

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 25, 2014
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, February 25, 2014 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 7:07PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

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

Absent: *Stepnick who was called at 7:26PM and participated via phone

Solicitor: Present, Mr. Lee Price

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on February 4th, February 11th, February 18th, and this evening, February 25th to discuss matters of student confidentiality, personnel, and negotiations.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: January 28th Regular Board Meeting; February 4th Education Committee; and February 11th Facilities and Policy Committees.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Tommarello

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

*Absent: *Stepnick who was called at 7:26PM and participated via phone*

District Features

Plum High School awarded the National Athletic Trainers' Association Safe Sports School Award

Lauren Bence, Matthew Gatesman, Ryan Kesterholt, and Michael Tardio of East Suburban Sports Medicine Center

Kings Family Restaurants and Plum Chamber of Commerce Donation of nearly \$300.00

Mr. Bill Erhard of Plum Kings Family Restaurant; Ms. Carol Manson, Vice President and Ms. Kristen Furnari, Recording Secretary of the Plum Chamber of Commerce

Citizens’ Comments on Agenda Items

None

Citizens’ Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1. Andy Drake, Balkan Drive, spoke regarding budget cutting measures discussed at Finance Committee Meeting and numbers of periods in a school day.
2. Martha Freese, Center Road, spoke regarding election results and citizens comments.
3. Sondra Jodkin, Foxtail Drive, spoke regarding the 2014-15 school calendar.
4. Paul Freese, Center Road, spoke regarding number of periods in a day and election results.

Agenda

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the following Use of Facilities Applications:

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF USE	SCHOOL AND AREA
1. PHS Student Government	March 14, 2014	Sr. High – Gym #2 and Cafeteria
2. PHS Boys’ Basketball Boosters	March 21 and 22, 2014	Sr. High – Gym #1, Gym #2, and Concession Stand
3. PHS Boys’ Volleyball Boosters	April 1,8,15,17,22,29 and May 6 2014	Sr. High – Gym #1 and Concession Stand
4. PHS Boys’ Volleyball Boosters	April 25, 2014	Sr. High – Cafeteria
5. PHY Boys’ Volleyball Boosters	April 26, 2014	Sr. High – Gym #1, Gym # 2, Concession Stand, and Cafeteria
6. Plum P.A.G.E.	March 6, 2014	Sr. High – Cafeteria
7. AFJROTC	May 10, 2014	Sr. High – Auditorium and Cafeteria
8. Running Mustangs Ele. Distance Running Program	May 24, 2014	Sr. High – Athletic Stadium and Parking Lots
9. Plum Area Youth Soccer Club	Beginning March 24, 2014 ending June 6, 2014, Monday-Saturday	Athletic Field
10. Oblock Guidance Department	June 3, 2014	Oblock – Gym, Cafeteria, Auditorium
11. Plum Area Youth Soccer Club	March 19, 2014	Oblock – Auditorium
12. Suellen’s Baton Studio	May 29, 2014	Oblock – Gymnasium
13. Pivik PTA	March 4,11,18, and April 1,8,15,22,29, 2014	Pivik – Library

14. Pivik PTA	March 5, 12,19,26, and April 2,9,16,23,30, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria
15. Pivik PTA	April 25, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria & Gym
16. Pivik PTA	May 15, 2014	Pivik – Entire Building
17. Title I Program	May 14, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria
18. Running Mustangs Ele. Distance Running Program	March 25, 2014	Pivik – Cafeteria
19. Running Mustangs Ele. Distance Running Program	April 1,3,8,10,15,17,22,2 4,29, and May 1,6,8,13,22, 2014	Pivik Elementary – Gym and Outside Area
20. AS@P PTA	March 3, 2014	AS@P – Gym
21. AS@P PTA	March 14, 2014	AS@P – Auditorium

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

*Absent: *Stepnick who was called at 7:26PM and participated via phone*

Recommend approval to waive Policy 707 - Use of Facilities Application for Camp Invention June 23 – 27, 2014, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

*Absent: *Stepnick who was called at 7:26PM and participated via phone*

Recommend approval of PlanCon Part H: Project Financing for the New Holiday Park Elementary School, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

*Absent: *Stepnick who was called at 7:26PM and participated via phone*

***Mrs. Stepnick is now present via the phone.**

Recommend approval to pay G.O.B. 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 advertise for the following bids:

1. District Grass Sport Fields Maintenance
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2. District Grass Lawn Maintenance

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 of a two year agreement with Renick Brothers for Preventative Maintenance of the High School Pool Pak Unit and Pool Heater at a cost of \$2,870.00 (first year) and \$2,960.00 (second year).

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 February 11, 2014. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2014 following the Food Service and Nutrition Committee Meeting in the PHS Board Room.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Janice Patterson, Substitute Bus Driver, retroactive to January 6, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 accept the resignation of Robert Ashley, effective February 24, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 accept the resignation of Christopher Davis, Director of Educational Technology, effective May 30, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 Megan Klingensmith as a Substitute Speech/Language Teacher, at a rate of \$125 per diem, effective February 26, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 create a new paraprofessional position at Holiday Park Elementary School effective February 26, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 Tracey Heffron for the newly created paraprofessional position at Holiday Park Elementary School, effective February 26, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 full-time Custodians at the contracted rate, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent:

a. Clyde Andres

b. Donald Long

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 Lisa Linn as a part-time Custodian at the contracted rate, effective date to be determined by the Superintendent.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 Joseph Telles as a Substitute Bus Driver retroactive to February 18, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, 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 add Erin Marion to the 2013-14 Special Services Sponsor List as the Elementary Band Director at a stipend of \$740.00.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the following leaves:

- a. An unpaid leave, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), for Shari Klein, Administrative Assistant at Plum High School, retroactive to February 17, 2014 for a period not to exceed 4 weeks.
- b. An unpaid medical leave for Debra Conti, Bus Aide, retroactive January 17, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.
- c. An intermittent unpaid leave, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), for Carolyn Bronkaj, Health and Physical Education Teacher at Oblock Junior High School, for a period not to exceed 12 weeks beginning March 4, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

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 the Voluntary Informal Disposition for Student B.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the agreement for Students C.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the agreement for Student D.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a \$1,000.00 donation from Regency Park Elementary School PTA to purchase a Smart Board.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a \$24,400.00 grant from the PA Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools to Regency Park Elementary School.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of District Telephone Service Contracts with Comcast for each district building, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of an overnight field trip to Trinity High School for a Western Region State Orchestra Concert, February 26 – 28, 2014, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Additional Citizens' Comments on the following changed Agenda Item:

1. Sondra Jodkin, Foxtail Drive, spoke on the reason for the calendar change.
2. Bill Ferguson, Wayside Lane, spoke regarding calendar change and impart on the citizens.

Recommend a motion to delay a vote on a revised 2014-2015 School Calendar as attached.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: White

Final Resolution with a Roll Call Vote: Motion Passes

Yes: Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, White

No: Colella, Tommarello, Zucco

Absent: None

The Education Committee met on February 4, 2014. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 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 January 2014, 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

Recommend approval to accept the February Budget Transfers, 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

Recommend approval to continue participation in the Western Pennsylvania Natural Gas Consortium for the purchase of natural gas, 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

Recommend approval to appoint S & T Bank as agent for the investments of the New Holiday Park Construction Funds.

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

Recommend approval to vote for Roxanne Sakoian Eichler as the School Board Director from the Eastern Region for a trustee position on the Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium for the two-year period effective March 31, 2014.

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 February 18, 2014. Mr. McGough made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014, immediately following the Town Hall Meeting or 8:00PM, at the latest, in the Oblock Auditorium.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

The Policy Committee met on February 11, 2014. Dr. Glasspool read a report prepared by Mrs. Stepnick. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2104, following the Education Committee Meeting in the PHS Board Room.

Transportation Committee - Mr. Joe Tommarello, Chair

The Transportation Committee did not meet this month.

Athletic Committee - Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Kameron Smith, paid assistant volleyball coach, effective February 25, 2014.

Motion by: St. Leger, 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 hire the following 2013-14 Coach:

Boys' Volleyball	Stipend	Coach
PHS Assistant Coach	\$3,240.00	Alan Mathieu

Motion by: St. Leger, 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 the following 2013-14 volunteer Coaches:

Sport	Position	Coach
Track	PHS Assistant Coach	Richard Bogaty
Boys' Volleyball	PHS Coach	Vince Pavia
Boys' Volleyball	PHS Assistant Coach	Scott Smithley
Boys' Lacrosse	PHS Head Coach	Tom Wesolowski
Boys' Lacrosse	PHS Assistant Coach	Charles Casile

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Athletic Committee did not meet this month.

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

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee did not meet this month. The Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00PM in the PHS Board Room.

Eastern Area Schools - Mrs. Loretta White, Representative

Recommend approval to accept the following Resolutions, as attached:

Resolution No. 2013-1	All voting conducted by mail ballot
Resolution No. 2013-3	Elect Officers

Motion by: White, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Mrs. White made a report.

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

Mr. McGough make 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: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Announcements

Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Oblock Auditorium.

The regular March Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Oblock Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09PM.

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:

Cynthia M. Vento Board Secretary