

**PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
900 ELICKER ROAD
PLUM, PA 15239**

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**DECEMBER 17, 2013
OBLOCK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL - AUDITORIUM
7:00PM**

The mission of the Plum Borough School District, in partnership with students, parents and the community, is to achieve excellence in education by preparing all students to take their place in the diverse and changing world of the 21st century. The District will provide a safe and stimulating environment that will promote and support critical thinking and life-long learning.

Plum Borough Board of School Directors held their Regular Voting Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium at Oblock Junior High School in Allegheny County at 440 Presque Isle Drive Plum, PA 15239

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colella called the meeting to order at 7:02PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

Present: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

Absent: None

Solicitor: Present, Mr. Lee Price

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on December 10th, and this evening, December 17th to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations, and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: November 27th Regular Board Meeting; December 3rd Reorganization Meeting; December 10th Education, Facilities, and Finance Committee.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Student Features

Coach Mike W. Larko, Volleyball Head Coach

Rachel Satira – All-Section 1st Team

Courtney Zezza – All-Section 1st Team

Claire Hankinson – All-Section 2nd Team

Maddie Gestrich – All-Section 2nd Team

Sarah Carroll – All-Section 2nd Team

Michelle Theiss – All-Section 2nd Team

Megan Rengers – All-Section 3rd Team

Coach Mike Proviano, Girls' Soccer Head Coach

Aaliyah Odom – First Team All-Section, First Team All-WPIAL, and Valley News
Player of the Year

Ashley Amato – First Team All-Section and Valley News All-Stars First Team

Ali Gipson – Valley News All-Stars Honorable Mention

Coach Joe Ionta, Cross Country Head Coach

Jake Susalla – WPIAL Championship 22nd Place and PIAA Qualifier
Stampede in the Park

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items

None

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1. Mr. Andrew Drake, Balkan Drive, spoke regarding Dennis Russo as district representative and the budget.

Agenda

Facilities Committee – Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities Applications:

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF USE	SCHOOL AND AREA
1. PHS Baseball Boosters	January 13, 2014	Sr. High – Cafeteria
2. Elementary Music Department	April 29, 2014 April 30, 2014	Sr. High – Auditorium/Music Suite
3. Plum JO Wrestling Group	January 10 and 11, 2014	Oblock Jr. High – Gym, Lobby Area, Locker Rooms, Cafeteria
4. Pivik PTA	January 10, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria
5. Pivik PTA	February 21, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria/Gym
6. Pivik PTA	March 14, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria/Gym
7. Pivik PTA	March 5, April 2, and May 7, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria
8. PHS Softball Team	Beginning January 6, 2014 and ending February 27, 2014 – Monday thru Thursdays	AS@P – Gym
9. AS@P PTA	January 30, 2014	AS@P – Entire School
10. AS@P PTA	February 7, 2014	AS@P – Entire School
11. AS@P PTA	April 4, 2014	AS@P – Entire School

Recommend approval to waive Policy 707 for the Roessler’s Use of Facilities Application, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to waive Policy 707 for the Berks Regional Tennis’ Use of Facilities Application, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to pay the GOB Invoices, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a revised agreement with Russo Construction Services for the New Holiday Park Elementary School project as presented. The increase to \$14,300 per month is retroactive to December 1, 2013 and is in effect for a 14-month period.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

The Facilities Committee met on December 10, 2013. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2013 immediately following the Transportation Committee Meeting in the PHS Board Room.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

Recommend approval to hire Kristen Ravotti, Speech/Language Teacher, Masters Step 1, pro-rated salary of \$50,000 with an effective date to be determined by the Superintendent.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Dainen Holler, Long-term Health and Physical Education Substitute Teacher at Center and Holiday Park Elementary Schools, retroactive to August 23, 2013 through January 27, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Jenna Cupelli, Long-term 6th Grade Substitute Teacher at Center Elementary School, for the second semester of the 2013-14 school year.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of a maternity leave for Dana Iera, School Psychologist, beginning on or about April 30, 2014 through September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of an unpaid leave for Nancy McCormick, Food Service Worker at Holiday Park Elementary School, beginning December 19, 2013 through February 16, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Education Committee - Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

Recommend approval to accept a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Highmark Foundation for Plum High School.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

Attendees	Location	Dates
1. Holiday Park Elementary School 6 th Grade Class	Washington D.C.	April 25 to 27, 2014
2. Pivik Elementary School 6 th Grade Class	Washington D.C.	May 2 to 4, 2014

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the Air Force JROTC Agreement, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the Trebron Agreement, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a \$2,360 donation from the Plum Distinguished Alumni Committee.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

The Education Committee met on December 10, 2013. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 6:00PM in the PHS Board Room.

Finance Committee - Mr. Tom McGough, Chair

Recommend approval of the Treasurer’s Report and bill payments for November 2013, as presented.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Fees collected by Andrews and Price for November 2013.

Prior Year Delinquent Taxes	\$82,474.68
Per Capita Taxes	255.43
Miscellaneous Fees Recovered	<u>541.13</u>
Total Amount Collected	\$83,271.24

Recommend approval to settle the following commercial tax assessment appeals, as presented:

Property	Year(s)	Assessment
1241-J-173	2013	\$389,400
845-K-58	2013	\$530,000
532-E-225	2013	\$485,000
846-A-125	2013	\$840,000
733-L-166	2013	\$100,000

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

The Finance Committee met on December 10, 2013. Mr. McGough made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 6:00PM in the PHS Board Room.

Policy Committee - Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2014, following the Education Committee Meeting in the PHS Board Room.

Transportation Committee - Mr. Joe Tommarello, Chair

A Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 6:00PM in the PHS Board Room.

Athletic Committee - Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

Recommend approval to amend the Assistant Rifle Coach stipend to \$1,818.00, as listed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire the following 2013-14 Spring Coaches as listed:

BOYS' and GIRLS' TRACK		
Senior High Head Boys' & Girls' Coach	\$4,705	Nick Oto
Senior High Assistant Coach #1	\$3,062	Tyler Swatchick
Senior High Assistant Coach #2	\$3,062	Dan Casarcia
Junior High Boys' Head Coach	\$2,117	Wade Campbell
Junior High Assistant Boys' Coach	\$1,884	Bernie Pucka
Junior High Girls' Head Coach	\$2,117	Courtney Mendenhall
Junior High Girls' Assistant Coach	\$1,884	Ryan Silvis
BASEBALL		
Senior High Head Coach	\$4,008	Carl Vollmer
Senior High Assistant Coach #1	\$2,604	Larry Wayman
Senior High Assistant Coach #2	\$2,604	Clint White
9th Grade Coach	\$1,804	Michael Cinefra

SOFTBALL		
Senior High Girls' Head Coach	\$4,008	Jim McGrath
Senior High Girls' Asst. Coach #1	\$2,604	Phil DiLonardo
Senior High Girls' Asst. Coach #2	\$2,604	Tim Clark
Junior High Head Coach	\$1,804	Chuck Froehlich
BOYS' VOLLEYBALL		
Senior High Boys' Head Coach	\$4,987	Mike Larko Jr.
Senior High Boys' Assistant Coach #1	\$3,240	Kameron Smith
TENNIS		
Senior High Boys' Coach	\$2,795	Rosemarie Stashko

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: McGough

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the following volunteer 2013-14 Spring Coaches as listed:

Senior High Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	Joe Ionta
Senior High Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	Russell Maxwell
Senior High Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Daniel Stell
Senior High Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Mark Flemm
Senior High Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Troy Besterici
Senior High Boys' Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Alan Mathieu
Senior High Boys' Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach	Mike Larko, Sr.

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: McGough

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Food Service and Nutrition Committee - Mrs. Loretta White, Chair

Mrs. White made this report.

Intergovernmental Committee - Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

The Intergovernmental Committee met on December 11, 2013. Mr. Zucco made this report.

Forbes Road Career and Technology Center - Mr. John St. Leger, Representative

Mr. St. Leger made this report.

Eastern Area Schools - Mrs. Loretta White, Representative

Mrs. White made this report.

Legislative Policy Council - Mr. Joe Tommarello, Representative

Recommend approval for Joe Tommarello to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute February 2-4, 2014 in Washington D.C.

Motion by: Tommarello, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Abstain: Tommarello

Absent: None

Mr. Tommarello made this report.

Allegheny Intermediate Unit #3 - Mr. Tom McGough, Board Member

Mr. McGough made this report.

President's Report - Mr. Sal Colella

Mr. Colella made this report.

Superintendent's Report - Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool

Recommend approval to accept the Superintendent's Report, as submitted.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend formal support of the Plum Borough School District's official request for placement into the Quad A Section III Football Conference.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Announcements

The regular January Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:01PM.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, Tommarello, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

ATTEST TO:

Board Secretary