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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on February 12, 2014, (rescheduled from February 5, 2014) at 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. Marilyn Birnbaum, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Dr. Robert Rich, Assistant Superintendent, as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 12 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved, with Mr. Allen and Ms. Mullen abstaining, to accept the public session minutes of January 7, 2014.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved, with Mr. Allen and Ms. Mullen abstaining, to accept the executive session minutes of January 7, 2014.

Financial Report

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated December 31, 2013 in the amount of \$5,036,694.30.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of November 2013, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

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

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:

On January 15 Interact held a bake sale after school and raised \$84.00 for the NPHS student with Cancer. All proceeds go to her and her family to help with medical expenses.

The following students Nancy Bahnasy, Christina Forrester, Ana Rodriguez, and Ja'Wana Wilson were selected as the Interact Students of the Month because of their dedication, effort, and academic achievement accomplished through citizenship in Interact. They had a luncheon with the Rotary Club members at Giovanna's in Plainfield. They spoke about their accomplishments and their involvement in North Plainfield High School.

Rutgers Game: 1/25

The RU Men's Basketball game on the 25th was a sold out game with 8,000 people. They played UCONN, with UCONN taking the win. Dr. Birnbaum, alongside 17 Interact Members and Ms Pereira, helped out running 1 booth and 3 carts. There was a never ending line for food, and people were continuously coming and leaving.

Valentine's Day Cupcake Grams Sale

Interact Club is hosting a cupcake gram sale for Valentine's Day. Decorated cupcakes will be sold for \$2 and delivered to homerooms the morning of Valentine's Day. This is for the Interact T-Shirts for 2014. The money will help them get these t-shirts for everyone.

Upcoming Events:

Rutgers Game 2/1
Blood Drive in April

The Sophomore Class will be having a Cookie Mix fundraiser in February.

In the Child Development classes the high school students are experiencing what it takes to have a baby through the "Baby Think It Over" project. Most of them reflected that they are unprepared for a responsibility like this at this age.

For the pre-school students, the following themes were covered:

- New Year
- Chinese New Year
- Hibernating animals
- Teddy Bears and Penguins
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The bulletin boards were decorated based on weekly themes as well as art projects based on these themes.

On Thursday, February 20, at 7:00pm in the high school auditorium the Music Department will have their Annual Music Faculty Recital. This program is supported by the Music Parents and all proceeds will go towards a Music Scholarship.

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Dance Class News: Two of Mrs. Schultz's classes are planning to dance with her at the Music Faculty Recital on February 20th. The dancers will perform a Modern and Jazz dance.

The freshmen class continues to do fundraisers to raise money for our class. In January, they held a bake sale and donated all proceeds to a ninth grade student at NPHS who has cancer. They raised \$150 for the family. The students thought to donate the money on their own and were eager to help another student in need.

In March, the freshman class will have another fundraiser for which they will be using Village Fundraisers to sell coffees, teas, and smoothie mixes. They also will continue to do bake sales and other small fundraisers in between.

Hope Club will have its annual Valentine's Day flower sale on 2/11 and 2/12. These fresh flowers will be delivered to homerooms on the morning of Valentine's Day! We will have a very busy day on 2/14, because we are also going on a field trip to the Schermann-Hoffman Wildlife Refuge to participate in the national Great Backyard Bird Count that is run by Audubon. This event encourage "citizen science" where anyone can help count and report bird sightings. This information helps Audubon monitor the condition of our US bird species.

Jordan Sample, freshman, was selected and performed with the Central Jersey Region II Women's Chorus on Sunday, January 26th at Monroe Township High School.

The Class of 2014 held the Second Annual Volley Cheese Tournament on Friday, January 17th. The event was a huge success and the class was able to raise a significant amount towards the prom and other senior activities. I would like to add that I participated and my team made it to the semi-finals. I am very proud of our success and next year we are planning to take it all!

The Gospel Choir has its first community performance scheduled for late March. The group is so excited to have been asked to perform for a local church celebrating a milestone anniversary at a formal luncheon.

Presentation

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Janet Quinteros for her response to a security incident at East End School.

Mr. Fisher, Mr. Maroun, Mr. Lake, and Mr. Rowen presented the status and use of iPads in the high school.

Dr. Rich presented and discussed the Midyear Violence & Vandalism and HIB reports.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students

*Congratulations to the following eight students engaged in the **Research and Design** course for having their projects accepted into and recognized by the **North Jersey Regional Science Fair** and the **Young Science Achievers Program**:*

- **Christina Forrester and Estuardo Gonzalez: “Crayfish Choice Response to Agonistic Male Conditioned Water”**
- **Anne Tang and Mateo Gilsilvetti: “The Effect of Invasive Japanese Knotweed on an Urban Stream”**
- **Johanna Canales and Moala Bannavit: “Body Image and Self-Esteem in Older Adults”**
- **Carmen Pravia and Nancy Bahnasy: “Effects of UV Radiation on Benthic Communities of an Urban Stream”**

Designed by Dr. Sarah O'Donnell, biological science teacher, Research and Design provides students with an opportunity to perform a long-term, rigorous scientific research project in the fields of Ecology, Environmental Science and/or Behavior. Students work in pairs to develop a project idea, complete the appropriate academic research, develop a research proposal, collect and analyze data, develop a college level research paper and defend their findings. Students learn that the scientific method is an iterative process that seeks continuous improvement of the product and understanding of the area of research.

As part of the process to defend their research, students submit their projects to various academic programs for review, such as The North Jersey Regional Science Fair and The Young Science Achievers Program. The North Jersey Regional Science Fair is a scientific academic competition that takes place at Rutgers University and judges over 200 science projects. The Young Science Achievers Program offers grants of \$500 with a mission to help further motivate students in the pursuit of careers and fields of study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and to support teachers in this process.

Kyle Grant, senior at NPHS, will be competing in the **NJSIAA Central Jersey Individual Bowling Championships** on Saturday, February 8, 9:30 a.m. at Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes, New Brunswick, NJ. Kyle will also be competing in the Skyland Conference Individual Bowling Championships on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2:00 pm, at Oakwood Lanes, Washington Twp. Though we do not have a bowling team, we are allowed to enter individuals interested in competing as long as they meet certain criteria from their associated public league.



Plainfield-North Plainfield Rotary Club members presented **Student of the Month Certificates of Achievement** to NPHS students (above from left to right) **Ana Rodriguez (November)**, **Nancy Bahnasy (September)**, **Christina Forrester (October)**, and **Jawana Wilson (December)** at a luncheon in their honor on January 8, 2014 at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield. Students were selected by their **Interact Club advisor, Alexandra Pereira**, in recognition of their years of service to Interact and their academic achievements and extracurricular activities. Each of the recipients has worked diligently with Interact on the club's many activities, including food drives, blood drives, and community events for children. They also spend many hours helping the Rotary Club with its scholarship fundraisers, by working at the concession stands for basketball games at Rutgers University. The four recipients spoke extemporaneously at the meeting, giving an overview of their academic achievements, their involvement in the Interact Club, and the ways that they have benefited from their education at NPHS.

Character education advisors David Hooker and Danielle Fauci proudly announced last month's recipients of the "NPMS Students of the Month" and "Awesome Acts" at the December Character Education assembly. The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance and their demonstration of December's trait of *charity*:

<u>Students of the Month</u>	<u>7th Grade Awesome Acts</u>
Team 7-1: Ashely Muhando	Christopher Monroy
Joseph Cobo	Nick Lepak
Team 7-2: Janiyyah Jones	Freddy Ricardo
Kierra Adams	Logan Reid
Team 7-3: Jennifer Mendoza	Matthew Camacho
Bernice Ndegwa	<u>8th Grade Awesome Acts</u>
Team 8-1: Shaniyah O'Neal	Jose Menendez
Carlos Aguilar	Pablo Alfaro
Team 8-2: Radha Patel	Denilson Saavedra
Wendy Galvez-Hernandez	
Team 8-3: Elmer Guevara, Adam Globis	

Veronica Attis, an eleventh grader, represented NPHS at the **Martin Luther King Day** ceremony at Trinity Church on January 20, 2014. Veronica read a poem in honor of Dr. King entitled "Stand Tall." Organizers of the event, **Sandi Helck** and **Barbara Snyder**, responded afterwards to extend their appreciation, describing Veronica's reading as "Wow."

Jordan Sample, the NPHS representative to the **Region Chorus**, sang in the special concert on Sunday, January 26, 2014 at Monroe Township High School.

East End School Citizens of the Month, January 2014

KINDERGARTEN

Ali Smallwood
Kim Caiza
Nia Prather
Daniel Coronado
Jaylynn Almonte
Patricia Guevera
Jazlynn Almonte

FIRST GRADE

Giana Pasley
Abdiel Gomez
Kayla Strond
Mohammad Ahsan
Bryan Young
Bianca Osorio
Naomi Tucker

SECOND GRADE

Van Lai
Darling Gonzalez
Valentina Picado-Gonzalez
De'Shaun Stephens
Analia Dilone
Dahizy Caluna
Jaimely Ordenez

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Ben Njoku
Michelle Salinas Torres
Yareliz Minaya
Cai Bartley

Gissel Alvarenga
Helena de Bang

THIRD GRADE

Carlos Ortega
Abigail Meza
Dominic Gabri
Heily Jaime-Marquez
Aliahna Bueno-Sosa
Erick Lozada
Donte Reed
Gabriela Montenegro
Emanuel Figueroa
Madison Smith
Giuliano Marano
Zachary Gonzalez

FOURTH GRADE

Michelle Claros
Darla Serrano
Sophia Chavez
Tatiana Sarmiento
Ralph Runyan
Brandon Rosas
Daniel Pozolante
Sarah Mohamed
Dante Holston
Joselynn Flores

VOCAL MUSIC

Patricia Guevera/K
Sruti Chaparala/1
Helena deBang/2
Daniel Melendez-Saucedo/3
Ronald Castro/3
Adonis Gomez Cargua/4

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Giovanni Chavira/4

ART

Jaylynn Almonte/K
Precious Marita/K
Andres Ortega/1
Nicole Udarnauth/1
Ivy Chen/2
Kevin Chavez/2
Maria Muso/3
Joshua Fellen/3
Summer Tyler/4
Rafael Urmaza/4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Jordyn Barcelo/K
Anthony Monterroso/K
Heather Oyola/1
Melanie Cruz/1
Ahmir Pierce/2
Gissel Alvarenga-Martinez/2
Julissa Ramos/3
Desitae Acevedo/3
Michael Knight/4
Tatiana Sarmiento/4

LIBRARY

Erica Sollberger/K
Manuela Roncancio/1
Destiny Mazariegos/2
Lily Bissett/3
Alaja Guidos/4
Samantha Bautista/4

ESL

Dayana Castro/K
Oلمان Amaya Silva/K
Kevin Chavez/2
Hillary Rodriguez/2

PRINCIPAL

Van Lai/2
Kataya Reed/2
Xavier Sample/2
Joshua Fellin/3
Valeria Divas/4
Giovanni Chavez/4
Brianna Lourenco/4
Alexa Lourenco/4
Sophia Lourenco/4

Schools

NPHS

Congratulations to the NPHS **Boys' Varsity Basketball Team** for their 64-40 win against Franklin High School in the first round of the Somerset County Tournament on February 1, 2014 in North Plainfield.

NPMS

NPMS Math/Science Expo: While most entries into this January 30 event were connected to science, this year, NPMS seventh grade teachers **Suzy Sapega** and **Dawn Kleinfield** collaborated on an entry related to math and language arts. Centered on a “Jersey Boardwalk” theme, honors students worked on a three-pronged project as they investigated the question, “Should games of chance be considered gambling?”

In math class, Ms. Kleinfield reviewed the calculations necessary to set up four games of chance, with varying odds, similar to those found on New Jersey boardwalks. They also used proportions to change recipes for several people into ones that would feed many. A final interactive piece at the event included a live survey on the website www.polleverywhere.com. Participants were asked to answer their project question about gambling. The results were immediately projected for all to see and discuss. Students and visitors saw the results change over the night as more and more visitors answered the question.

In her reading class, Ms. Sapega tied this project to argument writing and the current laws allowing online gambling in New Jersey. Students accessed the EBSCO and SIRS databases to research point of view articles and to find point, counter point and overviews of the positions on this topic. They developed an argument for an assigned position, using some of the data gathered from the NPMS Math/Science Expo activities.

Middle School Minute

“Brrr It’s Cold Out There.” Science teacher **Elio Mayo** had his classes create homemade barometers to learn about atmospheric pressure and how these forces affect local and global weather patterns. Analyzing the recent cold-snap, students came to understand the conditions that created the “polar vortex” that ushered in the frigid temperatures that sent students scurrying for lost hats and gloves.

“Now That’s a Bargain.” **Lauren Meyer**, math teacher, had her students solve real-life problems involving rational numbers, percents, ratios, and proportions by reviewing store advertisement circulars to establish unit pricing for various products. By comparing their results to different store sales, students could then determine the “better deal” and complete a successful weekly budget. “

“A Rebirth of Learning.” Social studies teacher **Matt Iannucci** and his students just completed another set of posters for their “Seeing History” series. This month’s visual displays depict the events of the Renaissance, with pictures and information about the arts and sciences, which flourished during that time period. The colorful and informative posters adorn the hallways and are enjoyed by all of the students.

“Thanking the Middle School Community.” Assistant principal **John Ferguson** was proud to receive a certificate on behalf of the students from the Red Cross acknowledging the school’s generous donation to the Philippine Disaster Relief Fund. The framed certificate is displayed as a reminder of the importance of charity and compassion.

“Saluting A Great Leader.” **Anthony Della Rosa’s** computer classes recently incorporated their learning of web and graphic design to create posters honoring the life of civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, for recognition of the national holiday.

Somerset School

New Program a Success: El Poder, a program dedicated to empowering our community towards better health and prevention through education has come to an end. A total of ten weeks of classes consisting of diabetes management, health education and dietetic consultations managed to keep the participants engaged and healthy. Initial screenings and evaluations were assessed; biometric testing was done; and blood sugar, cholesterol and weight were monitored. An added bonus was the availability of a registered dietician who was on hand providing consultations and guidance on healthy meal plans and dietary adjustments. Weekly monitoring allowed for evaluation of progress and reinforcements, along with education that provided valuable information on processed foods, blood sugar, portion controls and supermarket tours.

During the ten weeks the participants blossomed and motivated each other on their journey to health. Along with the program, friendly competition was seen among participants on total weight loss & blood sugar levels. Total weight loss seen ranged from 4-15 pounds. “I myself participated in the program and lost 7 pounds, lowered my cholesterol from 197 to 177, and improved my good cholesterol by 10 points. Another participant lowered their cholesterol by 67 points by following the program’s regiment. Our biggest winner was our very own Mayra Martinez (paraprofessional). Mayra won for most improved all around lowering her cholesterol, blood sugar, and weight loss by a significant amount. Congratulations!” stated **Luis Jaime, assistant principal at Somerset School and organizer** of the program. “On behalf of Mr. Saint-Rose and myself, we would like to thank Somerset Medical Center, coordinator Natalie Martinez, and the community of North Plainfield for all their support. We applaud all the participants who took time every week to meet and took every attempt towards better health. We look forward to bringing this program again next year to offer more families the opportunity to be part of El Poder,” Mr. Jaime continued.

Stony Brook School

Stony Brook School’s Peer Tutoring Program: The establishment of a peer tutoring program is a tremendous way to offer effective reading support to struggling young readers. This was the thinking of the Intervention & Referral Services (I&RS) committee with **Leslie Castillo**, counselor; and **Patricia Klatt** and **Susan Garatino**, teachers who organized a “Kids As Reading Helpers” program for the school. Seventeen third and fourth grade students were selected by their teachers to work with students in the younger grades. The tutors attended four training sessions with Ms. Castillo and upon graduating from Tutoring School they each received a Peer Tutor Badge and the ability to begin tutoring. Each tutor will meet with two students each week in the mornings before school. A total of thirty four students will receive tutoring over the next few weeks. The following is a list of the first group of Stony Brook tutors:

Third Grade

Samantha Alvenus
Layevska Corado-DelCid
Andrea Garcia
Andrea P. Garcia
Justin Gilsilvetti
Robert Hernandez
Anthony Olivo
Uriel Palacios
Brandon Urquizo

Fourth Grade

Jamie Agular
Samantha Borja
Ivan Manguí
Omar Meki
Dreick Murillo
Celara Murray
Abigail Paniagua
Adair Yancha

“Special thanks to all of our tutors and an extra special thank you to the I&RS committee for developing, organizing and implementing a great program. Read, Read, Read!” exclaimed **Principal Cathy Kobylarz**.

Stony Brook’s Winter Concert: The international celebration of music was once again the theme of the winter concert for the third and fourth grade students at Stony Brook School. On Thursday, January 16, 2014, the Stony Brook students and staff assembled in the multi-purpose room and were treated to a morning of music. Later that day, parents and friends of Stony Brook attended an evening performance. **Lucas Miller**, director of the Stony Brook’s chorus and **Kyle Skrivanek**, director of Stony Brook’s band, combined their talents and produced a show worth remembering.

The morning and evening performances opened with the band playing three traditional folk songs: *Hot Cross Buns*, *Go Tell Aunt Rhodie*, and *Mary Had a Little Lamb*. Members of the band included the following:

Flute		Trumpet			
Jamie Aguilar	Christopher Gonzalez	Jaydon Chambers	Jenny Sanon		
		Elizabeth Ellis	Smaya Shallo		
Clarinet		Saxophone		Bells	
Fatima Ramos	Natalia Valverde	Joshua Njoku	Anthony Salazar	Bhavya Patel	Adair Yancha Tobar

The members of the Stony Brook chorus performed five international songs: *Waltzing Matilda* (Australian), *It’s Snowing* (Czechoslovakian), *Every Night* (American), *Que Llueva* (Spanish) and *Hi! HO! The Rattlin’ Bog* (Irish). Members included the following:

Sade Adedeji	Jamie Aguilar	Shauntia Alexander
Samantha Alvenus	Angie Barrios	Alaina Belyo
Samantha Borja	Kenny Cabrera	Tania Castellon-Paz
Elizabeth Ellis	Joseline Garcia	Julisa Jara
Derek Lopez	Aisha Malik	Celara Murray-Pineda
Joshua Njoku	Anthony Olivo	Kailyn Orozco
Uriel Palacios	Kristen Palate	Henri Rodriguez
Rebeca Rodriguez	Sophia Sanchez	Jenny Sanon
Shirley Supe	Natalia Valverde	Emily Zavala

“The winter and spring concerts have been such a highlight at Stony Brook School. It has always been a wonderful partnership of home and school coming together to celebrate the accomplishments of a great group of students,” remarked **Principal Kobylarz**.

West End School

Families and School Together Parent Read Aloud Night: Families were greeted by teachers **Erika Gambuti** and **Sara Gagliano** as they entered West End School and signed in for a special evening. The families read books at table-clothed tables while they waited for the event to begin. Teacher **Keren Fonseca** did an informative presentation about the importance of reading with one’s child at home. This was followed by library media specialists, **Lindsey Gall** and **Marilyn LaMarca**, who in small groups modeled a good read aloud session with questions that can be asked when reading together. The families then enjoyed a feast from Grove BBQ, served by teachers **Nancy Lubreski**, **Vicki**

Mendes, Angela Roman, Erica Gara, Heather Novorro, Heather Morgan, Alyson DiFiori, Stephanie Barbarosh, and volunteers Carmine LaMarca, Brian Steger, and Melissa and Wayne Balla. Teacher Alison Apisa closed the evening by telling the children that they could take the books home to practice reading with their parents. The books were donated by Yellowtail Thrift Store and brought in by Marilyn LaMarca. “Thank you to all that volunteered at the night event and to those who set up after school including teachers Miriam Andrews, Kelli Dunston, Ryan Johnson, Michelle Onofri, Chris Sepesi, Sandy Markert, Jason Lilly, Lisa Cirillo, Kourtney Karl, Debbie Lysicatos, Andrew Zlotnick and Christine Birnbaum,” stated Beth Sobel, principal. **Winter Concert:** Brava to the fourth grade band and third and fourth grade chorus! “Congratulations to Jon Scott, choral director and Dorian Parreott II, band director for a fabulous winter concert. Both the band and chorus sounded great,” remarked Beth Sobel, principal. The following selections were performed by the band: *Hot Cross Buns*, *Rolling Along*, *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*, *Doodle All Day*, *London Bridge*, *Au Claire De La Lune*, *Go Tell Aunt Rhodie* and *Jingle Bells*. A special selection, which featured the drum section of the band, *W.E. Notes* was written by Dorian Parreott. The chorus sang songs from the show *Aladdin* (Music by Alan Menken): *One Jump Ahead* featuring Nikolas Thunberg as Aladdin, Jelani Roberts as The Sultan, Tyler Kasper as Razoul, Spencer McGovern as Lago, Jordan Cheatham as the 3rd Narrator and Raquel Kruszczyński as Jasmine; *Friend Like Me* featuring Madison Kasper as The Genie and *Prince Ali* featuring Madison Kasper as The Genie. “Many thanks to who helped the night of the concert: teacher Wendy Alvarez and to the custodial staff, Angel Lopez and John Vaughan, who always have everything ready and looking so nice for all our events. Thanks to the third and fourth grade teachers who remain flexible when lessons and rehearsals are needed,” continued Ms. Sobel.

Fourth Grade Band Members

Flute

Amancha, Adelis
Lozado, Leslie
Martinez, Sara
Newsome, Vaughn
Roberts, Jelani
Caluna, Bridget
Malik, Arzu
Vilvert, Lindsey
Smagalla, Victoria

Clarinet

Adil, Minayal
Bailey, Jaydah
Barrera, Carlos
Cookman, Brianna
Dey, Alicia
Dustin, Elizabeth
Estrella, Kevin
Falcon-Castrillon, Joselin
Felton, Zuri
Hunter, Nasir
Llewellyn, Niah

Alto Saxophone

Acosta, Axel
Cheatham, Jordon
Holzer, Matthew
Jenkins, Amaris
McGovern, Spencer
Rassa, Sean
Samuels, Mia
Scopel, Andrew
Singh, Sahalpreet
Twyman, Naila

Trumpet

Cody, Diyara
Droege, Calvin
Josias, Jonnathan
Kasper, Madison
Kasper, Tyler
Threatt, Giovanni
Valverde, Jaimie
Zavala, Alexssi

Trombone

Figuerola, Brian
Hassan, Raja
Jeffrey, Henriquez
Mendez, Jhoslin
Mooney, Courtney
Smagalla, Scott

Percussion

Cordova, Sean
Gonzalez, Giovanni
Melendez, Jason
Menendez, Carlos

Baritone Horn

Martinez-Santana, Melanie Cook, Nicholas
Munoa, Ruth Williams, Shaughn
Regragui, Zine
Rodriguez, Amber
Salgado, Mya
Spanton, Lily
Veliz, Sandy

Third and Fourth Grade Chorus

Third Graders

Adams, Patrick Jr
Brown, Ava
Canavan, Bryan
Castaneda, Alexis Marie
Chuquitarco, Giancarlo
Coslit, Carly
Dustin, Catherine
Fernandez, Justin
Flores, Abigail
Girardi, Abigail
Given, Rachael
Hobson, Isaiah
Hutcherson, Josiah
Kruszcynski, Madeline
Lacon, Avery B.
Liang, Caitlyn
Mejias, Jianna
Miller, Lauren
Munoz, Lourdes
Pimentel, Brittany
Rink, Emma
Salinas, Matthew
Santana, Jason
Scott, Chelsea
Sequeira, Kyle
Sewell, Jahmer
Thunberg, Nikolas
Walker, Damien
Walker, Devon

Fourth Graders

Caluna, Bridget
Cookman, Brianna Marie
Dey, Alicia
Dustin, Elizabeth
Estrella, Kevin
Flores, Kelly
Gomes, Julia
Green, Brian
Hargrove, Asia
Jenkins, Amaris
Kasper, Madison
Kasper, Tyler
Kruszcynski, Raquel
Llewellyn, Niah
Melendez, Jason
Mendez, Jhoselin
Mooney, Courtney
Rodriguez, Amber
Smagalla, Victoria Hope
Thom, Ciara
Twyman, Naila
Wnuk, Bailey

East End School

Student Council has been very busy at East End School under the direction of school counselor **Nicole Rivlin** and second grade teacher **Lisa Marie Gabriel**. Students brought smiles of delight to the residents of Green Brook Manor Care and Rehabilitation Center by making them winter-themed placemats. Also, additional students were trained to become safety patrols which are needed to escort students to class each morning as they enter the building between 8:00 a.m. and 8:25 a.m. In order to be selected as a safety patrol, students must be recommended by their teacher and display the six pillars of character education. Finally, **Nicole Rivlin** followed through on an email suggesting that students

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write letters to the troops thanking them for serving our country. Once the letters were completed, they were mailed to St. Mary's in Pompton Lakes which served as the collection point. "It is very important and fulfilling for children to recognize that service learning not only makes others happy, but makes the person doing the service feel good inside," stated **Principal Kathleen Herrmann**.

Third grade teachers **Jill Fogarty, Gina Stripto, and Ridhima Bajaj** gathered with their students in the community room on the afternoon of January 14 to engage their students in descriptive writing. Pots of hot chocolate lined the front of the stage and students were each given a delicious cup to taste and enjoy. Their task was to complete a worksheet using descriptive words that are aligned to the five senses. "It was amazing to watch the students use so many different adjectives to describe hot chocolate. It truly makes you realize that everyone sees things differently. It was an excellent experience for the students to improve writing skills," replied **Ms. Herrmann**.

East End School held its **winter concert** in the community room on January 15 at 10:00 a.m. Music teacher **Diana Van Hise** led the instrumental band as they entertained and played *Rolling Along, Hot Cross Buns, Go Tell Aunt Rhodie, and Lightly Row*. In order to further inform the audience, Ms. Van Hise had the students who played various instruments stand, hold the instrument up and play a few notes. Students who played the flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet and trombone stood proudly, and the audience listened intently to the different sounds of each instrument. Members of the chorus also entertained the audience and sang, *Love Grows*, which included soloists **Nala King, Jordan Bush, Amy Zarate** and **Brian Eugenio**, *Mister Frosty Winter, My Favorite Things* and *We Believe in Music*. An evening performance was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. "The students were outstanding, and they continue to impress me and the school community. They work very hard and **Ms. Van Hise** does an outstanding job preparing them for the concert," remarked **Ms. Herrmann**.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic - Operations. The safety topic for January was "Slip & Fall Prevention." The safety topic for February is "Proper Lifting Techniques and Back Safety."

Safety Topic - Transportation. No courses are assigned at this time.

Related safety training is being provided via our on-line employee training system and all employees completed their assigned training as scheduled.

RTU Training – All Staff Members. Due to recent changes to the Federal Right to Know Act, all staff members are required to receive updated training for the implementation of the new Right to Understand Program. This training is mandatory for all employees and the training is being provided through our Safe Schools Program.

HEALTH & SAFETY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Members of the safety sub-committee met on January 28, 2014. This meeting was held to review the current progress of our Crisis Management Emergency Plan update. We are on target to have a draft copy ready for final review by the end of February.

SECURITY

The district has approved a proposal to install safety film on the entrance doors, beginning with NPHS/MS. This new product strengthens the glass and would significantly delay an intruder attempting to gain access to the building. This work should be completed within the next two weeks.

SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for January was an “Evacuation-Non Fire.” All of our schools completed their assigned drills. The security drill for February is an “Active Shooter Drill.”

FEMA MITIGATION GRANTS

UPDATE: Three grant applications for the installation of emergency back-up generating systems are currently pending. No further information is available at this time.

CCTV SYSTEMS

The district has installed CCTV Systems in all of the district’s buses. This system includes GPS tracking and is accessible in real time. UPDATE: The system provider is currently attempting to eliminate consistent connectivity issues.

HEATING ISSUES

During the most recent polar vortex, we experienced a number of heating issues at the high & middle school including frozen and/or split unit coils. All systems were repaired and heat restored as quickly as possible. At this time, one new unit coil has been temporarily repaired and a new coil is on order. Additionally, two units are awaiting the replacement of defective fan motors, and this work should be completed prior to the release of this report.

CAPITAL PROJECTS, STATUS REPORT (Current)

DISTRICT WIDE SOLAR ENERGY

UPDATE: The solar generating system at East End School is now complete including the activation of the user interface and kiosk.

HARRISON WINDOWS

UPDATE: This project has now been closed out.

HIGH SCHOOL GYM A/C

UPDATE: This project has now been closed out.

14/15 CAPITAL BUDGET (Proposed)

The following Capital Improvement Projects, partially funded by Rod Grants, have been proposed for inclusion in next year’s budget. The current proposed budget is preliminary and subject to change based on additional needs and/or state funding.

- High & Middle School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- East End School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- West End School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- Stony Brook School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- Stony Brook School – Building Wide Window Replacements including the Gym.
- Somerset School – Installation of an Air Conditioning System for the Gym.

ADDITIONAL ROD GRANTS

The following approved Rod Grants, in addition to the ones proposed for next year's budget, can be held in abeyance for up to eighteen months before they expire:

- High & Middle School – HVAC Replacements including the Cafeteria & Auditorium.
- East End School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- West End School – Chiller Installation for the HVAC System.
- Stony Brook School – Fire & Intrusion Alarm System Replacement.
- Stony Brook School – Installation of a Complete CCTV System.

NJQSAC INSPECTIONS & REVIEW

On January 7, 2014, the County Superintendent and County Business Administrator completed their review of district finances, operations and physical plant maintenance. It should be noted that there were no deficiencies noted, and we were found to be 100% compliant in these areas.

Additional information regarding recently completed maintenance and capital improvement projects, as well as digital photographs and a current project register, can be viewed on our website. Please follow the link to District Operations and click on the listed tabs for more information.

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education grant Chemagne Kania, teacher of English at Somerset School, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective June 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014. (Ms. Kania will begin her disability leave using accrued sick days on April 21, 2014.)

Further, that for the **2014-2015** school year, the Board of Education continue her unpaid leave under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2014 through October 31, 2014.

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Kania an unpaid leave of absence, effective November 1, 2014 through January 30, 2015.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between August and December 2013.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff member conference and travel expenses, as per the attached list.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve Kevin Guevara as a volunteer assistant to the wrestling coach at NPHS.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as K-12 district substitute teachers:

Sydney Pollard	Anthony Nieves	Gina Viola
Min Kim	Brittany Nagel	Natalia Benson
Kristian Hunt	Clodec Johnson	

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the salary of Arthur Leandro, probationary head custodian, to include a stipend of \$675 reflecting his attainment of a boiler license, effective December 16, 2013.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the name of previously approved West End School student counselor co-advisor from Alison **Apisa** to Alyson **DiFiore**.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve Anthony Nieves at the assistant director for the spring musical production of *Anything Goes* (March 27, 28 and 29) at the stipend of \$2091.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the teacher(s) indicated on the attached list to work on curriculum projects or school-based planning activities at the school/department as indicated, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, to be funded with local funds.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the co-curricular position of Donna Patton as drama club advisor at Somerset School from advisor to that of **co**-advisor, effective January 2, 2014.

Further, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Colleen Strickland as drama club co-advisor, effective January 2, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following staff members to assist at school events at the rate of \$28.35 per hour:

Eleftheria Fiotakis	Kate Moore
Erica Fuchs	Andrew Preble
Mayra Martinez	Camille Ragin

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as district substitute paraprofessionals, to be called on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour:

Patricia DiFrancesco	Rolando Santana-Ortiz
Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the temporary employment of Tara Naturile, temporary special education teacher at Stony Brook School, **from** December 2, 2013 through January 24, 2014 **to** December 2, 2013 through June 20, 2014, at the BA/Step 1 salary rate of \$55,490.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kim Wilson McKay, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, effective January 11, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the **2014-2015** school year, the Board of Education grant Adriana Silva Rosario, teacher of mathematics at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2014 through November 24, 2014, for child care purposes. (Ms. Rosario will begin her disability period effective May 1 through June 30, 2014 using accrued sick days.)

Further, that the Board grant Ms. Rosario an unpaid leave of absence effective November 25, 2014 through June 30, 2015, for child care purposes.

Thomas Allen – Abstain	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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education adjust the previously approved recommendation to employ the following staff members to teach in extended day mentoring programs **from** at the rate of \$48 per hour **to** \$38 per hour, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY'14 monies.

Further, that the Board adjust the hours assigned to Eram Tun **from** 21 hours **to** 31 hours.

<u>East End</u>		<u>Stony Brook</u>			
	<u>Hrs</u>		<u>Hrs</u>		<u>Hrs</u>
Rhima Bajaj	65	Kelly Feeney	16	Sharon Switek	31
Melissa Mejia	65	Marina Heller	16	Jennifer Ferraino	31
Stefanie Martin	65	Alison Mac	16	Susan Garatino	31
Jill Fogarty	65	Robert Meringolo	16	Marilyn LaMarca	31
Kitty Jedra	65	Patricia Klatt	19	Michelle Motichka	31
		Leanne Borbely	25	Amanda Retenberg	31
				Eram Tun	31

Thomas Allen – Abstain
 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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Angele Salako, paraprofessional at East End School, effective February 3, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
 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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Martha J. Barrett, teacher of health and physical education at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
 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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the unpaid leave of absence granted to Lizet Zuniga, school social worker, **from** effective December 12, 2013 through February 5, 2014 **to** December 12, 2013 through March 14, 2014.

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

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Nancy Nardi as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for 3.75 hours per day at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, effective February 1, 2014. (Ms. Nardi will replace Christie Thomas.)

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of accept the resignation of John Vogel as supervisor of the Somerset School breakfast program effective January 27, 2014.

Further, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Donna Patton as supervisor of the Somerset School breakfast program at the rate of \$16 per session, effective January 27, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Shireen Ali, special education teacher at NPHS, effective March 24, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the temporary employment of Meredith Reedy, temporary school social worker, **from** October 7, 2013 through February 5, 2014 **to** October 7, 2013 through March 31, 2014. (Ms. Reedy is temporarily replacing Lizet Zuniga.)

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

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mario DellaFortuna as assistant baseball coach at NPHS, at the stipend of \$5,741.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Dawn Kleinfeld, teacher of mathematics at NPMS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the **2014-2015** school year, the Board of Education grant Bettina Bergamo, elementary teacher at Somerset School, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2014 through November 24, 2014, for child care purposes. (Ms. Bergamo plans to begin her disability period using accrued sick days on May 12, 2014 through June 30, 2014.)

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Bergamo an unpaid leave of absence effective November 25, 2014 through January 30, 2015, for child care purposes.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Delia Perez as a lunchroom paraprofessional at East End School for 1.5 hours per day at the hourly rate of \$21.14, effective February 6, 2014. (Ms. Perez will replace Angele Salako.)

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

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept with regret, the resignation of Patricia Klatt, academic support teacher at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Sherry Butrico as a paraprofessional assigned to work with a classified student at West End School for 3.50 hours per day, at the rate of 21.14 per hour, effective February 6, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Jose Jarquin as a paraprofessional assigned to work with a classified student at West End School for 3.25 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, effective February 6, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust the unpaid leave under the Federal Family Leave Act granted to Wendy McClellan, special education teacher at West End School, **from** March 19, 2014 through May 4, 2015 **to** February 24, 2014 through May 4, 2014, for child care purposes. (Ms. McClellan will begin her disability period on January 21, 2014 through February 23, 2014 using accrued sick days.)

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Mary Ann Reilly, teacher of reading at NPMS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Christopher Argento, special education teacher at NPHS, effective April 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
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. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for the following non-classified students for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, effective date as indicated:

HI-36-13-14 January 17, 2014
HI-38-13-14 January 24, 2014

HI-39-13-14 February 3, 2014
HI-40-13-14 February 6, 2014
HI-41-13-14 February 6, 2014

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the use of translation services for the following classified students to be provided by Ambassador Translating at the cost of \$112 per hour, plus \$45 per hour for travel for up to six hours (three hours per student), effective January 17, 2014, plus two additional dates to be determined for testing and meetings purposes:

TRANS 01-13-14

TRANS 02-13-14

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the following classified students receive the services of a full-time nurse during school hours, including while being transported, for up to eight hours per day, to be provided by Delta-T Group at the cost of \$33.50 per hour, effective date to be determined:

LPN-01-13-14

LPN-02-13-14

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-17-13-14 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$450.00.

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the following classified students undergo a neurological evaluation to be provided by Dr. Kavita Sinha at the cost of \$325 each:

NEU-05-13-14	NEU-07-13-14
NEU-06-13-14	NEU-08-13-14

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the following classified students receive occupational therapy services to be provided by Dawn Odell, OTR for two thirty-minute sessions per week at the cost of \$80 per session, effective September 2013 through June 2014:

OT/PT-69-1314	OT/PT-70-13-14	OT/PT-71-13-14
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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-09-13-14 to be provided by Brookfield Homebound Schools for up to ten hours per week at the cost of \$52.24 per hour, effective September 27, 2013.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-34-13-14 to be provided by Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for up to ten hours per week at the cost of \$41 per hour, effective January 8, 2014.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-37-13-14 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff, effective January 15, 2014.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student IIIII-13-14 at Nu View Academy at the annual cost of \$57,750, to be pro-rated as soon as transportation is arranged.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated November 30, 2013.

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

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated January 22, 2014.

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education, having tabled the recommendation from the previously held reorganization meeting on January 7, 2014, now hereby DOES RESOLVE, that the Board President make the following appointments:

Committees

Board/Staff:	Kathleen Mullen (Chair), Sandra Dodd
Communications:	Sandra Dodd (Chair), Linda L. Bond-Nelson, John Fellin, Jr.
Curriculum:	Thomas Allen (Chair), Thomas Kasper, Linda L. Bond-Nelson
Finance & Facilities:	David Branan (Chair), Thomas Allen, Thomas Kasper
Negotiations:	Linda L. Bond-Nelson (Chair), Sandra Dodd, Kathleen Mullen
Policy:	David Branan (Chair), Linda L. Bond-Nelson, John Fellin, Jr.

Delegates

NJSBA/Legislative:	Thomas Kasper	
SCSBA:	Thomas Kasper	Alt: Sandra Dodd
SCESC:	Kathleen Mullen	Alt: Sandra Dodd

Liaisons

Borough Council:	David Branan	
Education Foundation:	John Fellin, Jr.	Alt: Thomas Allen
Youth Services:	Thomas Allen	Alt: John Fellin, Jr.

Parliamentarian

Donald Sternberg

Ad Hoc Committees

Evaluation:	When Necessary
Personnel:	When Necessary
Other:	When Necessary

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve and accept the donation of a Spectra Magnetic marker board and Epson projector valued at \$785.13, from DonersChoise.org, as requested by Nora Leary, special education teacher at NPHS, to be utilized by NPHS.

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that:

Whereas, Public Service Electric and Gas Company (the “Company” or “PSE&G”) is offering an energy conservation program (the “Program”) to customers (“Customers”) that are government or non-profit entities with annual peak demands equal to or less than 150kW. The Customer is the Company’s customer of record, i.e. the PSE&G account holder. Under the Program, the Company is arranging the installation of certain energy conservation measures (“ECMs”) at eligible Customer government/nonprofit facilities (the “Facilities”).

Whereas, The Direct Install Program for Government/Non-Profit Facilities Customer Contract – Installation and Repayment Agreement (the “Agreement”) offers 80% funding by PSE&G with an additional 20% local share provided by the Customer, to be paid back over a 24 month period within the existing billing structure, and

Whereas, the North Plainfield School District has identified energy improvements at both Somerset School and North Plainfield High School that meet the program requirements for improving energy consumption. And

Whereas the total program costs will be as follows:

Somerset School:		Estimated Energy Savings
PSE&G	55,520.80	\$12,545.00
North Plainfield	<u>13,880.20</u>	
Total	69,401.00	
 North Plainfield High School:		
PSE&G	149,718.62	\$29,917.00
North Plainfield	<u>37,429.66</u>	
Total	187,148.28	\$42,462.00

Local share to be apportioned by 24 monthly billing cycles in equal amounts with no interest charges.

Now Therefore, the Board of Education does hereby authorize and approve entering into an agreement to install energy improvements at both locations through the Program, and that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the funds in the amount of \$700.00 from the Young Science Achievers Program for the purpose of purchasing supplies in support of four projects as originally submitted to the Board of Education on June 19, 2013 by Dr. Sarah O'Donnell, teacher of biology at NPHS.

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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson expressed her positive enthusiasm for the newspaper article featuring Erick Dodd and the basketball team, and offered congratulations to Erick on his efforts.

Mr. Ostroff discussed issues related to the cold and snow and expressed his appreciation for his staff and their tireless efforts.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – Dr. Rich discussed topics to be reviewed.

Finance & Facilities – next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2014 at 5pm.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan suggested meeting one day during the week of March 12, 2014.

Negotiations – no meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned various upcoming meetings.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan discussed workshops they recently attended.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen mentioned Career Center Building process

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

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

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Tracy Peters mentioned school concerts were all well done events.

Future Agenda Items

Per presentation calendar

Public presentation of the 2014-2015 School Budget. Mr. Sternberg discussed with the Board potential dates based on the budget calendar.

February 12, 2014

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on March 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm 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 to executive session at 9:20 pm 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. Allen and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 9:43 pm.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg