

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on October 1, 2014 at Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Kasper
Kathleen Mullen
Linda Bond-Nelson

David Branan
Sandra Dodd
John Fellin, Jr.

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. Carol Conger, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 40 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of September 17, 2014 (As Amended)

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of September 17, 2014

Comments from the Public

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public, there were none.

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Amaree Gardner as follows:

National Honor Society

National Honor Society officers:

Jonathan Lima, President

Margarita Manzano, Vice President

Shelby Smith, Secretary

Johanna Canales, Treasurer

Tutoring began the week of September 22.

Tunlaw

The school newspaper staff currently consists of 28 students from grades nine through twelve, and new members continue to join. While keeping in mind student interests at the start of the school year, staff members have worked to develop different topics to cover for the first issue of the newspaper. Several topics include: fall sports, student class officer features, school spirit, the school store, music, book, and movie reviews, and various other topics.

Overall, *Tunlaw* is off to a great start. Editors and staff members have expressed interest and demonstrated enthusiasm that will help to make *Tunlaw* a continued success.

HOPE Club

HOPE Club has been watering, weeding and planting perennials since the start of school. It has been a dry fall, so watering has been particularly important. We will have our first field trip, on September 26th. We are going to Sandy Hook to study an estuary and the salt marshes that surround it. The next field trip will be to the Pine Barrens, a unique ecosystem in New Jersey. The flower bulbs have arrived, including tulips and daffodils. They will go on sale on September 30th, Back-to-School Night. And finally, the trout tank is setup; we are expecting the trout eggs to be delivered from Pequest Trout Hatchery on October 15th!

Marching Band

The Marching Canucks competed in their first competition of the season on 9/20 and came in 3rd place out of 7 competing bands. Their score was the highest first competition score the Marching Canucks have ever had. The judges were particularly impressed with the level of enthusiasm our students performed with.

Canuckling

The first meeting of the Canuckling Club met on Tuesday, September 23, at 2:45 in room 151. We had a great turn out of students! We discussed an overview of what the Canuckling Club is about, and how the Club is responsible to produce the annual literary-art magazine, *Canuckling*. We also discussed this year's theme spending a considerable amount of time brainstorming different ideas. By meeting's end the club had decided on this year's theme: **It's All About Perspective**, with the following sub sections, **Dream Decisions, Epiphany, Life in Pictures, and Reality in the End**. The club looks forward to a productive year.

Presentation

There were none.

Superintendent's Report

Arts Department

The Marching Canucks and Color Guard took third place in their first competition at Scotch Plains High School. The band and guard competes in the Group IIIA Division, and seven area bands competed in the IIIA Division that day. Congratulations to director **Kyle Skrivanek** for a respectable start to the new season.

NPHS Marching Canucks and Color Guard take First Place in Competition

Congratulations Marching Canucks and Color Guard for taking First Place in Group IIIA competition at Piscataway High School this weekend. Awards included Best Visual, Best Percussion, Best Music, and Best Overall Effect.

Tom Mazur, supervisor of the arts, thanks director **Kyle Skrivanek**, his staff, advisor **Shannon Shotwell** and her staff, but most of all, thank you students who worked so hard, put in extra practice, and helped each other rise to a higher level of performance. Your obvious dedication to the marching band program continues to keep North Plainfield High School as the standard of excellence in these competitions.

A Select Choir of 8th and 9th graders, under the direction of music teacher **Ivan Izeppi**, performed "*The Star Spangled Banner*" at Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland on Tuesday, September 23rd. The occasion was to honor and celebrate the 200th anniversary of the

penning of the words to the anthem by Francis Scott Key after the pivotal battle that took place there in 1814.

The planning of the trip, which also included a visit to the Flag House where the flag in the anthem was made (30' X 42'), was facilitated by **Susan Feibush, Suzanne Sapega, Dr. Hope Blecher** and **Tom Mazur**. Mr. Mazur proudly reports that our students conducted themselves with mature comportment, and sang our National Anthem with dignity and honor. The event was a culmination of Mr. Izeppi's National Anthem Awareness Project, which took place in the district last year when the students were 7th and 8th graders.

Supervisor of Arts, Tom Mazur is included in the September 2014 Special Edition of "International Top 100" magazine as the featured educator among only 12 other honored educators from the United States and Canada. *Do not ask Mr. Mazur how it came about that he received such an honor. He is just as surprised as you are.*

Language Arts Dept.

On September 3, 2014, all K-5 language arts teachers attended a professional day hosted by Pearson. This training was aimed at familiarizing the teachers with the new materials they will be using, *Good Habits, Great Readers/Writers Program*.

This month's issues of *The Pride of North Plainfield*, has an article on NPHS's cheer team led by coach Jennifer Sloan. This article highlights the importance of teamwork as well as several fundraisers that the cheer team is putting together.

East End School

Back-To-School Night: East End School held its annual Back-To-School Night on September 23rd with welcoming remarks and introductions by Principal **John Ferguson**. Before parents had the opportunity to meet their child's teacher they were entertained by a photo and musical montage created by teacher **Alexis Holbrook**. After Mr. Ferguson presented the school's 2014-2015 goals and on-going initiatives, he introduced several students for a presentation called "*What our students have to say about East End school.*" Fourth grade students **Lily Bisset, Serge Ngoma, Yasmien Zafar, Maria Muso, Nicole Torres, Theodore Desipris, Jennifer Van Buren, and Erick Lozada** read an attribute of our school, while holding a letter. After each student was finished, the individual letters spelled out E-A-S-T E-N-D. Art teacher **Joanne Wendt** helped the students create the wonderful designs. Assisting Mr. Ferguson, student liaison, **Lynnelle Thomas**, then addressed the parents and reviewed the school's procedures and policies regarding school attendance and tardiness. School counselor **Nicole Rivlin** discussed her role in helping the students and outlined the monthly character education themes that all East End students would celebrate throughout the year. In addition, PTO president **Claudia Capodiferro** spoke about the importance of parental involvement and invited the audience to volunteer their time to the many fun-filled events that have been planned throughout the school year. At the end of the presentations, Mr. Ferguson recognized all the teachers of East End and asked them to stand to be honored and celebrated for making East End school a true learning community. Lastly, reigning teacher-of-the-year **Sharon Egan** received a special applause for her special honor.

Science and Math Are A Treat: Teacher **Kathleen Porter** combined her fourth grade students' love of science and math into a "delicious lesson" when they learned all about the three stages of matter in the preparation of making brownies. The finished "lesson" was then offered to the student's families during Back-To-School Night. Who knew learning could be so delicious!

“Tales of a Fourth Grade:” Karen F. Lewis’s students just completed the book, *“Tales of a Fourth Grade,”* by author Judy Blume. The lesson incorporated many of the designs of the district’s new *Good Habits, Great Readers* reading program. The students have been working on their *Daily Five* to build their reading skills in comprehension, fluency, and vocabulary. A large poster in the classroom reminds and reinforces these important steps to improve reading accuracy.

Mustang Minute: Recently two students from East End School were recognized by the *Courier News* for their participation in the 2014 Super Summer Reading Club. Book lovers **Naomi Pieters**, grade 4, and **Ben Njoku**, grade 2, were among a group of Somerset County students that received this honor for their participation in the summer reading challenge. The two students read a combined total of 120 books over the summer! Music teacher **Diane Van Hise** has been working with her students on recognizing the beat patterns in music. Research has shown that an appreciation of musical beat patterns can impact the ability on reading skills. Ms. Van Hise stressed “that a sentence in music is like a sentence in language arts-it conveys a complete idea.” She also noted that history, math and language arts all have a home in her rich musical lessons. Currently the East End chorus, with a membership of over 50 students, has begun to practice and has filled the halls with sweet sounds of song. Kindergarten teacher **Joanne Oliver’s** class recently held ***ABC’S & 123’s Week:*** In addition, Ms. Oliver’s students were introduced to science by discussing the question, "What is a scientist?" The new “Kinderscientists” were especially excited to approach the Science Center decked out in lab coats and goggles to view a great assortment of scientific artifacts and equipment, such as beakers, microscopes, magnifying glasses. The students used these tools to view shells, feathers, and even bugs! To remember their special day in the “lab,” each student had their picture taken and displayed in the hallway.

Mrs. Forino’s kindergarten class is learning all about Fall. All the children brought in some apples from home to do some special apple activities. One day the class did an apple taste testing activity, and on another day they made applesauce, with the help of classroom mom Mrs. Capodiferro. On Friday, Principal John Ferguson completed the lesson by reading the story of Johnny Appleseed to the entire class. Librarian **Allison Longley** is happy to report that over 65 students completed the East End Library Summer program and will attend the annual summer reading party to be held on Friday, September 26.

West End School

Summer Reading Celebration: The West End Annual Wildcats Summer Reading Celebration took place on Friday, September 26 at 1:15 PM in the community room. Ninety-three students completed their summer goal of reading fifteen or more books. These students and their parents were invited to the celebration to recognize their reading participation in the Summer Reading Program. The event started with a general recognition of all students’ efforts. Each student’s name was announced and he or she was given a prize packet which included a Dr. Seuss “I’m Reading” door hanger, stickers, bookmarks, pencils, a small paperback book and other small goodies. The students who had read the “mystery book” were announced and given an additional prize. **Mrs. Trujillo**, North Plainfield public librarian, presented fourth grader Si’ad Belfield with a trophy and an additional prize for the most minutes read over the summer. West End School was also awarded a trophy for recording the most minutes district-wide over the summer. Snacks were provided by the West End P.T.A. A special note of thanks goes to media specialist, **Lindsey Gall** for organizing the summer reading program and celebration.

Back to School Night: A Family Event! Traditionally Back to School Night is for parents only. At West End School children are welcome to attend. Parents went to their child's classroom to hear about the expectations and wonderful happenings that will be taking place in their child's classroom. It is West End's belief that it takes a partnership between school and home to provide the best support system for children and that is the message West End is sending out to families by making Back to School Night an open event. The evening began with an Open House experience in the community room. The specialists set up a display about their area of expertise such as art, music, counseling services, academic support, health services, physical education and health instruction. The local Boy Scout, Girl Scout troops and Horizon Health also were there distributing information on membership as well as the PTA.

Food Drive for Hunger Action Month: This year West End decided to recognize September's Hunger Action Month. We joined the nationwide campaign of Feeding America by mobilize the public to take action to fight hunger. At West End School, our counselors, **Taryn Buffolino** and **Meredith Reedy**, visited classrooms to discuss this special event. On Back to School Night we asked our families to bring a food donation of non-perishable and non-refrigerated canned, bagged, or boxed items. A collection table was placed in the community room which over flowed with donations. The donations were given to the Somerset County Food Bank. We would like to thank our West End families for their generous support.

NJ DOE Literacy: West End will continue their participation in the Improving Literacy Achievement Project sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJ DOE). We have been working with them for two years now. This will be our third year. Goals for this year continue to include vocabulary development, more intensive interventions in language arts, focus on expository writing, and will now include the Common Core, and PARCC preparation. We will again be working with **Neal Webster**. He will present workshops on PARCC and Common Core Standards the mornings of September 29 and October 7, 2014.

Stony Brook's Summer Reading Celebration 2014

Sharing in a Summer Reading Program has always been an important goal for the Stony Brook students. The teachers and staff work to instill a love for reading both inside and outside of school. One of the mottos at Stony Brook is "READ! READ! READ!" and during the summer of 2014 the amount of reading completed by the students was again record breaking. On September 12, 2014, **Marilyn LaMarca**, substitute librarian and Ms. Jessica, the librarian from the North Plainfield Public Library hosted the fourth annual Stony Brook School Summer Reading Celebration with remarkable results.

The summer program was launched during an all school assembly held in June 2014. Every student was invited to participate. As an incentive and thanks to the generosity of Ms. LaMarca and her various charity organizations, every child received five free books to take home and read over the summer. To qualify for the Summer Reading Celebration, the directions were very clear. Each student had to read fifteen books, fill out the reading log and turn it in at the beginning of school. The entry ticket to the celebration was a reading log that contained at least fifteen books read over the summer.

The "Pop Open a Good Book Celebration" had each student receiving a pillowcase filled with school supplies and toys and thanks to the generosity of the PTA, each student was treated to a bag of popcorn. As Ms. LaMarca tallied the reading logs, she was shocked to realize the final results. Eighty students in grades one-four read a combined total of 1,709 books!

Ms. Jessica from the North Plainfield Public Library announced the reading results. Brittany Guerrero read 5,495 minutes of reading and Jadelyn Villacis read 69 books over the summer, which was incredible. Special thanks to our hostesses and congratulations to all of our Summer Readers.

Somerset School

M.A.L.E.S. Program, Keynote Speaker Randal Pinkett, October 3, 2014 at 5:30 pm :

A sought-after public speaker for corporate, youth and community groups, Dr. Pinkett has been featured on nationally televised programs such as *The Today Show*, *Live with Regis and Kelly*, and *CNN*, as well as featured in *Parade* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post* and *The Boston Globe*. He was the Season 4 Winner of NBC's hit reality television [*The Apprentice*](#) with Donald Trump. He served as an executive with [Trump Entertainment Resorts](#) in Atlantic City, NJ, where he was responsible for overseeing both renovation and information technology projects. He has re-appeared on *The Apprentice* as a boardroom advisor and is a regular segment host for [CEO EXCHANGE](#) on PBS. He is a Leadership New Jersey (LNJ) Fellow, a Next Generation Leadership (NGL) Fellow of the Rockefeller Foundation, and is a recipient of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Graduate Fellowship, Lucent Technologies Cooperative Research Fellowship Program (CRFP), University of Oxford Graduate Scholarship, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) National Member of the Year, Top 20 Scholars by *USA TODAY* newspaper, NCAA Academic All-American, NCAA Walter Byers Graduate Scholarship, New Jersey Martin Luther King Commemorative Commission Triumph Award, and the MIT Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Award, from among a host of other recognitions and accolades. He is a proud brand ambassador for [Verizon Communications](#), [Outback Steakhouse](#), and the [Miller Urban Entrepreneurs Series](#).

Dr. Pinkett holds five academic degrees including the following: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Electrical Engineering from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ, that he completed with a 3.9 GPA while serving as President of MEET, the Rutgers Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) and Captain of the Rutgers University Varsity Men's Track and Field team competing as a high jumper and long jumper; Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Computer Science from Oxford University, England as a Rhodes Scholar; Master of Science (S.M.) in Electrical Engineering from the MIT School of Engineering and Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) from the MIT Sloan School of Management as a participant in the MIT Leaders for Global Operations (LGO) Program; and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the MIT Media Laboratory. Most notably, Dr. Pinkett made history as the first African-American ever to receive a Rhodes Scholarship at Rutgers University. (Please see attached flyer.)

Middle School

On September 9th, the Middle School held a behavior expectations assembly. **Edison Torres, Jr.**, Assistant Principal, **Jacqueline Fields**, middle school student liaison coordinator, discussed behavior expectation with the 8th and 7th graders.

Middle School intramural field hockey and flag-football successfully started this past week. **Robin Enderle** (flag-football) and **Erin Keenan** (field hockey) report that the students are really enjoying the time participating in the activities.

On September 18, the Middle School held their first character education meeting with the student body. The main focus as presented by **Mimi Jen**, science teacher, and **Shona**

Wright, reading teacher, was about respect and responsibility. Overall the presentation was captivating and well received by the students.

The Middle School Back to School Night will be held on October 2, 2014.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Newspaper Articles

M.A.L.E.S. Kick-Off Meeting flyer

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, WHEREAS Henry Trang, custodian in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that he wishes to retire on December 1, 2014, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Mr. Trang its thanks for the service he has given and best wishes for his 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 October 1, 2014, 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 Mr. Trang.

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 the following individuals as district K-12 substitute teachers:

Marilyn Ali	Ryan Boyd	Robert Cherasaro
Bibi Baijnath	Charmaine Walker	

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 Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Thomas Kasper –Aye	David Branan -Aye
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Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson- Aye

Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-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 certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between May and August 2014.

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

David Branán -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-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 Ines Simoes to serve as a Kean University administrative intern at Stony Brook School with Catherine Kobylarz serving as the on-site supervisor, effective January 5, 2015 through August 31, 2015.

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

David Branán -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-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 appointment of the following teacher(s) to work on curriculum or school-based planning activities at the school/department as indicated, at the hourly rate of \$49.74, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

Science

Cheryl Lechtanski \$995 (Project Lead the Way)

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

David Branán -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-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 employment of the following individuals as district substitute paraprofessionals, effective October 2, 2014:

Krystal Ferratto Rosario Herscovici
Michele Hinton Liznel Pina

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

David Branán -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-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 appointment of the following staff members to tutor students before and/or after school for up to 1.5 hours per day and Saturday mornings for up to 3 hours in the P.A.S.S./Extended Day Program, at the rate of \$35 per hour:

Christina Cruz

Renee Heller

Therese Boulanger

Theresa Thompson

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 work as part-time teachers in the Alternative High School Program at the rate of \$32 per hour:

Renee LaGala	Health/Physical Education	Up to 5 hrs/week
Amanda Hempel	Substitute Teacher	As Needed
Denise VanHorn	Substitute Teacher/Testing Facilitator	As Needed

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 the resignation of Andrea Torres, paraprofessional at NPHS, effective October 2, 2014.

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 Ifeoluwa Fawole as a small group paraprofessional working at West End School for 3.50 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$21.14, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective October 2, 2014.

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 payment to Michelle Onofri for providing a paraprofessional training workshop on July 28, 2014, to be paid for a total of three hours at the rate of \$30.00 per hour.

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 adjust the hours and position of the following paraprofessionals working with classified students, effective September 26, 2014:

	FROM		TO	
<u>Paraprofessional</u>	<u>School/Position</u>	<u>Hrs</u>	<u>School/Position</u>	<u>Hrs</u>

Dina Aquino	Stony Brook/Instructional	3.50	NPHS/Student	3.75
Queenie Newson	NPHS/Student	3.75	Stony Brook/Student	3.50
Deysi Aldas	Stony Brook/Student	3.25	SB/Instructional	3.25

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 rescind the previously approved recommendation for Dina Aquino, paraprofessional, to undergo 10 hours of training.

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 Deysi Aldas, paraprofessional, to undergo 10 hours of training to be conducted beginning October 2, 2014 and throughout the course of the school year.

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 that Roseann Caruso work for up to 50 hours to update student data in Genesis at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 employ the staff members indicated on the attached list to teach after-school professional development courses at the rate of \$30 per hour, to be funded as indicated and paid at the conclusion of each course.

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 grant Taneesa Peters, secretary in the Department of Pupil Services, an **intermittent** unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective October 8, 2014 through October 8, 2015.

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 Wanda Wysocki, paraprofessional, be paid for working an additional 14.5 hours during the summer of 2014, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 Melissa Balla as a student paraprofessional at West End School for 3.75 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective October 2, 2014.

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following curricula for the courses indicated:

Social Studies K-6
 World History 8-12
 Science Research and Design Elective 9-12

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

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

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 services of Charisse Hamada-Gutierrez for the purpose of updating Board of Education policy changes and revisions, previously approved and for future updates, at the rate of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$3000.00.

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 approve reimbursement to the following administrator for vacation days earned and/or carried over based on his retirement as per the contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert H. Rich	32.5	10/1/2014	\$24,443.90 (earned/carryover)
Robert H. Rich	6.0	10/1/2014	\$4,512.72

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

David Branan -Aye
Sandra Dodd-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 reimbursement to the following administrator for unused sick days based on his retirement as per the contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Robert H. Rich	37.13	10/1/2014	\$15,000.00

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

David Branan -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education authorize Somerset School staff members Nancy Rodino, education media specialist, and Melissa Hunton, language arts teacher, to apply for the Target Arts Education Grant in the amount of up to \$10,000.00, to provide funding for the purpose of offering inspiring art experiences for students.

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

David Branan -Aye
Sandra Dodd-Aye
John Fellin, Jr-Aye

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – October 9, 2014 meeting at 4pm.

Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – Ms. Bond-Nelson expressed disappointment at cancellation of past scheduled meeting.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan discussed recent conference meeting both attended.

Mr. Kasper and Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed presentation of resolution to the NJSBA resolution committee meet prior to delegates assembly.

SCSBA – 1st meeting October 8, 2014 at 6pm.

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.

Current Events in Education

Dr. Conger mentioned changes in testing and change to end of course assessments in 2016.

Comments from the Public

Roger Garbard commented on NPEA's disappointment of cancellation of meeting. Ginger Fiola also expressed concern regarding lack of date for next meeting.

Future Agenda Items

There were none.

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, October 15, 2014 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 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg