

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**July 29, 2014
PLUM 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 a Voting Meeting on
Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 7:00PM in the Auditorium at
Plum Senior High School in Allegheny County at
900 Elicker Road Plum, PA 15239**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Colella called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

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

Absent: Tommarello

Solicitor: Mr. Tony Giglio

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on July 8, July 15, July 22, and this evening, July 29 to discuss matters of student confidentiality, personnel, negotiations, and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: *Amended June 30 Regular Board Meeting*; July 15 Special Voting Meeting, Facilities Committee and Education Committee; and the July 22 Food Service and Nutrition Committee and Finance Committee. (modified)

Motion by: White, Second by: Stepnick

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Student Features

Mrs. Kelly Haupt, Camp Invention

- 1. Essay Winners: Meredith Benton, Dillon Rush, Michael Schorr, Connor Trozzi, Justin Wesolowski, Tyler Yurisnec**
- 2. Scholarship Winners: Katie Breitkrutz, Jack Silvis**

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items

None

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Agenda

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

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, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to renew the Boiler Monitoring Agreement with Shultz Installation and Service for Adlai Stevenson @ Pivik for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$150.00 per month.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to renew the building security and fire alarm monitoring with Detect-A-Crime Security for all district buildings in the amount of \$1,160.00 per quarter.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Facilities Committee met on July 15, 2014. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2014 following the Transportation Meeting in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

Recommend approval to hire Kristin Vetro, Special Education Teacher at Plum High School, at Bachelor's Step 1, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Kajsa Siewczak, Special Education Teacher at Plum High School, at Bachelor's Step 1, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Lindsey Hudak, Special Education Teacher at Regency Park Elementary School, at Masters Step 2, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Sarah Green, Special Education Teacher at Center Elementary School, at Bachelor's Step 1, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Holly Schohn, 3rd Grade Teacher at Holiday Park Elementary School, at Masters Step 2, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Tracey Heffron, Elementary STEM Teacher at a Masters Step 1, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Jordan Amign, Network Administrator, at a per annum salary of \$50,000, employment 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, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Jessica Andrejck, Long Term Substitute at Holiday Park Elementary School, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Teresa Monroe Bono, Long Term Substitute at Center Elementary School, effective September 1, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to hire Regina Bauer, Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent and PIMS/Central Registration, employment date to be determined by the Superintendent.

Recommend approval to hire Timothy P. Olszewski, Bus Driver, at the contracted rate at an 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, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of a maternity leave for Kelly Wickersty, Teacher at Holiday Park, beginning on or about September 2, 2014 through on or about October 19, 2014.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the following maternity leave requests:

Name	Dates
1. Rachel Gattuso, Assistant Principal Plum High School	Commencing on or about December 29, 2014 Concluding on or about April 1, 2015
2. Bethany Loy, Music Teacher Plum High School	Commencing on or about January 8, 2015 Concluding on or about March 16, 2015

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to amend the July 15, 2014 board motion to read hire Theresa D'Amico as a Bus Aide at the contracted rate with the 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, White, Zucco

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to amend the effective hire dates for the following teachers from September 2, 2014 to September 1, 2014:

Name	Assignment
1. Nicholas Vranesevic	Elementary Strings/Music Teacher
2. Chessa Fernandez	Elementary Music Teacher
3. Allyson Whitmer	School Nurse
4. Kristen Rowe	Librarian

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Education Committee – Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

Recommend approval to dispose of obsolete technology equipment, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the following Agreements for the 2014-2015 school year, as listed:

Facility/Company	Type of Agreement
1. Waterfront Learning	Virtual Programing/Cyber Education
2. NHS Pennsylvania	Educational Services
3. MHY Family Services	Educational Services
4. Family Services of Western PA	Student Assistance Services
5. The Meadows	Educational Services

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the following overnight field trips/conferences, as listed:

Group	Location/Reason	Dates
1. PHS Music Department	Orlando, FL/Festival Disney	March 5-9, 2015
2. Varsity Baseball	Tampa, FL/Spring Training	March 18-21, 2015
3. Adlai Stevenson Elementary	Washington, DC/Sixth Grade	May 14-17, 2015

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the 2014-2015 Parent-Student Handbooks for the elementary, junior high, and senior high schools

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of all attendance zone requests, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of textbooks and associated resources, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Education Committee met on July 15, 2014. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2014, following the Facilities Meeting in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Finance Committee – Mr. Tom McGough, Chair

Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report and bill payments for June 2014, as presented.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to amend the Homestead/Farmstead Tax Relief Resolution for the 2014-2015 school year, in accordance with Act 1 of 2006 Taxpayer Relief Act to reflect a millage rate of 18.758, as presented.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the Epic Communications Amendment for E-Rate Year 18, as presented.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to provide Kelly Services with the requisite 30-day written documentation to terminate their agreement, effective August 29, 2014.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

With a Roll Call Vote

Yes: Gallagher, McGough, Stepnick, White

No: Colella, Dowdell, St. Leger, Zucco

Absent: Tommarello

The Finance Committee met on July 22, 2014. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2014, following the Special Voting Meeting in the Plum High School Board Room.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

The Policy Committee did not meet this month. The Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 following the Education Meeting in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Transportation Committee - Mr. Joe Tommarello, Chair

The Transportation Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Athletic Committee - Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

Recommend approval to hire the following coaches for the 2014-2015 school year:

Name	Sport
1. Kate Griffin	Sr. High Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach
2. Kate Griffin	7 th Grade Girls' Basketball Head Coach
3. Erin Cubarney Malloy	8 th Grade Girls' Basketball Head Coach

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Athletic Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. White made brief report.

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

Recommend approval of the 2014-2015 Food Service and Nutrition Budget, as presented.

Motion by: White, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the 2014-2015 breakfast and lunch prices, as presented.

Motion by: White, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval of the following bid awards:

Bid Type	Company
1. Milk	Turner Dairy
2. Bread	Nickles Bakery
3. Ice Cream	Pittsburgh Best Ice Cream

Motion by: White, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee met on July 22, 2014. Mrs. White made this report.

Legislative Policy Council - Mr. Joe Tommarello, Representative

Mrs. Stepnick made this report

President's Report - Mr. Sal Colella

Mr. Colella made this report.

Announcements

A Special Voting Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

The regular August Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Plum High School Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:03PM.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello