

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016
Oblock Junior High School - Auditorium
7:00pm**

The Plum Borough School District's mission is to educate children in a safe and engaging learning environment while developing creative problem-solvers, critical thinkers, and globally competitive citizens.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2016 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. Dowdell called the meeting to order at 7:01PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

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

Absent: None

Solicitor: Mr. Tony Giglio

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on February 2, February 16, and this evening, February 23, 2016 to discuss matters of student confidentiality, personnel, and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: January 26 Regular Board Meeting; February 2 Education and Policy Committees; February 9 Food Service and Nutrition, Athletic, and Facilities Committees; and February 16 Special Voting Meeting, Safe & Supportive Schools, Policy, and Finance Committee.

Motion by: Colella; Second by: Stepnick

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Citizens' Comments

1. Five students, members of the National Honor Society, spoke regarding an overnight field trip and policy.
2. Bill Furguson, Wayside Lane, Verona, spoke regarding the safety coordinator position and finances.
3. Mike Sotace, Locharron Court, spoke regarding political literature handed out on school grounds.
4. Bill Chapla, Pine Valley Drive, spoke regarding the safety coordinator position, door locked/unlock policy, and the A.L.i.C.E. program.

Agenda

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Recommend approval of the Use of Facility Applications for Plum Area Youth Soccer and waive Policy No. 707, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Colella

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Stepnick, Zucco

No: Schlauch

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the Use of Facility Applications for YMCA Triathlon and waive Policy No. 707, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Colella

Final Resolution: With a roll call vote the Motion Fails

Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher, Stepnick,

No: Colella, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Zucco

Absent: None

Recommend approval to pay the GOB invoices, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of a two year agreement with Renick Brothers for preventative maintenance of the Plum High School Pool Pak Unit and pool heater at a cost of \$3,078.00 (Year 1) and \$3,172.00 (Year 2).

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to advertise an RFP for moisture remediation in the Oblock Junior High School wrestling room..

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend adopting Resolution declaring the Greensburg Road Office Building and Lot 2 of the PBSB Bus Depot Plan unused and unnecessary, and authorizing its sale by sealed bids. The Board of School Directors reserves the right to reject any bid or all bids.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

The Facilities Committee met on February 9, 2016. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 following Policy in the Plum High School Board Room.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Steve Schlauch, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Denise Weaver, GATE Teacher at Plum High School, effective the first day after the last teacher workday of the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Theresa Kosakowski, Paraprofessional at Oblock Junior High School, at the end of the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Margaret DiVincenzo, Bus Driver, effective February 29, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Roseann Umberger, Food Service Worker at Plum High School, effective March 31, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Maria Blatnica, Plum High School guidance Administrative Assistant, effective April 1, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to amend the September 29, 2015 motion to approve a leave for Amber Soxman to read, beginning February 22, 2016 through May 22, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Christa Varley, as a Substitute Special Education Teacher, retroactive to February 19, 2016 thru May 23, 2016, at a per diem rate of \$100.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Jody Evarts, Food Service Worker at Plum High School, effective February 24, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire the following as Senior High Breakfast Chaperones at the contracted rate, retroactive to February 22, 2016:

- a. Christopher Betta
- b. Samantha Betta
- c. Scott Lazzaro
- d. Nicole Lundy

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Michael Devine, fulltime bus driver, at the contracted rate, retroactive to February 17, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Jason Steele, Robotics Sponsor at Plum High School, for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Kristiann Josephs, Plum High School Musical Choreographer, at the contracted rate, effective February 24, 2016.

Recommend approval of a leave for Donna Wisnesk, retroactive to February 8 through February 12, 2016, then intermittently through the remainder of the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the following unpaid leaves:

- a. Denise Guerriero, retroactive to February 4 through February 21, 2016
- b. Donald Wilcox, retroactive to February 10 and until further notice
- c. Intermittent leave for Sherry Lucas for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year
- d. Douglas Frazier, effective February 26 for approximately one month

Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Education Committee – Mrs. Susan Caldwell, Chair

Recommend approval of the following donations, as listed:

Donor/Purpose	Amount
Regency Park PTA/ 3D Printer and Carnegie Science Center Fab Lab	\$2,000.00
Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh/ Elementary Science Olympiad Program	\$2,338.25

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the 2016 Summer Recreation Activities Schedule, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of moving forward with the iPad initiative to include grades 6-8 for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a renewal agreement with Blackboard Connect Services, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the following field trip request, as listed:

Date(s)	Location	Purpose
April 8, 2016	Washington, D.C.	The Newseum – Journalism Class

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the 2016-2017 School Calendar, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the 2016-2017 school start and end times, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: Gallagher

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Program of Studies for Plum High School and Oblock Junior High School, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: With a roll call vote the Motion Passes

Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch

No: Colella, Gallagher, Stepnick, Zucco

Absent: None

The Education Committee met on February 2, 2016. Mrs. Caldwell made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Finance Committee – Mr. Sal Colella, Chair

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes received from Andrews and Price for January 2016.

Source	Amount
Current Real Estate Taxes	\$89,243.81
Prior Year Delinquent Taxes	\$51,294.89
Per Capita Tax	\$492.99
Miscellaneous Fees Recovered	\$532.73
Refunds due to Amnesty Program	-\$26,511.11
Total Collected	\$115,053.31

Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report and bill payments for January 2016, as presented.

Motion by: Colella; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the February Budget Transfers, as presented.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to exonerate Harry Schlegel, Current Real Estate Tax Collector, for the 2015 uncollected property taxes totaling \$942,029.36 as of January 15, 2016.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to provide shuttle service for Plum Community Days on Friday, June 24, 2016 and Saturday, June 25, 2016.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the Resolution to accept a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$14,000,000 to continue financial operation of the District, pending Solicitor's review.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of a .50¢ per hour increase for the Evening School Police, effective July 1, 2016.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a Small Games of Chance Resolution for Pivik PTA, as attached.

Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Stepnick

No: Schlauch, Zucco

Absent: None

The Finance Committee met on February 16, 2016. Mr. Colella made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016, following the Education Committee meeting in the Plum High School Board Room.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair

The Policy Committee met on February 2, 2016. Mrs. Roessler made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Safe and Supportive Schools Committee – Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair

Recommend approval for the Request for Proposals for Additional Security Cameras, Replacements, and Updates.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval for the Request for Proposals for the Comprehensive Safety Study encompassing Trainings, Programs, and Facilities.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to purchase the Awareness 24/7 Hotline Answering and Counseling Service at an annual rate of \$1,185.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of an overnight Conference Request for Allyson Whitmer, High School Nurse, to attend the PA Association of School Nurse Annual Education Conference in State College, PA April 8-10, 2016.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to create a Safety Coordinator position.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Colella

Motion to table by: Stepnick; Second by: Sue Caldwell

With a roll call vote to table: Motion Fails

Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell Gallagher, Stepnick

No: Colella, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Zucco

Revert to original motion

Final Resolution with a roll call vote: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Roessler, Rogers, Zucco

No: Gallagher, Schlauch, Stepnick

Absent: None

Mr. Colella left the stage at this point 9:42p.m.

Safe and Supportive Schools met on February 16, 2016. Mrs. Roessler made this report. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2016 following the Facilities Committee Meeting in the Plum High School Board Room.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Jim Rogers, Chair

The Transportation Committee did not meet this month. Mr. Rogers made a report.

Athletic Committee – Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

Recommend appointing Susan Caldwell and Michele Gallagher to represent School Board on the Plum Athletic Foundation as trustees.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Colella

Recommend approval to accept a donation of Basketball uniforms from Edwin L. Edwards, Jr. in the amount of \$1,596.00.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Colella

Recommend approval for Bob Alpino to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Conference in Hershey March 15-18, 2016.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Colella

Recommend approval to hire the following coaches, at the contracted rate, for the 2016 spring season, as listed :

Coach	Sport
1. Aaron Wilf	Boys' Tennis Head Coach
2. Marlo Svidron	Girls' Lacrosse Head Coach
3. Jo-Ann Ward	Girls' Assistant Lacrosse Coach
4. Mark Garvey	Boys' Assistant Volleyball Coach

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Colella

The Athletic Committee met on February 9, 2016. Mrs. Gallagher made this report.

Mr. Colella returned to the stage at this point 9:50PM.

Food Service and Nutrition Committee – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee met on February 9, 2016. Mrs. Stepnick made this report.

Intergovernmental Committee – Mrs. Susan Caldwell, Chair

The Intergovernmental Committee did not meet this month. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Forbes Road Career and Technology Center - Mr. Jim Rogers, Representative

Mr. Rogers made this report.

Eastern Area Schools - Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Representative

Mrs. Gallagher made this report.

Legislative Policy Council – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Representative

Mrs. Stepnick made this report.

President’s Report – Mr. Kevin Dowdell

Mr. Dowdell made this report.

Announcements

The regular March Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Oblock Junior High School Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:04PM.

Motion by: Roessler; Second by: Gallagher

Final Resolution: Motion passes

Yes: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Stepnick, Zucco

No: None

Absent: None

ATTEST TO:

Board Secretary