

March 4, 2015

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 4, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Thomas Allen
David Branan
Sandra Dodd
John Fellin, Jr.

Thomas Kasper
Kathleen Mullen
Linda Bond-Nelson

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent, as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 35 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes of Approval

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by a vote of 6 to 1 with Ms. Dodd abstaining to accept the public session minutes of February 18, 2015.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of March 2, 2015.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by a vote of 6 to 1 with Ms. Dodd abstaining to accept the executive session minutes of February 18, 2015.

Comments from the Public

Jim McGovern read a statement expressing concern regarding settling the contract with NPEA.

Student Representative Report

Congratulations to JT Valley, Chuck Kaiser, Charles Thomas and Naim Hanks. These four individuals have been selected to play in the 3rd annual Basilone Bowl on Thursday, June 25th, 6:30 PM at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. This all-star game is comprised of the best graduating football players in Somerset County and is sponsored by the United States Marine Corps.

The game is named for World War II hero, Gunnery Sergeant John Basilone. A native of Raritan, NJ, Basilone received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Battle of Guadalcanal and was killed in action at the Battle of Iwo Jima.

The Child Development class has been working with preschoolers on these following themes this past month:

- Presidents day
- Chinese New Year
- Valentine's Day
- Dental health
- Five senses

The preschoolers created a beautiful Hand snow man artwork to bring home for Valentine's Day followed by a class breakfast party. Johanna, the student exchange student from Germany, also participated and was given a class photo souvenir to bring back with her to Germany when she leaves the end of this month.

The HS students also participated in "Baby Think It over" program where they took care of the baby manikin for the 24 hours and maintained a log to record all the activities. It helped them learn that parenting is a 24/7 job and they are not physically, mentally, emotionally and socially ready to take care of this responsibility yet.

A small, enthusiastic group from HOPE Club participated in a bird watching field trip on 2/20. We left school early to bird watch at the Audubon Scherman-Hoffmann Wildlife Sanctuary and the National Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge. Both facilities had very good binoculars and a setup that allowed students to bird watch inside while watching birds at a variety of bird feeders. We identified 15 species of birds including Tufted Titmouse, Chickadee, Gold Finch, Dark-Eyed Junco, Downy Woodpeckers, Hairy Woodpeckers, Red Breasted Woodpeckers, House Finch, Tree sparrows, and White Breasted Sparrows. At Great Swamp, we also saw a video on the national wildlife refuge system. A good discussion on parks versus refuges followed.

HOPE Club is currently developing projects to help disseminate information about New Jersey marine ecosystems. We are currently developing a flashcard system for the elementary students to help teach about the Red Knot shore bird in New Jersey and how one action by humans can have (unexpected) impacts on other parts of an ecosystem.

The Tunlaw staff is working on the spring issue, which will be published shortly. The club is also excited that the past two issues of Tunlaw are now available online, and each issue that is published in the future will be available online as well.

The Canuckling Club has continued to meet regularly to discuss submissions, and to review designs for this year's T-shirt. The theme is *It's All About Perspective*, and the club members want to design a corresponding T-shirt that represents that theme along with an applicable quote. The submissions of poetry have been very well written and the drawings well done, and the Club looks forward to receiving short stories and digital photographs that also will capture this year's issue focus. We recently received a Second Place award from the American Scholastic Press Association for last year's issue. We look forward to a continued productive year.

The Advanced Foods classes have researched Global Hunger and international hunger relief agencies.

The drama club is proud to announce this year's musical *Guys and Dolls*. The play will run from Thursday, March 26 through Saturday, March 28 at 7pm each evening in the high school auditorium.

The Drama Club has just finished a fundraiser, but the on-going one for the play is the selling of program ads. Local businesses can purchase an ad for a quarter page (\$25), a half page (\$50), or a full page (\$100) in the program.

As a separate Drama Club initiative we are collecting donations for the local Humane Society. We have a list of the WISH LIST items and donations can be dropped in the box in the HS office or in the Drama Room 123.

Presentation

Mr. Mazur introduced students who presented a sample of the upcoming performance of "*Guys and Dolls*".

Mr. Rowan and Ms. Annette Bicksler presented and discussed with the Board the use of Technology in the Classroom utilizing iPad's.

Superintendent's Report

On a cold February 6th Friday morning this winter, students and staff of North Plainfield Middle School and High School warmed their minds and hearts at a presentation of "Wiesenthal" at the Acorn Theatre in New York City. Thank you to Dr. Paul Winkler of the NJ Holocaust Commission, Ms. Katharine Farmer of the Rubicon Theatre Company in California and Ms. Susan Cody of the Acorn Theatre in NYC, for providing the support and awarding over 100 tickets to our students in order to attend this show about Simon Wiesenthal. In preparation for the one-man show that was written and performed by Tom Dugan, students and teachers explored the themes of injustice and forgiveness. These discussions occurred in various forms, from talking about the Holocaust, genocides and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to present day events. Students wrote essays before attending the performance and then followed up with thank you notes. Students and staff represented a cross section of our educational community, from the historical perspective and then spanning to the performing arts and language arts. Dr. Hope Blecher secured the grant for the district and then worked with Ms. Maria Araneo, Mr. Jamil Maroun and Mr. Tom Mazur to engage staff and students from across the grades and discipline areas and everyone's efforts were well rewarded during the actor's talk back with the audience.

As you may have read in the Courier-News, Somerset School was pleased to welcome Devin and Jared McCourty, brothers and players for the NFL Patriots and Titans. Devin and Jared shared inspirational and motivational messages with all of our 5th and 6th grade students while answering some real life questions on the students' minds – i.e. do you have your Super Bowl ring yet, will you be re-signing with the Patriots next year? Mr. Sainte-Rose, who formerly coached both players, told the students how proud he was of the work and commitment they had made to reach their present levels of achievement.

I would like to make the board aware of a pending PTA/PTO Presidents Meeting to better support the efforts of all of our parent organizations and further ties with our parent community. We plan to meet during this month of March and it is my hope to have regularly scheduled meetings throughout the school year. The district is enormously grateful for all our parents do to support the work of our schools and we know that learning truly is improved when home and school partnerships are strong.

As you are aware, PARCC assessment began this Tuesday and will continue through the third week of March with an additional week of make-up testing scheduled the fourth week of

March. I would like to thank all of our staff and some in particular, Ms. Dahlinger, all of our building test facilitators, Ms. Caruso, Ms. Lowder, Mr. Fisher and our entire technology department for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty in preparing the district for this first-time technology based administration. Thus far we have completed two days of the assessment with good feedback. There have been some procedural adjustments that are expected for a new test and we have added some access points at the high school to address coverage for our wireless network. Our greatest challenge has been the weather, which delayed our first day of testing and promises another delay for tomorrow. I will provide the board with another update at our next meeting and then again in April after the assessment has been completed.

Mr. Tarnosky and Mr. Maroun have been diligently working with our district stakeholders to develop a draft calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Both administrators will be joining us for the board meeting on March 18th to share aspects of the development process and a calendar for the board's consideration. It is our hope to continue this work and draft a 2016-2017 calendar in an effort to provide tools for advanced planning for our school community.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools

Personnel

It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS Jean Mullen, secretary in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 5, 2015, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately forty-six years with dedication to the highest standards of education, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Ms. Mullen its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 4, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Mullen.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS Patricia Ann Houvouras, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately sixteen years with dedication to the highest standards of education, now therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Ms. Houvouras its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 4, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Houvouras.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS Linda Remolino, Director of Guidance in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately eight years with dedication to the highest standards of education, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Ms. Remolino its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 4, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Remolino.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between November 2014 and January 2015.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Thomas Allen-Aye
 David Branan-Aye
 Sandra Dodd -Aye
 John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education grant Danielle Fauci, teacher of social studies at NPMS, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2015 through October 12, 2015, for child care purposes. (Ms. Fauci plans to take her disability period utilizing accrued sick days effective May 20, 2015 through June 22, 2015.)

Thomas Allen-Aye
 David Branan-Aye
 Sandra Dodd -Aye
 John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education grant Madeline Gill, freshman transition counselor at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence from May 4, 2015 through June 12, 2015. (Ms. Gill will be using sick days during her disability period from April 20, 2015 through May 1, 2015.)

Thomas Allen-Aye
 David Branan-Aye
 Sandra Dodd -Aye
 John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individuals as volunteers to the athletic coaches at NPHS during the spring sports season:

Peter Jacovinich	Softball
Ryan Boyd	Baseball
Kendra Egbert	Softball

Thomas Allen-Aye
 David Branan-Aye
 Sandra Dodd -Aye
 John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher from the University of Southern California for the spring semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Stephanie Cocchia	NPMS	Mathematics	Patricia Cox

Thomas Allen-Aye
 David Branan-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individual be appointed to the co-curricular position and at the stipend indicated after her name, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>School/Activity</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Chemagne Kania	Co-Advisor	Somerset School Literary Magazine	\$1138.50
Leanne Borbely	Co-Advisor	Stony Brook After-School Sports/spring	\$1301.50
Erin Weinberger	Co-Advisor	Stony Brook-After-School Sports/spring	\$1301.50

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branán-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve James Horan be paid \$150 for serving as accompanist for the NPHS winter choral concert.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branán-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education rescind the previously approved recommendation to employ Jody Karcher as an Interim Director of Operations and Auxiliary Services.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branán-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by roll call vote of 6 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Milton Mathis as Director of Operations and Auxiliary Services at an annual rate of \$105,000, to be prorated effective March 9, 2015 through June 30, 2015. (Mr. Mathis will replace Edward Ostroff.)

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branán-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education adjust the position and/or hours of the following district paraprofessionals:

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<u>Paraprofessional</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effect.</u>
Maria Cotto	Small Group/Som/3.50 hrs	Student/NPMS/4.00 hrs	2/23/15
Gretchen Long-Munoz	Student/Som/3.50 hrs	Student/Somerset/4.00 hrs	2/26/15

Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Brandon Cosby as a paraprofessional working with a classified student at Somerset School for 4.00 hours per day at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 5, 2015.

Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education adjust the appointment of Marisa Zervopoulos in order to provide additional assistance with payroll services for the purpose of closing out 2014 fourth quarter tax and pension reports and payroll reports, at a rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$3,000.00, effective February 28, 2015.

Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Karen Lewis, elementary academic support teacher at East End School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Christina Cruz as a temporary freshman transition teacher at NPHS at the BA/Step 1 annual salary rate of \$55,490, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective April 20, 2015 through June 12, 2015. (Ms. Cruz will temporarily replace Madeline Gill.)

Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following staff members to continue their field study internship during the spring of 2015:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Supervising Administrator</u>
Ines Simoes	Stony Brook	Catherine Kobylarz
Mario Della Fortuna	NPHS	Dr. Jerard Stephenson
Thomas Allen-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye	
David Branan-Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye	
Sandra Dodd -Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye		

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract of employment with the Superintendent of Schools, established Quantitative and Qualitative merit salary bonuses for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2014-2015 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has drafted merit criteria to form the basis of one (1) Quantitative and one (1) Qualitative merit goal as provided in the Superintendent's contract of employment, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes that the following merit goal criteria be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for prior review and approval:

Quantitative Goal – (Achievement of this goal is valued at 3.33% of the Superintendent's annual base salary.)

Promote increased emotional and behavioral safety for North Plainfield students through a revised Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Protocol that assures adherence and fidelity to all mandated procedures, timelines and decision-making.

Measures Demonstrating Achievement: Audit of reported cases from March 1-June 30, 2015, demonstrating adherence to requirement checklist and calendar timelines.

Qualitative Goal – (Achievement of this goal is valued at 2.5% of the Superintendent's annual base salary.)

Support building principals, supervisors and teachers in the authentic use of the Danielson evaluation model and the promotion of quality professional development through effective use of district-wide DEAC and building based SciPs.

Measures: Administrator observations, review of agendas and artifacts demonstrating data analysis and tailored responses to identified needs.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator certifies that if these goals are accomplished there are sufficient funds budgeted and available to allow for payment of these completed merit goals for the above mentioned individual.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with reports regarding HIB incidents #

15-02-18-001 15-02-18-003
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and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent's recommendations regarding the results of the investigations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations on HIB cases #

15-02-18-001 15-02-18-003
15-02-18-002 15-02-18-004

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student UUUUUU-14-15 at East Mountain School at the annual cost of \$57,900.00, to be prorated effective March 2, 2015. Transportation will be required.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student VVVVVV-14-15 at Crossroads School (USESC) at the annual cost of \$66,713.00, to be prorated effective March 5, 2015 through June 23, 2015. Transportation will be required.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve classified student CAPE-01-14-15 undergo a central auditory processing evaluation to be provided by JFK Medical Center Speech/Audiology Department at the cost of \$935.00.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the payment to Daytop Preparatory School for the educational component of classified student LLLLLL-14-15 from November 18, 2014 through February 5, 2015 at the cost of \$252.00 per day for a total of \$12,348.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve translating services be provided for classified student TRANS-04-14-15 by Ambassador Translating for three hours at the cost of \$110 per hour and \$45 for travel.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education authorize and accept a grant from Target Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00 as submitted by Nancy Rodino, education media specialist at Somerset School, for the purpose of funding assemblies at Somerset School which will promote tolerance and cultural diversity.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept and approve the revised services agreement for construction litigation legal services provided by Robert Epstein, Esq., Greenberg Taurig, LLP.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education adopt and approve the Mission Statement, District Goals, and Board Goals as forth in the document dated March 2, 2015.

Thomas Allen-Aye
David Branan-Aye
Sandra Dodd -Aye
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye
Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Meeting scheduled for March 9, 2015 at 6pm.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – Meeting scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 6pm.

Policy Meeting – Meeting scheduled for March 18, 2015 at 6pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper reviewed issued discussed including the Governor’s address.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

New items requested to be placed on the Agenda-there were none.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mr. Mathis as the new Director of Operations and Auxiliary Services.

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed revising the Board of Education meeting calendar, due to the change in negotiations meeting date. Revised board meeting date will be April 16, 2015.

Ms. Bond-Nelson lead a discussion on updated Board Goals for this year. All Board of Education members concurred.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per presentation calendar.

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Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg