



Plum Borough School District  
900 Elicker Road  
Plum, PA 15239

**Plum Borough Board of School Directors held a Special Voting Meeting on Tuesday August 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Plum Senior High Library in Allegheny County at 900 Elicker Road Plum, PA 15239**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Dowdell called the meeting to order at 7:12PM and led the group in the pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

Mr. Zahorchak took roll call.

Present: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher, Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

Absent: None

Solicitor: Lee Price

**Executive Session**

The Board met in Executive Session on August 22, 2017 to discuss matters of personnel, litigation, negotiations and student confidentiality.

**Approval of Minutes**

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes, as listed:

- A. June 20, 2017 Regular Voting Meeting
- B. July 11, 2017 Special Voting Meeting and Committee of the Whole
- C. July 26, 2017 Regular Voting Meeting

*Motion by: Gallagher, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

**Citizens' Comments**

- 1) Tim Sandstrom, Devaviland Drive, spoke regarding reconfiguration
- 2) Christopher Cooley, Harvest Hill, spoke regarding serving other souls program

**Student Features**

Nadia Freeman - Duquesne University Summer Institute

**Staff Features and Board Presentations**

Recognize John Zahorchak for his completion of ASBO Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations training.

ALICE video and student training overview

**Athletic Committee – Michele Gallagher, Chairperson**

Recommend approval of the contract with Side Effects for an LED football field sign.

*Motion by: Gallagher, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire Stephen Elsier as the Senior High Girls' Head Basketball Coach at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Gallagher, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to accept the following Junior High Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches for the 2017-18 season:

1) Robert Veith

2) Scott Denne

*Motion by: Gallagher, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

**Education Committee - Sue Caldwell, Chairperson**

Recommend the following agreements:

2) 1) AIU Waterfront Agreement

3) 2) Glade Run Agreement

4) 3) Pressley Ridge Agreement

*Motion by: Caldwell, Second by Gallagher*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to accept a \$5000 Grant from Grainger for the Edible Classroom at Regency Park.

*Motion by: Caldwell, Second by Gallagher*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval for the following School Sponsor MOUs as attached:

1) International Student Exchange Coordinator -\$5000

2) PHS Best Robotics - \$1000

*Motion by: Caldwell, Second by Gallagher*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Ms. Caldwell made the report.

**Eastern Area Schools - Michele Gallagher, Representative**

Approve Eastern Area Schools Joint Committee 2017-2018 budget, as attached.

*Motion by: Gallagher, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

**Facilities Committee - Rich Zucco, Chairperson**

Mr. Zucco made the report.

**Finance Committee - Michelle Stepnick, Chairperson**

Recommend approval to consolidate bond issue funds into one account (fund 35) effective June 30 2017.

*Motion by: Stepnick, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to extend the ComDoc proposal for three additional years.

*Motion by: Stepnick, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval of the 2017-2018 TRAN resolution, as attached.

*Motion by: Stepnick, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval of Treasurer's report and bill payments for July.

*Yes: Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Rogers, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: Caldwell, Roessler, Schlauch*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval of GOB invoices.

*Motion by: Stepnick, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

**Food Service Committee - Reginald Hickman, Chairperson**

Mr. Hickman made the report.

**Forbes Road CTC - Jim Rogers, Representative**

No report.

**Intergovernmental Committee - Sue Caldwell, Chairperson**

September 6, 2017 from 6-7pm at the Borough Building

**Legislative Policy Council - Michelle Stepnick**

Ms. Stepnick made the report.

**Personnel Committee – Steve Schlauch, Chairperson**

Recommend approval to accept the following resignations:

- 1) John Watson, Part-Time Custodian, retroactive to August 14, 2017.
- 2) Chris Gimer, Bus Driver, retroactive to August 10, 2017.
- 3) Joseph Schreib, Bus Driver, retroactive to August 8, 2017.

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire Nicole Verrengia as a Regency Park 4th Grade Teacher effective August 24, 2017 at a Masters, Step 2, at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire the following Cafeteria Workers:

- 1) Cindy Matter
- 2) Barbara O’Neill

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire the following Paraprofessionals:

- 1) André Anthony, Special Education Paraprofessional/PCA at Plum High School.
- 2) Deshawn Atkinson, Special Education Paraprofessional/Locker Room/Alternative Education at Plum High School.
- 3) Tracey Donnelly, Special Education Paraprofessional/PCA at Pivik Elementary School

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Hickman*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*  
*No: None*  
*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire Nick Mitchell as Senior High Class Play Sponsor and Musical Director Sponsor at the contracted rates.

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*  
*No: None*  
*Absent: None*

Recommend approval of the following Leaves:

- 1) Kelly Wilson, Music Teacher at Center and Regency Park Elementary Schools, beginning on or about January 23, 2018 through May 11, 2018.
- 2) Lauren Dinga, English Teacher at Oblock Junior High School, beginning on or about January 18, 2018 through March 23, 2018.
- 3) Mark Dinga, Librarian at Pivik Elementary School, beginning on or about January 18, 2018 through February 14, 2018.
- 4) Tracey Heffron, STEM Teacher at Pivik Elementary School, beginning on or about January 31, 2018 through April 8, 2018.
- 5) Pamela Leonard, SBIT Teacher at Center Elementary School, intermittently for the 2017-18 school year.
- 6) Mary Ann Cummings, SBIT Teacher at Pivik Elementary School, intermittently for the 2017-18 school year.
- 7) Dina Macey, Food Service Worker at Regency Park Elementary School, for a period not to exceed one year.

*Motion by: Schlauch, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*  
*No: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### **Policy Committee - Vicky Roessler, Chairperson**

Recommend approval to accept Policy 707, as attached.

*Motion by: Roessler, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*  
*No: None*  
*Absent: None*

#### **Safe Schools Committee - Vicky Roessler, Chairperson**

Recommend approval of the ALICE presentation for students in grades 7-12.

*Motion by: Roessler, Second by Caldwell*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*  
*No: None*  
*Absent: None*

Mr. Roessler made the report.

Transportation Committee - Jim Rogers, Chairperson (brief report)

Recommend approval to use remaining 2016 bond issue earmarked for buses to purchase three 2013 - 72 passenger buses at a cost of \$29,600 per bus.

*Motion by: Rogers, Second by Hickman*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to provide shuttle service for the American Legion post 980 Car Cruise on September 10, 2017 from 10:30am-5:30pm.

*Motion by: Rogers, Second by Hickman*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

President's Report - Kevin Dowdell

Mr. Dowdell made this report

### **Announcements**

September 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in PHS Library

School Committee meetings

(Education, Athletics, Food Service, Safety & Transportation)

September 6<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm at the Borough Building

Intergovernmental Committee

September 19<sup>th</sup> @6:00pm in the PHS Library

Business Committee meetings (Facilities, Finance & Policy)

Executive Session

September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm in PHS Library

Executive Session

Regular Voting meeting

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:35PM

*Motion by: Caldwell, Second by Roessler*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher Hickman, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco*

*No: None*

*Absent: None*