommend approval of the Board Secretary's Report for the period ending October 31, 2009 and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the period ending October 31, 2009.
6. Recommend approval that Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23 – 2.12(c)3, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of October 31, 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.
7. 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 October 31, 2009, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator/Board

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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.

8. Recommended approval of a contract with the Ocean Academy for one student to attend the 2009 – 2010 school year at a total cost of \$41,761.80.

9. Recommend ratification of a contract with Upper Freehold Board of Education from September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$2,606.00 to provide transportation of Mercer County Vocational Fire School students from the Fire School to Allentown High School.
10. Recommend ratification of a jointure with Jackson Township Board of Education from September 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 in the amount of \$5,760.00 to provide transportation of students to the Ocean County Vo-tech MATES program route # 7457.

11. Recommend approval of resolution 2009-2010 No. 17, Submission of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Discussion: Mr. Hauge questioned agenda item A.8. Mr. Gripp stated the amount was for the school year.

Mr. O'Donnell commented on education funding and asked if the agenda items are actually essential. Mr. Gripp explained the agenda items under finance are in the budget area.

Mr. Probasco questioned agenda item A.9 and A10. Mr. Gripp explained that these were good alternatives for transportation.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

12. Recommend approval of PO#10-1917 in the amount of \$408.00.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Abstain

Mr. Miller

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

13. Recommend approval for Harry Miller, Board of Education Vice President to attend the NAFIS-Section 8002 Impact Aid Conference in San Diego, CA from January 8, 2010 - January 11, 2010 at an approximate cost of \$1,850.00.

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Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Discussion: Mr. O'Donnell asked Mr. Gripp if he was attending this conference. Mr. Gripp stated they have approval for three (3) members to go and not sure who will be able to attend. Mr. O'Donnell stated he will vote yes on this agenda item with the condition we are not sending more than one person.

Mr. Downs stated this was located in the San Diego County School District and would be more inclined to have staff people there as well as Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller stated this was just approval for three (3) people and the logistics and numbers need to be worked out.

Mr. O'Donnell stated one (1) person should go and cannot afford to send any others given our budget situation.

Mr. Probasco stated the more coverage out there the better off you are.

Mr. O'Donnell stated we never sent more than one (1) person. Mr. Gripp stated this is not true.

Mrs. Soles asked Mr. Miller if it was more beneficial to send one (1) or two (2) people out to San Diego. Mr. Miller stated it is all about coverage and working the system. He also stated you can corner the people who are sending out the funding and they get to know who you are.

Mr. O'Donnell stated we can send one person.

Mr. O'Donnell stated he may not vote for this because we should not send more than one (1) person. He asked if we approved more than one person for this. Mr. Gripp explained that Mr. Miller is under agenda item A.13 and Dr. DeMareo and myself are under agenda item D.1 under the Professional Development list.

Mrs. Soles asked where the funding for trips come out of. Mr. Gripp stated it comes out of general operating expenses, which were budgeted for. He also stated that four (4) trips were budgeted.

Mr. O'Donnell commented on the fund balance in March.

Mr. Hauge stated it is importance of Impact Aid to the district.

Mr. O'Donnell stated he cannot support sending more than one (1) person.

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Probasco,

Mr. Hauge, Mrs. Soles

No

Mr. O'Donnell

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Abstain

Mr. Miller

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

14. Recommend approval of a contract with FEA for workshop for all Administrators on Observations and Evaluations to be held on November 19, 2009 at a cost of \$650.00.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

Mr. Downs, Mr. Hauge,

Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Soles,

Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Donnell

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

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B. Personnel Motions

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of Krista Bie as a second grade leave of absence teacher from November 30, 2009 - March 21, 2010 at a salary of \$51,975.00 (prorated) equal to BA Step 6 of the teacher's salary guide contained in the PTEA/PTBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement 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.

2. Recommend ratification of a tuition reimbursement approval for Sara Bouroult to take a Summer II class at Kean College entitled "Learning, Instruction Evaluation and Curriculum Development" 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.
3. Recommend approval of a tuition reimbursement for Sara Bouroult to take a Fall course at Kean College entitled "Computer Applications in Ed Admin" 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 the approval to rescind the approval of Jillyan Bechtold as a counselor for the NEED Program for the 2009-2010 school year effective October 22, 2009.
5. Recommend approval of Shannon Cranmer as a lunchroom/playground monitor at the Dr. Gerald H. Woehr Elementary school effective November 19, 2009 at the rate of \$7.25 per hour 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.
6. Recommend approval of the following as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at the rate of \$80.00/\$60.00 respectively, per day 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.

Nicole Rasmussen

Maria Wright

Lori Babiak

Levon Seyers

7. Recommend approval of Bill Bogardus as scenic designer for the New Egypt High School 2009-2010 musical production at a stipend amount of \$1,500.00.
8. Recommend approval of Doug Grotto as rehearsal pianist for the New Egypt High School 2009-2010 musical production at a stipend amount of \$2,000.00, 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.

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9. Recommend approval of the following coaching positions at the high school for the winter seasons for the 2009-2010 school year to be paid at a stipend amount as negotiated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PTEA and the PTBOE:

Boys Basketball Varsity Coach	Jay Corby (Head Coach)
Boys Basketball JV Coach	Tom Corby (Assistant Coach)
Boys Basketball Freshman Coach	Rick DeMarco (Assistant Coach)
Girls Basketball Head Coach	Matt Brogan (Head Coach)
Girls Basketball JV Coach	Sara Bouroult (Assistant Coach)
Boys Wrestling Varsity Coach	Kevin English (Head Coach)
Boys Wrestling JV Coach	Jason Frable (Assistant Coach)
Boys Wrestling Freshman Coach	Uriel Morfin (Assistant Coach)

Bowling Varsity Coach
Bowling JV Coach
Volunteer Asst. Coach
Winter Weight Room
Cheerleading Varsity Coach
Cheerleading JV Coach
Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

Glenn Knigge (Head Coach)
Mike Search (Assistant Coach)
Lynn Kukoda (Volunteer)
Tim Macaluso
Lauren Russ (Head Coach)
Caitlyn Tilley (Assistant Coach)
Nicole Rasmussen

10. Recommend approval of the following coaching positions at the middle school for the winter seasons for the 2009-2010 school year to be paid at a stipend amount as negotiated in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the PTEA and the PTBOE:

Boys Basketball
Assistant Boys Basketball
Girls Basketball
Wrestling
Assistant Wrestling Coach
Pep Squad

Tom Schwartz (Head Coach)
Keith Strausman (Assistant Coach)
Corrine DeVirgilio
Sean McCarthy (Head Coach)
David Restaino (Assistant Coach)
Laura Puro (Head Coach)

11. Recommend acceptance of the resignation of Susan Lankford Byrnes as a paraprofessional at the New Egypt High School effective January 4, 2009 or upon a mutually agreed upon date.
12. Recommend approval of an NJFLA/FMLA leave of absence for Sarah VanNess from January 8, 2010 to June 30, 2010 using the remainder of her sick and personal time.
13. Recommend approval of Wendy MacMullen as a substitute NEED Counselor for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$8.25 per hour effective November 19, 2009.
14. Recommend approval of Liz Saulnier to teach various youth classes through our Community Education program at the rate of \$40.00 per hour.
15. Recommend approval of Jacqueline Reilley to instruct various health and beauty classes through our Community Education program at the rate of \$40.00 per hour, respectively, for the 2009-2010 school year effective November 19, 2009.

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Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

No

Absent

Mr. Downs, Mr. Hauge,
Mr. Probasco, Mrs. Soles,
Mr. Miller, Mr. O'Donnell
None
Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to table the following:

16. Recommend approval of the attached non-affiliated staff and their salaries retroactive to July 1, 2009 in accordance with the attached listing of non-affiliated staff by name, position and salary.

17. Recommend approval of the attached Paraprofessionals and their salaries retroactive to September 1, 2009 in accordance with the attached listing of Paraprofessional by name, position and salary.
Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

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

16. Recommend approval of the attached non affiliated staff and their salaries retroactive to July 1, 2009 in accordance with the attached listing of non-affiliated staff by name, position and salary.

17. Recommend approval of the attached Paraprofessionals and their salaries retroactive to September 1, 2009 in accordance with the attached listing of Paraprofessionals by name, position and salary.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Discussion: Mr. Probasco stated this includes the correction in the names. Mr. Gripp stated "yes".

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

18. Recommend ratification of approval of the following extra curricular staff effective September 8, 2009 for the 2009-2010 school year:

*Dance chaperones, after school tutoring, detention monitors, home instruction, ticket sellers/collectors, announcers, timers, scorekeepers, chain gang and security

Tara Melchior

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19. Recommend approval of Kathy Guyer as a district mail clerk at the rate of \$7.25 per hour effective Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

20. Recommend approval of Lindsay Nami as a paraprofessional at a salary of \$13,333.00 (prorated) 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.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Abstain

Mrs. Soles

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

21. Recommend approval of Kathy Chesmel to be a volunteer advisor for the Fitness Club at the New Egypt High School effective November 30, 2009.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

22. Move to approve the sidebar agreement between the Plumsted Township Administrators Association and the Plumsted Township Board of Education governing non-precedent no practice rights of certain Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

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C. Policy

Mrs. Soles made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval on first reading of Board Policy 3159, Teaching Staff Members/School District Reporting Responsibilities.
2. Recommend approval on first reading of Board Policy 5465, Early Graduation.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Downs made a motion to table the following:

3. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Policy 1220, Employment of Chief School Administrator.

Seconded by Mr. Probasco

Discussion: Mrs. Soles stated this item is being tabled because there is still language on the recommendation of our attorney that needs to be reviewed.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

Mr. Probasco made a motion to approve the following:

4. Recommend approval on second reading of Board Regulation 5600, Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

D. Professional Development/Travel Reimbursements

Mr. Hauge made a motion to approve the following:

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

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Seconded by Mr. Downs

Discussion: Mr. O'Donnell stated he will vote yes on the motion but strongly against sending more than once person to San Diego.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

E. Other Motions

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend ratification of approval of the following, effective October 21, 2009:

Students requiring observation hours:

Joy Ottens -- Ocean County College

Cooperating Teachers Jamie Leto (10 hours) and Janet Popyk (10 hours)

Sara Helmlinger – Mercer County Community College

Cooperating Teacher - Linda Leutwyler (25 hours)

Megan King – Westminster College –

Cooperating teacher Jaime Baumiller, High School Biology – January 4 through January 15, 2010.

2. Recommend approval of the following student teachers for the Spring 2010:

Michelle Carroll – Rider University – Elem. Ed.

Cooperating Teacher - Debbie Tilghman – 1/25/2010-4/30/2010

Christina Hicks – Rider University – Elem. Ed.

Cooperating Teacher – Mike Deus – 1/25/2010-4/30/2010

Jody Pitman – Rider University – Elem. Ed.

Cooperating Teacher – Sabrina McKemey – 1/25/2010-4/30/2010

Samantha Roberto – Rider University – Middle School Social Studies

Cooperating Teacher – Luke Sinkhorn - 1/25/2010-4/30/2010

3. Recommend approval of the “Bigs In School” Program during the 2009-2010 school year at the New Egypt Primary School.

4. Recommend approval of the following mentors for the Ocean County School-based Mentoring Program to be held at the New Egypt Primary School:

William White, Cliff Herndon, Eric Lundquist, Jessie Jaramillo and Jeff Eastep

5. Recommend approval to operate a Fitness Club at the New Egypt High School.

6. Recommend approval for the following to attend the South Jersey Soccer Coaches Association Awards Night at the cost of \$35.00 each for a total of \$70.00 to be held on December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Coach Sam Palumbo and student, Rob Brown.

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Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Discussion: Mr. Probasco questioned agenda item E.3. Ms. Ferry, Primary School Principal explained agenda item E.3 and E.4 are related. She stated one is the actual approval for the program and the other is for approval of mentors.

Mr. Hauge asked if we have any other student teachers from anywhere besides Rider College.

Mrs. Soles asked if they were observation hours.

Dr. DeMareo stated that they are observation hours.

Mrs. Soles asked if we severed ties with TCNJ to accept any student teachers.

Dr. DeMareo stated we encourage anyone from the content areas of math, science and world language.

Mrs. Soles asked if we closed they gap to just those content areas.

Dr. DeMareo stated we pretty much closed the gap to those areas.

Mrs. Soles asked why.

Dr. DeMareo stated we would be inundated from every University requesting the same numbers to the teachers.

Mrs. Soles asked about Special Education.

Dr. DeMareo stated we take Special Education.

Mrs. Soles stated they are approving three (3) elementary education.

Dr. DeMareo stated “yes”.

Mrs. Soles commented these are not content base areas.

Dr. DeMareo explained the four (4) Rider University students.

Mr. Downs asked if that was a bad thing.

Mrs. Soles stated we have worked with TCNJ for so long and we are limiting just Rider University and also stated that Dr. DeMareo said he is limiting it to the special content areas but on the agenda we are approving three (3) general education.

Dr. DeMareo stated from any University/College in New Jersey in the areas we would welcome in the content areas of world language, math, science and special education.

Mrs. Soles asked if TCNJ or any other University requested any placements in the district.

Dr. DeMareo stated they may have.

Mr. Probasco stated it is nice to have different people come into the district for observation/mentor.

Mr. Downs stated this is a benefit to other Universities. Mr. Downs stated that over the years he has seen Georgian Court on the agenda.

Mrs. Soles asked if we were only exclusive to Rider University.

Dr. DeMareo stated the content areas are protocol and would accept anyone for the content areas.

Mrs. Soles stated she doesn't want to slam the door to any other Universities in the area.

Mr. Hauge asked Dr. DeMareo if we would consider someone from another University.

Dr. DeMareo stated he would consider them.

Mr. Miller asked about the process.

Dr. DeMareo explained the process on accepting student teachers.

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

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F. Facilities

Mr. Downs made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of New Egypt Recreation Baseball to use the Elementary School gym and all purpose rooms on Sunday, February 21, 2010 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.
2. Recommend approval of the New Egypt Elks to use the middle school gym on Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for their annual hoop shoot.

Seconded by Mrs. Soles

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

G. Field Trip

Mr. Probasco made a motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the following student field trips.
Seconded by Mr. Hauge

Roll Call

Yes

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

No

None

Absent

Mr. Buckalew

XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY SCHOOL RELATED TOPIC

Kellie Simunovich stated she is currently observing in the elementary school and asked if she was to apply for observation while she does her student teaching would she have to go to Rider University or would she be able to go to any other University.

Dr. DeMareo asked what her content area is.

Kellie Simunovich stated her area is elementary education.

Dr. DeMareo stated at this time it would be at Rider University.

Mrs. Soles asked Kellie Simunovich if she was a former graduate of the district.

Kellie Simunovich stated she is a former graduate of the district.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Probasco commented on possibly getting a grant writer.

Mr. Gripp stated it is something they could talk about with the finance committee with regard to the budget.

Mr. Miller stated the township uses CMX.

Mr. Gripp asked what type of firm that was.

Mr. Miller stated it is designed for grants.

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Josephine Wasilewski commented on the health benefits of Pritchard employees and dropping their life insurance policy.

Mr. Gripp stated they are out of public comment time but will address her question.

Mr. Gripp stated he has not heard of this and this was not brought to his attention by her when they had their meeting. He stated he would meet with her to get the specifics.

XVIII. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hauge asked if there was an update on test scores.

Mrs. Gravel said they have not heard anything at this time.

Mr. O'Donnell commented on his concerns with the health benefits of the Pritchard employees.

Mr. Gripp stated he has met with Mrs. Wasilewski on numerous occasions and she is the only one that has indicated whatsoever that there had been any issues at all with health benefits. He also stated he is available and speaks with everyone regularly and is not aware of any issues at all.

Mr. O'Donnell commented he tells everyone to follow the chain of command and they have no confidence.

Mrs. Soles stated the policy committee is working toward the "Open Door Policy".

Mr. Stein stated Mr. Gripp has bent over backwards dealing with this issue and has had open door policy with anyone who feels they want to talk to him and tries to help anyone who wants to come and talk to him.

Josephine Wasilewski stated Mr. Gripp has done an excellent job assisting people. She also stated Pritchard should have some representation here so we can get the answers directly from them.

Mr. Gripp stated Mrs. Wasilewski had that meeting with Pritchard.

Mr. Miller stated the resolution on this matter is for Mr. Gripp to meet with Mrs. Wasilewski to understand and address whatever issue has come up at this point in time.

Mr. Probasco gave an update on the transportation committee.

XIX. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMENTS

Mrs. Soles congratulated the boys and girls soccer teams as well as the field hockey team. She also commented on the great job of the middle school sports.

Mrs. Soles congratulated all the students who were honor tonight.

Mrs. Soles thanked the district administrators for their presentation.

Mrs. Soles thanked all the paraprofessionals.

Mr. Probasco thanked all the administrators for showing up tonight.

Mr. Probasco congratulated the sports teams as well as the National Honor Society.

Mr. Hauge stated he is outraged that we would tell a student of our high school that if she doesn't go to Rider she does not apply here.

Mr. Downs wished everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Hauge made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 PM.

Seconded by Mr. Downs, Passed unanimously.

Frank E. Gripp III
Business Administrator/Board Secretary