

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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**March 29, 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, March 29, 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 7:03PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

Mrs. Vento took roll.

Present: Caldwell, Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch,  
\*Stepnick via phone a 7:35PM, Zucco

Absent: None

Solicitor: Mr. Tony Giglio

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

**Executive Session**

The Board met in Executive Session on March 22, and this evening, March 29, 2016 to discuss matters of student confidentiality, personnel, negotiations, and real estate.

**Approval of Minutes**

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: February 23 Regular Board Meeting; March 8 Special Voting Meeting, Transportation, Policy, Facilities, and Safe & Supportive Schools Committees; and the March 22 Education and Finance Committees.

*Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Colella*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: Stepnick*

*Absent: None*

## **Student Features**

### **Coach Jerry Yushinski – Bowling, Girls and Boys**

**Megan Christman** – WPIBL Section Champions, WPIBL Team Champions, PA State Team Champions, and PA Individual Bowling Championship 12<sup>th</sup> Place

**Alexandria Dick** - WPIBL Section Champions, WPIBL Team Champions, PA State Team Champions, and Section 3 Girls' MVP

**Sarah Kirkpatrick** - WPIBL Section Champions, WPIBL Team Champions, and PA State Team Champions

**Brianna Pilyih** - WPIBL Section Champions, WPIBL Team Champions, and PA State Team Champions

**Talia Pilyih** - WPIBL Section Champions, WPIBL Team Champions, and PA State Team Champions

**Matthew Brown** – WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Joshua Christman** - WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Dominic DelVecchio** - WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Franklin Mercurio** - WPIBL Section Champions, PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place, and Section 3 Boys' MVP

**Jackson Rogers** - WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Logan Simmons** - WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

**Tyler Vaill** - WPIBL Section Champions and PA State Team Bowling Championships 6<sup>th</sup> Place

### **Coach Kayla Joy – Swimming**

**Hannah Adamski** – Girls 200 Freestyle Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, 1:40.14 – School Record, Girls 400 Freestyle Relay – 9<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, Girls 50 Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 23.95 – School Record, PIAA State Qualifier 16<sup>th</sup> Place. 100 Freestyle – 9<sup>th</sup> Place

**Gabby LaBovick** - Girls 200 Freestyle Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, 1:40.14 – School Record, Girls 400 Freestyle Relay – 9<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

**Alexis Smith** - Girls 200 Freestyle Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, 1:40.14 – School Record, Girls 400 Freestyle Relay – 9<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

**Devan Taylor** - Girls 200 Freestyle Relay – 8<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, 1:40.14 – School Record, Girls 400 Freestyle Relay – 9<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL, Girls 100 Breaststroke – 10<sup>th</sup> Place, 1:06.14 – School Record, 200 Individual Medley - 10<sup>th</sup> Place, PIAA State Qualifier 19<sup>th</sup> Place

**Justin Decheck** – Boys Medley Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

**Noah Frederick** - Boys Medley Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

**Nick Workman** - Boys Medley Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

**Michael Scholaert** - Boys Medley Relay – 10<sup>th</sup> Place WPIAL

## **Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items**

### **Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

1. Ms. Jennifer Zeitler, Repp Road, spoke against the time change for elementary school.

## **Agenda**

### **Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair**

Recommend approval to pay General Obligation Bond Invoices, as presented.

*Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Colella*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: Stepnick*

*Absent: None*

*\* Mrs. Stepnick called in at 7:35PM.*

Recommend approval to advertise for RFP for Trash/Recycling Hauling.

*Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Colella*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

*Abstain: Mrs. Roessler*

Recommend approval for a Use of Facilities Application for the Sampson Family YMCA, as presented.

*Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Gallagher*

*Final Resolution: Motion fails with a Roll Call Vote*

*Yes: Caldwell, Dowdell, Gallagher, Stepnick*

*No: Colella, Roessler, Rogers, Schlauch, Zucco*

*Absent: None*

The Facilities Committee met on March 8, 2016. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016 following the Education Committee in the Plum High School Board Room.

**Personnel Committee - Mr. Steve Schlauch, Chair**

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Roseann Peterman, Food Service Worker at Pivik Elementary School, effective June 30, 2016.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*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 Kathleen Burns, Food Service Worker, retroactive to January 1, 2016.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire James McBride, Bus Driver, retroactive to March 21, 2016, at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire Raymond Medice, Bus Driver, effective March 30, 2016, at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire John McAleavey, Substitute Bus Driver, effective March 30, 2016, at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to hire Judith Rogers, Food Service Worker, at Holiday Park Elementary School, effective April 4, 2016 at the contracted rate.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to accept the Educational Sabbatical Leave Requests, pursuant to Public School Code for the following teachers, as listed:

- a. Kirstin Vinton, for the fall semester of the 2016-17 school year.
- b. Megan Spillar, for the spring semester of the 2016-17 school year.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval for an unpaid leave for the following employees, as listed:

- a. Joseph Schreib, retroactive to February 25, 2016, for a period not to exceed one year.
- b. Beth Brown, retroactive to March 14, 2016.
- c. Julia Cenci, from August 16, 2016 through October 31, 2016.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend the following leaves, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), for the following employees, as listed:

- a. Rori Smith, an intermittent leave for a period not to exceed 3 months, retroactive to March 11, 2016.
- b. Jenielle Doty, an intermittent leave for a period not to exceed 3 months.

*Motion by: Schlauch; 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 maternity leave for Renee Simone, beginning August 24, 2016 through April 30, 2017.

*Motion by: Schlauch; Second by: Roessler*

*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 to accept the 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Educational Services Agreement, as presented.

*Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Gallagher*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to accept the amended teacher start and end times for the 2016-2017 school year, as listed.

High School: 7:10 – 2:55

Junior High School: 7:15 – 3:00

Elementary School: 8:10 – 3:55

*Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Gallagher*

*Final Resolution: Motion to table*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*



Recommend approval of the AFJROTC Officer Leadership School Overnight Field Trip Request for June 21-27, 2016 to Concord University in Athens, West Virginia.

*Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Gallagher*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

Recommend approval to accept the following donations, as listed.

a. \$3,500 - Fiskars donation to Holiday Park Elementary School

b. \$500 - ABC Create Consortium donation to Regency Park Elementary School

*Motion by: Caldwell; Second by: Gallagher*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

The Education Committee met on March 22, 2016. Mrs. Caldwell made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2016, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

#### **Finance Committee – Mr. Sal Colella, Chair**

Recommend approval of the Treasurer's Report and bill payments for February 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 March Budget Transfers, 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 2016-2017 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget, as presented.

*No motion, no second*

Recommend approval to continue using the existing assessment appeal criteria for the 2016 Real Estate Assessment Appeals for residential and commercial property.

*Motion by: Colella; Second by: Caldwell*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: Gallagher*

*Absent: None*

The Finance Committee met on March 22, 2016. Mr. Colella made this report. A 2014-15 Local Audit Presentation and 2016-17 Budget Review will take place on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 7:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room. The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

#### **Policy Committee – Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair**

The Policy Committee met on March 8, 2016. Mrs. Roessler made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

#### **Transportation Committee – Mr. Jim Rogers, Chair**

The Transportation Committee met on March 8, 2016.

**Athletic Committee – Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair**

Recommend approval to hire Erin Maloy-Cubarney, Junior High Girls' Head Volleyball Coach, for the 2015-16 season.

*Motion by: Gallagher; 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 following Volunteer Coaches for the 2016 spring season, as listed.

- a. Clint White, Volunteer Baseball Coach
- b. Gregory Foster, Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

*Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: Caldwell*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*

The Athletic Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. Gallagher made a report.

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

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. Gallagher read Mrs. Stepnick's report.

**Safe & Supportive Schools Committee – Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair**

The Safe & Supportive Schools Committee met on March 8, 2016. Mrs. Roessler made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, 2016 following the Policy Committee in the Plum High School Board Room.

*\*Mrs. Stepnick left the meeting, via phone, at 8:51PM*

**Intergovernmental Committee – Mrs. Susan Caldwell, Chair**

The Intergovernmental Committee met on March 23, 2016. Mrs. Caldwell made this report.

**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.

**President's Report – Mr. Kevin Dowdell**

Mr. Dowdell made this report.

**Announcements**

A District Wide Facility Study Discussion is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:00PM in the Oblock Junior High School Auditorium.

The regular April Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Oblock Junior High School Auditorium.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn 8:59PM

*Motion by: Colella; Second by: Roessler*

*Final Resolution: Motion passes*

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

*No: None*

*Absent: None*