

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

**MINUTES
REGULAR VOTING MEETING**

**September 29, 2015
Plum High School – Board Room
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, September 29, 2015 at 7:00PM in the Board Room at
Plum Senior High School in Allegheny County at
900 Elicker Road Plum, PA 15239**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was moved from the PHS Auditorium to the PHS Board Room, which caused a slight delay. Mr. Colella called the meeting to order at 7:06PM and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mrs. Vento took roll.

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

Absent: None

Solicitor: Mr. Lee Price

Executive Session

The Board met in Executive Session on September 18, and September 22 to discuss personnel matters, and this evening, September 29, 2015 to discuss matters of personnel, tax appeal litigation, and real estate.

Approval of Minutes

Recommend approval of the following Meeting Minutes: August 25, 2015 Regular Board Meeting; September 1 and September 22 Special Voting Meetings; September 1 Education Committee Meeting; September 8 Policy and Facilities Committee Meetings; September 22 Transportation, Food Service and Nutrition, and Finance Committee Meetings; and September 24, 2015 Intergovernmental Committee Meeting.

Motion by: Dowdell; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

District Features

Presentation: The Plum Foundation for Educational Enhancement Mrs. Mary Lynn Alpino discussed what the Foundation has accomplished and some upcoming events.

Comments on Agenda Items

Jennifer Wells, Regency Drive, discussed Regency Park students.
Ray Nardo, Dinwiddie Drive, discussed PBBO and use of facilities.
Debbie Bell, Jackson Road, discussed bus issues and Regency Park.
Amy Boccieri, Aberdeen Drive, discussed Safe and Supportive Schools Committee.

Comments on Non-Agenda Items

None

Agenda

Facilities Committee - Mr. Rich Zucco, Chair

Approve the Use of Facility Requests, as presented.

ORGANIZATION	DATE OF USE	SCHOOL AND AREA
1. Plum Council of PTA	January 26, 2016	PHS-Cafeteria
2. Plum Council of PTA	April 21, 2016	PHS- Cafeteria/Auditorium
3. PHS PTSA	September 30 & October 1,7,8, 2015	PHS-Classrooms 113 & 102
4. PHS Girls Basketball Boosters	October 2, 2015	Sr. High – Gym #1
5. PHS Football Boosters	October 7, November 4, December 2, 2015; January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, & June 1, 2016	Sr. High – Room #115
6. Plum Council of PTA	May 23, 2106	Oblock – Cafeteria
7. P.B.E.A.	October 12, 2015 & May 2, 2016	Oblock – Auditorium
8. Plum J.O. Wrestling Group	October 5, 7, 15, 2015	Oblock – Front Lobby Area
9. Plum J.O. Wrestling Group	October 26, 2015	Oblock – Cafeteria
10. Plum J.O. Wrestling Group	Beginning November 1, 2015 & ending on March 31, 2016, Monday - Friday – use based on availability	PHS & Oblock – Wrestling Rooms
11. Plum J.O. Wrestling Group	January 15 & 16, 2016	Oblock – Gym, Main Lobby, Hallways, Cafeteria, Locker Rooms

12. Plum Council of PTA	February 29, 2015	Center – Cafeteria
13. Center PTA	November 4, December 2, 2015; January 6, March 2, April 6, October 7, February 3, May 4, 2016	Center – Cafeteria
14. Center PTA	September 15, 18 2015 March 14, 15, 16 & May 20, 23, 24 2016	Center – Gym
15. Center PTA	November 20, 2015; January 22, 29, 2016	Center – Cafeteria
16. Center PTA	March 4, 2016	Center – Cafeteria
17. Center PTA	December 8, 9, 10	Center – Gym
18. Center PTA	March 15, 2016	Center – Entire School
19. 6 th Grade Trip Committee	October 13, 15, November 24 December 17, 2015	Center – Cafeteria
20. 6 th Grade Trip Committee	September 9, 2015 April 20, 2016	Center – Cafeteria
21. P.B.E.A.	November 2, December 7, 2015; January 11, February 1, March 7, April 4, 2015	Holiday Park – Library
22. Plum Council of PTA	October 26, 2015	Pivik – Library
23. Pivik PTA	September 9, October 7, November 4, December 2, 2015; January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, 2016	Pivik – Cafeteria
24. Pivik PTA	October 23, 2015	Pivik – Cafeteria/Gym
25. Pivik PTA	December 4, 2015	Pivik – Entire Building
26. Pivik PTA	January 8, February 19, March 18, April 15, May 13, 2016	Pivik – Cafeteria/Gym
27. Recreational Basketball (Magnus)	October 7,14,21,28, November 7,11,18, December 2,9,16, 2015	Pivik – Gym
28. Plum Council of PTA	November 23, 2015	Regency Park – Library
29. Regency Park PTA	September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2, 2015; January 6, February 3, March 2, April 5, 2016	Regency 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: None

Approval of Plum Boro Basketball Organization (PBBO) Use of Facilities for Oblock and Holiday Park Gyms, Monday – Friday, September 28, 2015 through March 31, 2016 from 6-9:30PM.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to waive Policy No. 707 – Use of Facilities for the Athletic Field for Plum Soccer the following Sundays: October 4, October 11, October 18, and October 25, 2015.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of 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: None

Recommend approval to accept the three year preventative maintenance agreements with Daiken Applied for chiller units at Plum High, Oblock Junior High, and Pivik Elementary Schools, 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: None

Recommend approval to accept the advertising agreement with North Shore Advertising, 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: None

Recommend approval to accept Proposal # 3 from Scott Electric to purchase lighting in Plum High School Gym #1 in the amount of \$12,414.00.

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to submit Plan Con Part D, Project Accounting Based on Estimates, for the new Regency Park Elementary School Project, to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, PDE Project No. 3830, as presented.

Motion to table by: Colella; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion fails with a Roll Call Vote

Yes: Colella, Dowdell, Zucco

No: Gallagher, McGough, St. Leger, Stepnick, White

Absent: None

Motion by: Zucco; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes with a Roll Call Vote

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

No: Colella, Dowdell, Zucco

Absent: None

The Facilities Committee met on September 8, 2015. Mr. Zucco made this report. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Personnel Committee – Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the resignation of Briana Brickner, Substitute Music Teacher, retroactive to September 8, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the retirement of Cheryl Ciorra, Swim Aide at Plum High School, retroactive to September 11, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Brandon Miller, Music Teacher, beginning September 8, 2015 through January 3, 2016, as a Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate of \$100.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Briana Balcik, Interim Speech Language Pathologist, at a per diem rate of \$190, retroactive to September 4, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Christopher Gilmer, Bus Driver, at the contracted rate, retroactive to September 23, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire Gladys Knight, Substitute Bus Aide, at the contracted rate, effective September 29, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to hire the following Food Service Workers to fill vacancies, at the contracted rate, effective September 28, 2015:

- a. Jennifer Bataglia, Oblock Junior High School
- b. Maria DeVore, Plum High School

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approve to accept a leave for Jacob Halasowski, 5th Grade Teacher at Pivik Elementary School, beginning on December 7, 2015 through December 13, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend revising the May 26, 2015 motion to read, approval to accept a leave for Erika Richman, Science Teacher at Oblock Junior High School, beginning on or about November 2, 2015.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the FMLA leave for the following employees:

- a. Jennifer Evans, Kindergarten Teacher at Pivik Elementary School, intermittent for the 2015-16 school year.
- b. Peter Pedrosky, Custodian at Holiday Park Elementary School, retroactive to August 17, 2015 for a period not to exceed 12 weeks.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Plum Borough School District and the Plum Borough Education Association Memorandum of Understanding for Senior High Rifle Assistant Coach, as presented.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of John DeLuca as Senior High Class Play Sponsor, at a contracted rate, for the 2015-16 school year.

Motion by: Kevin; Second by: White

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Education Committee – Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

Recommend approval to accept a \$19,800 grant donation from the Alcoa Foundation for Regency Park's STEAM Lab for Hydroponics.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept a \$15,000 grant donation from The Sprout Fund for Regency Park's All STEAM Ahead project.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Plum Borough School District and the Carnegie Science Center through implementation of the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway partnership, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the following general agreements:

- a. New Story
- b. NHS
- c. Pressley Ridge
- d. Allegheny Intermediate Unit Alternative Education

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval of the PDE Bureau of Special Education School Based Administrative Claiming Program Agreement, as presented.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval for Joe Doerfler and Dr. Glasspool to represent Plum at the National Robotics League Meeting and the National Tooling and Machining Association Fall Conference in St. Louis, Missouri October 21-22, 2015, partial cost covered by PA Bots-IQ.

Motion by: Gallagher; Second by: St. Leger

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Education Committee met on September 1, 2015. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Safe and Supportive Schools Committee – Mrs. Michele Gallagher, Chair

The Citizen Advisory Council met on September 24, 2015. Mrs. Gallagher made this report. The next Safe and Supportive Schools Committee meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2015 following the Education Committee Meeting in the Plum High School Board Room.

Finance Committee – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the Treasurer’s Report and bill pays for the month of August 2015.

Motion by: Stepnick; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Delinquent Real Estate Taxes received from Andrews and Price for August 2015.

Current Real Estate Taxes	\$109,758.03
Prior Year Delinquent Taxes	24,031.11
Per Capita Tax	620.00
Miscellaneous Fees Recovered	914.40
Total Collected	\$135,323.54

Recommend approval to accept the service amendment for E-Rate Year 19 with Epic communications, as presented.

Motion by: Stepnick; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the Engagement Letter with Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP for the IRS examination of the General Obligation Bond, Series of 2010 Build America Bonds, as presented.

Motion by: Stepnick; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to settle commercial tax assessment appeal for Tax Parcel No. 734-E-103, as presented.

Motion by: Stepnick; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Finance Committee met on September 22, 2015. Mrs. Stepnick made this report. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Loretta White, Chair

Recommend approval to accept the following policies.

Policy Number	Policy Name
Policy No. 116	Tutoring
Policy No. 137	Home Education
Policy No. 918	Title I

Motion by: White; Second by: Gallagher

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

The Policy Committee met on September 8, 2015. Mrs. White made this report. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:00PM in the Plum High School Board Room.

Athletic Committee – Mr. John St. Leger, Chair

Recommend approval to hire Rich Mull, as the 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach, at a stipend of \$2,837.

Motion by: St. Leger; Second by: Dowdell

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

Recommend approval to accept the following changes to the 2015-16 Winter Coaches:

Name	Previous Position	New Position
Paul Holzshu	9 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$3,196	Senior High Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach #2 at a stipend of \$4,615
Chris Sovich	8 th Grade Boys' Basketball Head Coach at a stipend of \$2,837	9 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$3,196
Stephen Stremple	Junior High Head Wrestling Coach at a stipend of \$3,105	Senior High Head Wrestling Coach at a stipend of \$6,900

Recommend approval to accept the following volunteer coaches:

Name	Volunteer Position
Joe Makara	Sr. High Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach
Mike Larko, Sr.	Volunteer Assistant Girls' Volleyball Coach
Caitlyn Sirkoch	Volunteer Assistant Swim 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: None

The Athletic Committee did not meet this month.

Food Service and Nutrition Committee – Mr. Kevin Dowdell, Chair

The Food Service and Nutrition Committee met on September 22, 2015. Mr. Dowdell made this report.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Tom McGough, Chair

The Transportation Committee met on September 22, 2015. Mr. McGough made this report.

Eastern Area Schools – Mrs. Loretta White, Representative

Mrs. White made this report.

Legislative Policy Council – Mrs. Michelle Stepnick, Representative

Mrs. Stepnick 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 regular October Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at 7:00PM in the Plum Senior High School Auditorium.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:44PM.

Motion by: Dowdell; Second by: Zucco

Final Resolution: Motion passes

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

No: None

Absent: None

ATTEST TO:

Board Secretary