

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**JULY 26, 2016
BOROUGH COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 PM**

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, July 26, 2016 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers at
Plum Borough Building in Allegheny County at
4575 New Texas Road Plum, PA 15239**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Dowdell called the meeting to order at 7:16PM 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. Lee Price

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on July 12, 13, 19, and this evening prior to the voting meeting to discuss matters of personnel and legal matters.

Lee Price, Solicitor, informed and read to the assembly the following Motion that will be added to the Agenda: *Recommend approval of the Change Order for Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for security upgrades for Center and Regency Park Elementary Schools at a cost of \$8,343.34.*

Student Features

Coach Carl Vollmer – Baseball Team

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items

Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1. Tim Sandstrom, Havaland Drive, spoke regarding the Levine investigation, cost and length of investigation.
2. Bill Fenk, Aberdeen Drive, spoke regarding the Levine investigation, cost and length of investigation.
3. Rahmon Hart, Balkan Drive, spoke regarding the Levine investigation and safety coordinator position.
4. Jennifer Kearney, Mower Drive, spoke regarding the addition at Oblock and make a thoughtful decision.
5. Kira Fischer, Allegheny Avenue, spoke regarding Regency Park Sixth Grade class size, more families are moving into Regency area, tax increase, do you have a plan for the future?, and tax collector should be fired.
6. Shawn Richardson, Blossom Court, spoke regarding the Levine investigation.

7. Leigh Ann Weiss, Vale Avenue, spoke regarding Regency Park, making decisions based on financial reason, changing the educational model, and teacher assignments.
8. Bill Chapla, Pine Valley Drive, spoke regarding the safety coordinator, Regency Park, consider the age and prior construction at Oblock, and the job description for safety coordinator.
9. Karin Acquaviva, Repp Road, spoke regarding the grand jury report and making decisions.
10. Debbie Bell, Jackson Road, spoke regarding facilities, old bus garage property, and a construction trailer that is parked on the Regency Park school site.
11. Beth O'Donoghue, Bar Harbor Drive, spoke regarding class size at Holiday Park.
12. Nicole Shingle, Chapparral Drive, spoke regarding class size limits and the Oblock/Holiday Park campus overcrowding.
13. Bill Fenk, Aberdeen, spoke regarding how board knows what to do, what classes do they take?

Agenda

Invited Guests: Joseph Muscatello

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Recommend approval to waive Policy 707 for Plum/Midgets/Youth Soccer for August 28, October 2, and October 9, 2016.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to increase the YMCA Swim fee by 3% for the 2016-17 school year.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of GOB invoices, as presented.

Motion was made by Zucco and seconded by Caldwell unanimous approval to amend motion to remove Rucon Invoice.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Colella

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of a Change Order for the Transportation and Maintenance Center's gas line extension in the amount of \$29,631.00.

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 the Change Order for Dagostino Electronic Services, Inc. for security upgrades for Center and Regency Park Elementary Schools at a cost of \$8,343.34.

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 Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

Personnel Committee - Mr. Steve Schlauch, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Nathan Clark, Custodian at Holiday Park Elementary School, retroactive to July 6, 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 Michael Gautner as an Assistant Principal at Plum High School at a pro-rated salary of \$82,000, effective at a date to be determined.

Motion by: Schlauch, Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Abstain: Schlauch

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Kristy Lagnese as a Special Education Teacher at Pivik Elementary School at Masters, Step 2, effective August 24, 2016.

Motion by: Schlauch, Second by: Stepnick

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Natalie Nicolette as a Health & Physical Education Teacher at Masters, Step 1, effective August 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 Caitlyn Sirkoch as a Long-term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher at Center Elementary School, effective August 24, 2016 at the contracted rate.

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 Teresa Bono as a Long-term Substitute STEM Teacher at Holiday Park Elementary School, effective August 24, 2016 at the contracted rate.

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 Department Chairpersons for the 2016-17 school year at a stipend of \$2,179.00:

Department Chairperson Position	Name
K-6 English/Language Arts	Lindsey Lamm
7-12 English/Language Arts	Lindsay Sciullo
K-6 Math	Kristen Gestrich
7-12 Math	Dave Miller
K-6 Science	Zachary Rice
7-12 Science	Scott Lazzaro
K-6 Social Studies	Nathan Pfeiffer
7-12 Social Studies	Lynda Frazetta
K-12 Special Education	Amber Soxman

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 2016-17 Cook Managers' Salary Schedule, please refer to Attachment #1.

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 appoint Mary Kay Watson to the vacant 10-month Attendance Administrative Assistant position at Plum High School, at a date to be determined.

Motion by: Zucco, Second by: Roessler

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: Colella

Absent: None

Recommend approval to create a new Paraprofessional position at Center Elementary School.

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 list of full time Bus Drivers for the 2016-17 school year, at the contracted rate:

- a. Norma Gregory
- b. Christine Heidenreich
- c. Joseph Perri
- d. Dirk Vom Felde

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 Teresa Damico as a full time Bus Aide for the 2016-17 school year, at the contracted rate.

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 Daniel Yushinski as a substitute Bus Driver for the 2016-17 school year, at the contracted rate.

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 a leave for Gina Dankmyer beginning on or about January 13, 2017 through April 9, 2017.

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 retroactively hire Matt Magnusen as a summer sponsor at the contracted rate.

Motion by: Schlauch, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

(Michelle Stepnick briefly left the meeting)

Education Committee - Mrs. Susan Caldwell, Chair

Recommend approval for Mrs. Lindsey Lamm to participate in CMU Fluency Cohort Opportunity.

Motion by: Caldwell, Second by: Gallagher

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Stepnick, for this vote

Recommend approval of the Advanced Chemistry Textbook.

a. Zumdahl, S. S., Zumdahl, S. L., & DeCoste, D. J. (2013). World of Chemistry. Evanston, IL: Cengage Learning.

Motion by: Caldwell, Second by: Gallagher

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: Stepnick, for this vote

The Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. Mrs. Caldwell made this report. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

(Michelle Stepnick returned to the meeting)

Finance Committee - Mr. Sal Colella, Chair

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes received from Andrews and Price for April and May.

Source	Amount
Current Real Estate Taxes	\$54,659.35
Prior Year Delinquent Taxes	\$20,619.24
Per Capita Tax	\$571.00
Miscellaneous Fees Recovered	\$343.11
Total Collected	\$76,192.70

Recommend approval of the Treasurer’s report and bill payments for June 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

The Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. Mr. Colella made this report. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

Policy Committee - Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair

Recommend revisions to Policy 915 - Relations with School Affiliated Organizations.

Motion by: Roessler, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

Safe & Supportive Schools Committee - Mrs. Vicky Roessler, Chair

The Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. Mrs. Roessler made this report. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

Transportation Committee - Mr. Jim Rogers, Chair

The Transportation Committee did not meet this month.

Athletic Committee - Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

Recommend approval to hire Erik Anderson as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 Winter Season, at the contracted rate.

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 retroactively hire Matt Morgan and Kyle Simmons as Weight Room Coaches for the 2015-16 school year at the contracted amount.

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 hire the following coaches:

Position	Name	Stipend
Junior High Head Football Coach	Adam Szarmach	\$4,288
Junior High Assistant Football Coach	Rich Bernardi	\$3,815
Junior High Assistant Football Coach	Vince Russo	\$3,815
Fall Tennis Head Coach	Vince Romito	\$2,965

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 2016-17 season:

Position	Name
Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach	Steven Joyce
Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach	Chevonne Morgan
Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	Todd Chiusano
Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	Joe Schreiber
Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach	Matt Frew

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

Recommend approval to accept the 2016-17 Food Service and Nutrition Budget, as presented.

Motion by: Stepnick, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Committee of the Whole met on July 12, 2016. Mrs. Stepnick made this report. The next committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM in Borough Council Chambers.

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

Mr. Rogers made a report.

Eastern Area Schools - Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Representative

Recommend approval to accept the Eastern Area Schools Joint Committee Board, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Eastern Area Schools Joint Committee Resolution for a Mail Ballot, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Eastern Area Schools Joint Committee Resolution for 2016--17 Budget, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher, Second by: Caldwell

Final Resolution: Motion passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: None

Absent: None

Mrs. Gallagher made a report.

Legislative Policy Council - Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Representative

Mrs. Stepnick made a report.

PSBA for a PlanCon Reform Work Group

President's Report - Mr. Kevin Dowdell

Mr. Dowdell made this report.

Announcements

The regular August Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Borough Council Chambers.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:35PM.

Motion by: Caldwell, Second by: Gallagher

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None