

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**November 25, 2014
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.

Plum Borough Board of School Directors held a Voting Meeting on

**Tuesday, November 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 7:05PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

Present: Colella, Dowdell, Gallagher, McGough via phone, St. Leger via phone at 7:25PM prior to Citizen Comments, Stepnick, White, Zucco

Absent: Tommarello

Solicitor: Mr. Lee Price

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on November 11, November 18, and this evening, November 25 to discuss matters of student confidentiality, personnel, negotiations, and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: October 28 Regular Board Meeting; November 11 Education and Facilities Committees; and the November 18 Policy and Finance Committees.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: Stepnick

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Student Features

Mrs. Amy Martello – Sponsor of the Girls' Leaders Association
Jessica Denzer and Danielle Nichols will discuss the Alcoa Foundation Grant.

Coach Caitlin Schuchert – Girls’ Soccer Team

1. Ashley Amato – WPIAL All-Section First Team, WPIAL AAA All-Stars First Team
2. Nicolette Casarcia – WPIAL All- Section First Team
3. Chelsea Hubner – WPIAL All-Section First Team
4. Brianna Schlegel – Highmark Soccer Series MVP vs Penn Hills

Coach David Baleno – Boys’ Soccer Team

1. Orazio Barbarino – WPIAL All-Section First Team, Highmark Soccer Series MVP vs Penn Hills
2. Mike McGuire – WPIAL All-Section First Team

Coach Kory Flaherty - Girls’ Volleyball Team

1. Rachel Satira – Third Team All-WPIAL, First Team All-Section
2. Clarissa Hankinson – Second Team All-Section
3. Courtney Zezza – Second Team All-Section
4. Maddie Gestrich – Third Team All-Section
5. Skyler Kutzner – Third Team All-Section
6. Megan Rengers – Third Team All-Section

Citizens’ Comments on Agenda Items

Mrs. Feerst, Francis Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.
Mr. Benton, Center Hill Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.
Mr. Griffin, Clements Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.
Mrs. Katz, Palmer Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.
Mrs. Kelly, Center Hill Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.
Mr. Tavella, Palmer Road, spoke to redistricting for Center Elementary School.

Citizens’ Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Agenda

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Recommend approval of the following Use of Facilities requests, as presented:

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF USE	SCHOOL AND AREA
1. PTA Council	April 23, 2015	Sr. High – Auditorium/Cafeteria
2. PHS Baseball Booster	January 12 and March 5, 2015	Sr. High – Room #115/Library
3. PHS Baseball Boosters	December 15, 2014	Sr. High – Cafeteria
4. PHS Music Department	December 2-3, 2014	Sr. High – Auditorium/Music Suite
5. Oblock Jr. High Chorus	December 8-9, 2014 May 11-12, 2015	Sr. High – Auditorium/Music Suite
6. PTA Council	February 17, 2015	Center – Cafeteria
7. PTA Council	March 30, 2015	Holiday Park - Library

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

Request permission to declare as unused and unnecessary, sold for cash value, the following items:

- a. 1991 Ford F-150 Truck
- b. 1997 GMC Savannah Van

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 purchase a 2015 Ford Transit-350 XL Low Roof Wagon at a cost of \$33,231, as presented.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: Colella

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend approval to pay all GOB 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 contract with Richard S. Maddock for snow plowing/removal services, using district vehicles, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, as needed for the 2014-2015 school year.

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 contract with Dun Rite Construction and Paving, LLC for auxiliary snow plowing/removal services at an hourly rate of \$95.00, using his vehicles, as needed for the 2014-2015 school year.

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 November 11, 2014. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 following the Education Committee in the Plum High School Board Room.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

Recommend approval of the following building principal assignments beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, as attached:

Administrator	2014-2015 Assignment	2015-2016 Assignment
Shannon Crombie	Assistant Principal PHS	Assistant Principal PHS
Joe Fishell	Oblock Jr. High	Oblock Jr. High
Rachael Gattuso	Assistant Principal PHS	Assistant Principal PHS
Jeff Hadley	Center Elementary	Assistant Principal Oblock
Jason Knisely	Adlai Stevenson	Center Elementary
Ryan Kociela	Plum High School	Plum High School
Fran Sciuillo	Holiday Park Elementary	Holiday Park Elementary
Justin Stephans	Regency Park Elementary	Regency Park Elementary
Gail Yamnitzky	Pivik Elementary	Pivik Elementary

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 accept the retirement of Julie Mast-Tessmer, Bus Driver, retroactive to November 20, 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 accept the retirement of Gregory D. Koedel, Custodian at Center Elementary School, effective February 28, 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 rescind the September 30, 2014 motion to hire Allison Schwer, Long-Term Social Studies Substitute Teacher.

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 Fran Ferragonio, Long-Term Social Studies Substitute Teacher, at the contracted rate, retroactive to November 20, 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 Michael Sweeney, Bus Driver, at the contracted rate and a start 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 Christen Rock, Special Education Teacher at Plum High School, beginning on or about March 6, 2015 through the end of the 2014-15 school year.

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 an unpaid medical leave, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), for the following:

- a. Sherry Lucas, 1st Grade Teacher at Center Elementary School, an intermittent leave retroactive to November 7, 2014 through November 1, 2015.
- b. Rochelle Dunn, Social Studies Teacher at Plum High School, an intermittent leave retroactive to November 7, 2014 through November 4, 2015.
- c. Kathleen Burns, Food Service Worker at Holiday Park Elementary School, beginning January 14, 2015 for a period not to exceed 12 weeks.

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 of the following overnight field trips/conferences:

Attendees	Event	Date/Location
1. C. Burkey, D. Dziewulski, and M. Karkowsky	PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference	February 8-11, 2015 Hershey, PA
2. Center Elementary School	Sixth Grade Trip	March 27-29, 2015 Washington D.C.
3. Regency Park Elementary School	Sixth Grade Trip	May 2-4, 2015 Washington D.C.

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 to accept the agreement with Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic's Licensed Academic School, 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 A.L.i.C.E. Program model for school safety.

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 to create and staff a secondary Life Skills Program, located at Plum High School, for the 2015-2016 school year, 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 to accept the Voluntary Informal Disposition for Student D.

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 to relocate Regency Park Students to Old Holiday Park for the 2015-2016 school year.

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 to set the Elementary Sending Zones beginning with the 2015-2016 school year as November 18, 2014, Option A as attached, posted, and discussed.

Motion by: Colella, Second by: Stepnick

Final Resolution: Motion Passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: Dowdell

Absent: Tommarello

The Education Committee met on November 11, 2014. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Finance Committee – Mr. Tom McGough, Chair

Recommend approval of the Treasurer’s Report and bill payments for October 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 renew the Resolution to participate in the AIU Joint Purchasing Board with Michael Brewer as the Regular Member and Eugene Marraccini as the Alternate Member.

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 adoption of a resolution as presented to the Board authorizing the incurring of non-electoral debt to finance a portion of the cost of the School District’s elementary school renovation/construction project and studies, equipment, software, capital improvements and/or renovations to various School District facilities, as presented.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: Colella

Absent: Tommarello

Recommend that the school district participate in the Security and Exchange Commission's voluntary Municipalities Continuing Disclosure Cooperation Initiative. School district officials are authorized and directed to execute such documents and take such actions as are appropriate to effect such participation.

Motion by: McGough, Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Finance Committee met on November 18, 2014. Mr. McGough made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014, following the Facilities Committee in the Plum High School Board Room.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the following policies, as presented:

Policy No.	Policy Name
1. Policy No. 004	Membership
2. Policy No. 008	Organizational Chart
3. Policy No. 911	Media Relations

Motion by: Stepnick, Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

The Policy Committee met on November 18, 2014. Mrs. Stepnick made this report.

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 James Klipa as a Volunteer Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion by: St. Leger, Second by: White

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.

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

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee did not meet this month. Mrs. White made a report.

Intergovernmental Committee - Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

The Intergovernmental Committee did not meet this month.

Eastern Area Schools - Mrs. Loretta White, Representative

Mrs. White 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.

Announcements

The Reorganization Meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

The regular December Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the Pivik Cafeteria.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:39PM.

Motion by: Dowdell, Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

No: None

Absent: Tommarello

ATTEST TO:

Board Secretary