

March 5, 2014

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 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 13 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 Mr. Fellin abstaining, to accept the public session minutes of February 17, 2014, February 18, 2014, and February 19, 2014.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved, with Mr. Allen and Mr. Fellin abstaining, to accept the executive session minutes of February 17, 2014, February 18, 2014, and February 19, 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:

Senior Hasani Eason, a captain on the football team, was honored as this week's scholar athlete by news 12 New Jersey. The network came to the school to interview Hasani and a piece ran on Wednesday evening featuring his academic/athletic accomplishments.

HOPE Club raised \$110.00 through the annual Valentine's Day Flower sale this year. The monies will be donated to help save endangered species.

We are currently working toward Rutgers Ocean Days. April 11th. HOPE Club will have two entries dealing with the theme on the effects of climate change on the Antarctic.

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In the Child Development class during the month of February we worked on Valentine's Day arts and crafts, Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, Presidents day, Dental health and five senses with preschoolers. For high school students, we are working on nutrition during pregnancy and first years of life, SIDS (Sudden infant Death Syndrome), SBS (Shaken Baby Syndrome), toy safety, toy designing and ways to keep baby safe.

We did a very interesting activity this month with the HS students on Developmental Milestones. In order to teach students about developmental milestones during early years of life, the students were asked to bring in their baby pictures. The pictures were put on a big poster board and the students were asked to estimate the ages and milestones that they thought a child would exhibit at that stage. The lesson went beyond all expectations and they learned a big chunk of theory in a fun way.

Sophomore Class of 2017 just finished their Cookie Dough fundraiser.

Mrs. Betz and Mrs. McEnroe implemented a three day Advanced Foods lesson developed by Mrs. Betz. It was a computer research study of "Food Insecurity" in America. Students did web quests of general sites on the topic the first day. The second day each was assigned a specific agency or resource that addresses the topic of food insecurity. Students explored the mission, sponsorship, and programs of these agencies as well as finding out how someone could help. All classes worked together to create a showcase outside of the HS foods lab summarizing their findings. Some students had questions about how they could get help for their families.

Interact has been busy with their Valentine's Day Cupcake Gram Sale: 216 orders of cupcakes selling for \$2 each. Orders will help pay for Interact Shirts. \$432 was raised for the shirts. Students came in at 7 am on a delayed opening to bring in baked cupcakes and frost & individually box them to deliver them to homerooms. Origami hearts were made and taped to each individual box with a message handwritten on it.

Rutgers Game: 19 Interact members attended, it was a very busy game, with lots of customers. It was a lot of fun, and members enjoyed it.

HSPA Testing is March 4-6 for all 11th grade students and 12th grade retest students. The make-up- dates for HSPA Testing are March 11-13.

The World Language Honor Societies Induction Ceremony will take place on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 3:30pm in the high school cafeteria.

Anyone interested in participating in the Walk or Run **5k Race to Wellness** on **March 29**. Bring your friends and family to create the North Plainfield team. The largest team wins recognition by 4-Time Olympian, Joetta Clark Diggs, a plaque for the district, **RUNNING TANK TOPS FOR ALL TEAM** members (in addition to the Long Sleeve T-shirt all receive for signing up), and a luxury box at a Somerset Patriots game, and more! Contact Ms. Stefanie Myers in the middle school for more information.

The Junior prom will take place at the Rosewood in Edison on **Saturday, April 26th**. The prom will be from 8pm to 12 midnight.

Presentation

Ms. Marseglia introduced Mr. DellaRosa and 5 students who presented the TAP (Technology Awareness Program) Johnson & Johnson program. The program offers the students experiences and activities that are found in a workplace environment.

Dr. Rich presented the Anti-Bullying Self-Assessment that the district finished, including the scoring.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Staff

David Miller, teacher of mathematics in the North Plainfield Alternative High School Program, has earned the **Pathfinder Award** at **New Jersey City University** for his creation of a game using Arduino circuits, available to anyone. This project was part of a graduate level course, "Introduction to Authoring Tools," a class focusing on do-it-yourself media. His creation, the "Trapmatic 2000," resembles a labyrinth. The user attempts to move a small metal ball in a sequence, with LEDs providing the player with audio feedback regarding their performance. His award-winning project will be on display at the NJCU Open House for prospective students in April. Congratulations, Mr. Miller!

Chuck Henriques has been selected by the conference to receive their "**Coach of the Year**" award for 2013-2014. Mr. Henriques, who coaches boys' soccer, co-ed winter track, and boys' spring track, will receive this award at the annual **Skyland Conference** Scholar Athlete Luncheon at Maggiano's Restaurant in Bridgewater, NJ, on May 13, 2014.

Students

Wrestling

District 12 Results, February 21-22

Champion of the 195 lb. Weight Class- **Junior, James "JT" Valley**
3rd Place Finish of the 138 lb. Weight Class - **Junior, Dominick Mulhearn**
3rd Place Finish of the 220 lb. Weight Class - **Freshman, Amir Sai'd**
All three advanced to the Region 3 Tournament held at Union HS.

Region 3 results, February 28 and March 1

3rd Place Finish of the 195 lb. Weight Class - **James "JT" Valley**
All wrestlers who finish in the top three of their weight class advance to **the State Individual Championships in Atlantic City, March 7-9**. Therefore, **James Valley** advances to the **State Individual Championships**.

Basketball

The **Boys' Varsity Basketball Team** finished the season with a 12-9 record, and was named **Co-Champions** of the **Valley Division of the Skyland Conference** with Bound Brook and South Hunterdon, all with identical divisional records of 11 wins and 3 losses. Seeded 11th in the State Tournament, the team lost to Willingboro HS in the first round on March 4, 2014.

NPHS Art Students Outstanding at duCret Show: **Lauren Sauer**, grade 12, was awarded 2nd place at the recent duCret School of Art show. **Stefaun Harris**, NPHS athlete (2013 State track star and football captain) received an **Honorable Mention** for his “Self Portrait” in the show. **Kim Nydick**, art teacher, reports there were approximately 450 entries from high schools throughout the area. Lauren’s winning acrylic painting entitled “Untitled” will soon be hanging in venues in the North Plainfield area.

Students of the Month: Character education advisors **Danielle Fauci** and **David Hooker** proudly announced last month’s recipients of the “Students of the Month” and “Awesome Acts” honors at the February Character Education assembly. The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance and their demonstration of January’s trait of *respect*:

Team 7-1:	Veronica Rosa Nico Pucciarelli	George Dembrowski Matthew Camacho
Team 7-2:	Darryl Butler Samantha Marquez	Kierra Adams <u>8th Grade Awesome Acts</u>
Team 7-3:	Elijah Restrepo Josselyn Maliza	Cheyenne Cox Yesli Claros Garcia
Team 8-1:	Kalin Barret Liza Gonzalez	Jason Pleitez Destine Alarcon
Team 8-2:	Selena Turcios Reyes Sheila Nunez	Erika Barbosa
Team 8-3:	Rikka Del Rosario Jessica Cerdena	

Schools

NPHS

Johnson & Johnson TAP Program – Round 2: Although it’s been delayed several times by snow, the Johnson & Johnson Technology Awareness Program has begun anew at NPHS. Working in the library on February 20, students in **Barnali Dasgupta’s Chemistry Honors class** excitedly awaited the arrival of the J&J TAP Team. Ms. Dasgupta has worked with the team to tailor the program toward the pharmaceutical side of the industry, in keeping with her class content. Students worked in teams, learned of their business case studies and listened to presentations about business ethics. Prior to the presentations, **Patricia Marseglia, supervisor of mathematics**, told the students that they would be amazed at their own abilities when they delivered their final presentations later in the year. She reminded them that the skills they learned could transfer to high school and college class presentations as well as to college and business interviews and that they should take full advantage of all they could learn in this program. “We look forward to these presentations at the J&J facility on a date to be announced,” remarked Ms. Marseglia.

NPMS

NAEP Assessment: On February 18, ninety Grade 8 students participated in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test. NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what our students know and can do in various subjects. The NAEP assessment is administered by the National Center for Education Statics, within the U.S. Department of Education, and collects information on student trends and performance at the national, state, and district levels. The NAEP results are released to the public as The Nation's Report Card. North Plainfield Middle School was honored to be selected for this worthwhile effort. Special Projects Coordinator **Suzanne Dahlinger** was pleased to present assistant principal **John Ferguson** with a certificate of appreciation from the U.S. Department of Education "In recognition of the professional support and successful accomplishment of the NAEP assessment." In addition, all students received a certificate of community service attesting to their participation.

Sojourn to The Newark Museum: On February 18 and February 25, the entire seventh grade traveled to the Newark Museum to view exhibits from the museum's extensive Asian and African galleries. After learning about the history of ancient China, the students marveled at the many Chinese antiquities dating back to 200BC. In addition, the students received a guided tour of the *Arts of Contemporary Africa* exhibit, which showcased the newest national works of Nigeria. As a special bonus, the students were allowed to view the original *Vince Lombardi* trophy, which was presented at the first Super Bowl to the champion Green Bay Packers. The students and staff proudly learned that this icon was manufactured in New Jersey.

Middle School Minute: **Anne Rusher** was happy to announce that the middle school continued to collect *Box Tops for Education* during the month of February. This month's total earned the school another \$100.00, and brings the year's total to over \$400.00. **Dave Hooker's** seventh grade homeroom brought home the honors and was recognized with a bagel breakfast for their outstanding participation. Physical education teacher **Greg Kilmer's** period 8 class presented a puppet show to the youngsters in the Early Childhood Center class on February 26. As part of the *Great Body Shop* health and physical education curriculum, Mr. Kilmer created a unique approach for the middle school students to research various career opportunities and their associated professional traits. Eighth grade students in **Robert Ferraro's** woodworking rotations are weaving geometry into their project-making. Learning about a circle's diameter, radius, and circumference, the students have been incorporating these concepts to gain a better understanding of the practical applications of mathematics. Italian teacher **Kevin Mills** had his classes create a social media project that required the students to choose an Italian city where they would like to vacation, and create a pamphlet or power point presentation to promote the cities appeal to tourists. Social studies teacher **Kimberly Annette** and her classes held their annual "Enlightenment Thinkers' Dinner Party" to compare and contrast the beliefs of various philosophers and political thinkers. This year's theme centered on emerging women's rights and governmental structure during the times of the Enlightenment Period.

Somerset School

Lending a Helping Hand: **Somerset School Student Council** has been having an exciting year! This fall to winter, the student council organized and sorted food and toys for families in need. In the fall, student council, along with **Donna Patton, physical education teacher** at Somerset School, and **NPMS Student Council**, collected more

than a thousand cans and boxes of food to donate to the Vermeule Community Center's food bank. Many families were served with the donations. In addition, the Somerset Student Council arranged a toy drive before the holiday season, with over 500 toys collected. Toys went to Toys for Tots, the Vermeule Community Center, and the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Many, many children received some extra holiday cheer this winter due to the generosity of Somerset students and staff! **Eleftheria Fiotakis, special education teacher, and Kate Moore, ESL teacher, both advisors to the council** noted, "We are grateful for the wonderful turnout, not only in donations, but in time, from the Student Council, especially the executive board and other students who graciously donated extra time in the mornings to help collect and organize. What a wonderful world, indeed!"

Stony Brook School

"Nature through a Child's Eye": On January 4, 2014, Somerset County Park Commission held their **22nd Annual Children's Art Show: "Nature through a Child's Eye"** at the Environmental Education Center in Bridgewater Township. Located on a 185 acre park along the North Branch of the Raritan River, the center is an 18,000 square foot building housing classrooms, an auditorium, a nature art gallery with temporary exhibits, an environmental book and gift shop, as well as a natural history and environmental library. **Sonya Larado**, Stony Brook School's art teacher, used her creativity to organize and create the displays for the show and inspired the students' work. The following students' work was displayed:

First Grade

"Justin the Cardinal" by David Caiza
"The Flower Shop" by Joelle Gozdek
"The Bird Shop" by Gavino Luna Guevara
"Stream Lake" by Isabelle Pierre

Second Grade

"My Colorful Rooster" by Carlita Cadena
"The Nature Water and Flow" by Iara Hernandez
"Flash the Fish" by Nick Hernandez
"The Happy Zebra in the Grass" by Rania Mikhail
"The Nature Giraffe" by Natalie Palate

Third Grade

"Lion" by Anthony Manzano
"The Lion King" by Robert Hernandez

Fourth Grade

"Super Spider is a Hero" by Angie Barrios Solis
"The Dolphin" by Jaydon Chambers
"The Thick Scary Spider" by De'ona Hathaway
"The World" by Kristin Palate
"The Safari" by Bhavaya Patel
"The Elephant in the Savannah" by Amaya Shallo

The collection of the students' work was a celebration of their understanding of nature. Two of the fourth graders, **Amaya Shallo and Kristin Palate** wrote the following: "Nature means to me that you should take care of plants for they grow bigger and bigger. Nature is a place where animals live and eat."

Peer Tutoring Program: The peer tutoring program at Stony Brook School was an I&RS committee initiative developed to support emerging readers. Tutors have the important job of motivating and encouraging reading to their tutees. Organized by **Leslie Castillo, student counselor**, Stony Brook teachers were asked to nominate third and fourth grade students. The students were trained by Ms. Castillo on how to use a simple set of reading strategies for reading. The tutors were matched with younger readers who are still emerging with their reading and sight word recognition skills. "Tutors have been meeting with their tutees four times a week before school. So far, so great," remarked **Cathy Kobylarz, principal**. "We are so proud of the hours of reading being completed by both the tutors and their tutees. As we say at Stony Brook School, 'Practice makes progress!'" Principal Kobylarz continued. The following students are working as tutors:

Grade Three

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

Grade Four

Jamie Agular
Samantha Borja
Ivan Mangui
Omar Meki
Celara Murray
Abigail Paniagua
Adair Yancha

East End School

East End School will be hosting **Starlab Family Night** on Wednesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the East End School Community Room. Starlab is a portable planetarium that allows participants to learn about the night sky. "Come experience the stars for yourself and join us for a night that will be out of this world! Students will also enjoy arts and crafts! Admission is FREE!" stated **Rema Bajaj, Jill Fogarty, Alexis Holbrook, Megan McFadden, Kathy Porter, and Joanne Wendt.**

East End School raised \$4,227.00 for **Jump Rope for Heart**, topping their donation record set two years ago of \$3,104.00. To celebrate the success, East End held an assembly on February 26 at 9:30am in the gym. "I made a promise to the kids as an incentive that if we finally broke this record that I would be duct taped to the wall, so that is what we will be doing with the whole school watching," exclaimed **Corrine Cecala**, organizer of the activity along with **Todd Vanderputten**, her physical education colleague.

West End School

Aladdin, Jr., the Musical...A Big Musical: On February 26 and February 27, the play *Aladdin, Jr.* was presented in the community room at West End School to sold-out audiences. **Director Jon Scott** stated, "We need to thank **Superintendent Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum and the North Plainfield Board of Education; Music/Arts Supervisor Tom Mazur; Building Principal Beth Sobel; West End staff and West End PTA** because we could not do this production without your help and support!" One dollar from each ticket sale was donated to Smile Train providing for three more smiles. "Both performances were outstanding. Two glorious nights! Many thanks to our staff, students, and parents that made this possible," remarked Ms. Sobel.

Cast Members:

Aladdin: Nikolas Thunberg
Princess Jasmine: Raquel Kruszyznski
Genie: Madison Kasper
Jafar – Trevor Sullivan (8th grade student)
Iago – Spencer McGovern
Narrator 1- Baylee Wnuk
Narrator 2- Jason Santana
Narrator 3- Jordon Cheathem
Narrator 4- Brian Green
Narrator 5- Naila Twyman
Razoul – Tyler Kasper
Sultan – Jelani Roberts

Magic Carpet – Carly Coslit
Abu – Chloe Rodriguez
Prince Baba of Ganoush – Damien Walker
Prince Dahdu Rahn Rahn – Scott Smagalla
Prince Formerly Known as the Artist – Raheem Williams
Guards: Matthew Holzer, Jonnathan Josias, Rachael Given, Melanie Martinez
Attendants: Catherine Savoy, Alicia Dey, Niah Llewellyn, Madeline Kruszyznski
Sultan’s Wife – Amber Rodriguez
Baker – Brianna Cookman
Townperson: Catherine Savoy
Matron: Molly Brennan

Townspeople Ensemble:

Emma Rink, Bryan Canavan, Lily Spanton, Brooke Smagalla, Lindsey Vilvert, Bridget Caluna, Amy Buenano, Kelly Flores, Amaris Jenkins, Leslie Lozada

Dance Ensemble:

Nicole Butler, Avery Lacon, Ava Brown, Catherine Dustin, Ryan Savaryn, Brooke Briggs, Brittany Pitmentel, Nasir McGlone, Nathaniel Meicke, Jianna Mejias, Damien Walker, Devon Walker, Carlos Barrera, Sarah Fabian, Julia Gomes, Abigail Girardi, Abigail Flores, Abraham Guardado, Carly Robertson, Elizabeth Dustin, Da’Sahn Smith, Kelly Flores, Genesis Garces-Gomez, Victoria Smagalla, Raheem Williams, Josiah Hutcheson

Staff:

Directors-----Tara Venturino-Scott and Jonathan Scott
Assistant Directors-----Lindsey Gall & Elisa Peregrina (8th grade student)
Musical Director -----Jonathan Scott
Choreographers-----Tara Scott & Regina Silverii
Make-up-----Belinda Wright, Kourtney Karl & PTA Volunteers
Costumes & Scenery....Tara Scott, Lisa Cerulo & West End Art Club

Stage Crew and Teacher Volunteers

Alyson DiFiore
Michelle dos Santos
Sara Gagliano
Marianne Harris
Ryan Johnson
Theresa Knauer
Jason Lilly
Debbie Lysicatos
Marlo Matthews
Vicki Mendes
Karen Rink
Casey Sobel
Andrew Zlotnick

Parent /Alumni Volunteers

Shahinda Bahnasy (6th grade student)
Andrew Coslit
Matthew Coslit (6th grade student)
Debbie Holzer
Dawn Kasper
Josette Kruszyznski
Toni Lewis
Danielle Rassa
Kaitlin Rink (12th grader)
Michelle Robertson
Tony Rodriguez

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Jump Rope for Heart: *This year West End students took raising money for Jump Rope for Heart, which is part of the American Heart Association, to a whole new level. As an initiative to raise money for Jump Rope for Heart, students received a duck for a certain amount of money raised with the ultimate goal being to collect all of the ducks. As soon as students raised \$5.00 they would receive a red and white duck to wear on a lanyard and add their name on a duck sticker to place on the duck pond poster displayed in the gym. The students were so successful that three duck ponds were filled with students' names.*

This year West End School raised \$10,231.60, which is more than the last five years combined!

2008-2009 = \$1,000.00

2009-2010 = \$1,522.00

2010-2011 = \$1,491.00

2011-2012 = \$965.00

2012-2013 = \$4,172.94

*Top earners were **Jason Melendez** with \$505.00, followed closely by **Madison Kasper** and **Tyler Kasper** with \$500.00 each. "This event was coordinated by **physical education teachers Wendy Alvarez and Chris Sepesi**. They are to be thanked for doing an amazing job with our students this year not only raising funds but for raising awareness about being heart healthy," remarked **Principal Beth Sobel**.*

Dental Health Awareness: Thank you to **Karen Pisani**, a second grade parent and dental assistant at a local dental office, for visiting **Elizabeth Cirillo's** class to talk about dental health. Ms. Cirillo stated, "The children enjoyed learning the proper way to brush their teeth and how important it is to visit the dentist."

PTA News: It's coming! Saturday, March 22, 2014 is "**Basket-Palooza**" at West End School--the annual basket auction. Please put it on your calendars. Doors open at 6 p.m.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic - Operations. The safety topic for February was Proper Lifting Techniques and Back Safety. The safety topic for March is Vehicle 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.

Stair Chair Training – In the event of an emergency evacuation, assigned staff members must be trained in the proper use of a stair chair. A training notice has been posted to District Announcements and a hands-on session will be held in the near future.

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.

UPDATE: A draft copy is now ready for review by the Safety Sub-Committee.

SECURITY

Our service provider has now installed safety film at a number of locations at the high school and middle school. These locations include our main entrance doors, faculty and student entrance and the cafeteria. This new product strengthens the glass and would significantly delay an intruder attempting to gain access to the building.

SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for February was an Active Shooter Drill. All of our schools completed their assigned drills. The security drill for March is a Lockdown 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 our buses. This system includes GPS tracking and is accessible in real time. UPDATE: Our system provider is currently scheduled to replace all system components, March 15-16, 2014

HEATING ISSUES

There are currently no system wide deficiencies at any of our schools, and we are currently completing any outstanding work orders for heat-related issues.

2014/15 CAPITAL PROJECTS (Other)

DIRECT INSTALL PROGRAM

The district was recently approved to participate in the latest round of Energy Reduction Grants sponsored by PSE&G. This project will include replacing outdated interior and exterior lighting fixtures at the high school and middle school. We anticipate a start-up of this project on or about June 23, 2014.

2014/15 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.

2014/15 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (Proposed)

The following maintenance projects are currently being proposed for completion over the upcoming summer months.

- Stony Brook School – Installation of a building-wide surveillance system.
- Stony Brook School – Rear courtyard improvements and shed roofing.
- West End School – Faculty room improvements.
- High School – Wrestling room improvements.
- High School – Upper vestibule, refreshment area improvements.

2014/15 SUMMER MAINTENANCE

A preliminary listing of all requested summer maintenance, improvements and repairs is currently being prepared.

The completion of any and all maintenance projects or improvements is dependent upon budgetary restrictions and state aid figures. Any safety and security related improvements will be a priority.

SAFE ROUTES MINI-GRANT

The district has recently been awarded a Safe Routes to Schools Mini-Grant. This grant will provide additional playground equipment for Stony Brook School. It should be noted that this grant was applied for over three years ago. Up to date proposals have now been received and the equipment and installation will be scheduled as soon as the district receives the funds.

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:

WHEREAS Martha J. Barrett, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2014, and

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 5, 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 Ms. Barrett.

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:

WHEREAS Patricia Klatt, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2014, and

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 5, 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 Ms. Klatt.

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:

WHEREAS Mary Ann Reilly, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2014, and

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 5, 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 Ms. Reilly.

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:

WHEREAS Dawn Kleinfield, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2014, and

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 5, 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 Ms. Kleinfield.

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

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

Mr. Branam 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 conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

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

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

Mr. Branam 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 Brenda L. Fleisher, confidential secretary/transportation coordinator, effective April 20, 2014.

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

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

Mr. Branam 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 Kerry Thomson, teacher of mathematics at NPMS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Abstain
David Branam – 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 the resignation of Anthony Fields, paraprofessional for the NPHS Bridge Program, effective March 15, 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 Jacqueline Darwin, part-time guidance counselor for the Alternative High School Program, effective March 5, 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 previously approved unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act granted to Jacquelyn Fields, student liaison coordinator at NPMS for child care purposes, **from** April 15, 2014 through June 1, 2014 **to** March 16, 2014 through May 26, 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 Jennifer Magliaro as a volunteer to the softball coach at NPHS.

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 Arthur Leandro as a head custodian at NPHS at the Head Custodian/Step 2 annual salary rate of \$46,435, plus \$800 for the high school stipend, plus \$675 for a boiler license for a total annual salary of \$47,910, effective March 16, 2014 through June 30, 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. Branán 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 substitute paraprofessionals to be called on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, effective March 6, 2014:

Ifeoluwa Fawole

Tykeita Ball

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. 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 Patricia DiFrancesco as a paraprofessional working in an OCR language arts class at Stony Brook School for 2.50 hours per day at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, effective February 24, 2014.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve a temporary increase in hours for Pamela Jackson, paraprofessional in the Bridge Program at NPHS, from 4.0 hours per day to 5.0 hours per day, effective February 27, 2014 through April 11, 2014.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. 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 substitute teachers in the district:

Paramjit Kaur

Jennifer Mariani

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. 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 September and December 2013.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Barbara Curtis, elementary teacher at East End School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2014.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve employee SU-3-13-14 suffer a two-day deduction in pay.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education adjust Suzanne Sapega's interim AV coordinator position at the NPMS/HS **from** October 1, 2013 through February 7, 2014 **to** October 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014. (Ms. Sapega was replacing Roseanne Caruso.)

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following curriculum for the NPHS elective:

Dance II (Gr. 9-12)

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-45-13-14 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Professional Education Services, Inc. at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following classified students undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$450 each:

PSY-18-13-14

PSY-19-13-14

Mr. Branán 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 LLLLLL-13-14 at Green Brook Academy at the annual rate of \$62,914 to be prorated effective March 6, 2014. Transportation will be required.

Mr. Branán 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 MMMMMM-13-14 at Bedminster Township School at the rate of \$10,440, effective February 24 through June 20, 2014. Transportation will be required.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-20-13-14 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Elisa Dulay at the cost of \$850.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve Natural Setting Therapeutic Management provide two behavioral consultants/one day per week at the cost of \$22,000, effective March 1, 2014 through June 20, 2014.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-46-13-14 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, effective February 27, 2014.

Mr. Branán 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 NNNNNN-13-14 at NuView Academy at the rate of \$49,500 (10 months), to be prorated effective March 10, 2014. Transportation will be required.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Technology as follows:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2014-2015; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide technology to all students attending a nonpublic school located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the technology to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon technology which may include equipment, software, professional development and/or maintenance of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enter into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2014-2015 school year, and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District pay the State-approved administrative percentage of 6% for the 2014-2015 school year (5% in 2013-2014) of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to cover the SCESC's cost for administering the program. The SCESC will invoice the District for technology items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program and State-approved administrative percentage of the total amount spent as reimbursement for administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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 the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Textbooks as follows:

WHEREAS, 18A:58-37-1 et seq., as amended by Chapter 121, Laws of 1984, requires that the state and local community purchase and loan textbooks upon individual request to all students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in nonpublic schools located within the local school district; and,

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WHEREAS, no Board of Education is required to expend funds for the purchase and loan of textbooks in excess of the amounts provided in state aid; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the purchasing and processing of nonpublic school textbooks for local public school districts for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District enters into an agreement with SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2014-2015 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq., and as authorized by the District. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District agrees to pay the total amount allocated by the State of New Jersey Nonpublic Textbook Program and a 6% administrative fee not to be paid through State program funds to the SCESC by August 31, 2014, or 30 days after State funding is announced, whichever is first. The 6% administrative fee will be waived if all other nonpublic program services for the District are provided by the SCESC. Any unexpended funds will be refunded to the local district.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nursing Services as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 1st day of July, 2014, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors, acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing auxiliary services and any other service or supply provided under grant guidelines to eligible students attending nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, and the Rules and Regulations governing nursing services to nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible nonpublic schools within its district to assure equal access to specified nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed to contract with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to said legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015.
2. The SCESC will provide services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school within the limitations of State funds and according to State guidelines:
 - a. Nursing services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school. The services shall include:
 - 1) Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening
 - 2) Screening of hearing
 - 3) The maintenance of student health records and notification of local or county health officials of any student who has not been properly immunized
 - 4) Scoliosis examinations of students between the ages of 10 and 18
 - 5) The extension of emergency care provided to public school students to full-time nonpublic school students who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to NJAC 6A:16-1.4 and 2.1(a)4. **These health services include:**
 - a. The emergency administration of epinephrine via EpiPen pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40 12.5;
 - b. The care of any student who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school-sponsored functions;
 - c. The transportation and supervision of any student determined to be in need of immediate care; and
 - d. The notification to parents of any student determined to be in need of immediate medical care.

The nursing services provided to nonpublic schools shall not include instructional services.

3. The SCESC shall purchase nursing supplies for nonpublic schools, if requested, with remaining funds after required nursing services are provided as per the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and with authorization by the Public School District.
4. The SCESC shall contact the nonpublic schools within the district and determine the services they will require within the parameters of the law and limitations of funds.

5. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
6. The Public School District agrees to pay to the SCESC a sum equal to the full funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for nursing services to nonpublic schools within its district pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 226 Laws of 1991. Payment shall be made monthly during the school year and forwarded to SCESC within sixty (60) days after district's receipt of the SCESC's monthly invoice of services provided and supplies purchased. See Attachment A for rate charged for nursing services. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the payment as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Nursing Services Program implementation. In the event a Public School District fails to remit the funds to the SCESC, the SCESC shall have the right to give notice of discontinued services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals. A certified copy of the Public School Resolution is annexed hereto.

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 the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nonpublic Instructional Services – Chapters 192/193 as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 1st day of July, 2014, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, County of Somerset, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing New Jersey's Chapter 192 and Chapter 193 programs to eligible students enrolled full time in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey. Chapter 192 programs provide nonpublic school students with auxiliary services such as compensatory education, English as a second language, and home instruction. Chapter 193 programs provide nonpublic school students with remedial services such as evaluation and determination of eligibility for special education and related services, supplementary instruction, and speech-language services.

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-6, 8, 19.1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193), N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192), and the Rules and Regulations governing auxiliary services to nonpublic schools; and,

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WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities within its district; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7; as authorized by the Public School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2014 through and including June 30, 2015.
2. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available.
3. SCESC will provide the Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities.
 - a. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - b. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.5. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed as per State guidelines during the year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.6. Every eligible student will receive

instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.

- e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be given in lieu of regular classroom instruction to an eligible student who is enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school and is unable to attend school for 10 consecutive days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year due to temporary or chronic health condition or need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting. The teacher providing the instruction will be appropriately certified for the subject and grade level in which instruction is given pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).
4. SCESC will provide the auxiliary services in examination and classification to nonpublic school students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will be conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3(c) by appropriate certified personnel.
5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries.
6. All nonpublic transportation funding will be allocated according to State guidelines.
7. For the Auxiliary services of Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction and Corrective Speech services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 10% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193, based on the active roster of students, which will be considered the official enrollment, and provided to the Public School District through monthly invoices of services rendered.
8. For the Auxiliary services of Examination and Classification, and Home Instruction described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 100% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year per pupil by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193 when services are rendered. The SCESC will submit monthly billing of services rendered.
9. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapter 192/193 program implementation. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
10. It is the responsibility of the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within ten (10) business days.

11. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within sixty (60) days following receipt of invoices for such services.
12. The Project Completion Report for Chapters 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District by July 30.
13. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.
14. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the distribution, collection, processing and preparation of the Request for Additional Funding Under the Provisions of Chapters 192/193 required by the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the Laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Business Administrator may act as the local district's agent by filing for Additional Funding under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the website for submission of the requests.
15. Due to the wide variation in district calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
16. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
17. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:
 - a. The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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 the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act as follows:

Pursuant to the official action taken at the meeting of the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), held on March 5, 2014, the Board agrees that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), administer the district's Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act funds, pursuant to the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Grant Application, on behalf of the District. The Services shall be limited to those permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations.

The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2014 until June 30, 2015

The District agrees to pay the Commission the monthly amount of the Nonpublic School IDEA proportionate share grant funding in support of the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. The following payment schedule is hereby agreed to: 100% of the monthly services as defined in Attachment A plus the 6% allowable for administrative costs plus any other additional fees allowable by law. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

In the event the District fails to remit the funds according to the schedule indicated above, the Commission retains the right to postpone service under this contract until funds are released.

The parties agree that if the District shall no longer be eligible for funding pursuant to the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, or if such funding shall terminate, either party may terminate this agreement.

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible Somerset County nonpublic schools identified by the District's grant application and as authorized by the District. Also, the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

The Commission will provide an annual report of I.D.E.A. funded services, equipment and/or technology and provide input into the grant process for each school served.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District and the Board of Directors of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission have by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorize and accept a grant from Target Foundation in the amount of \$2,000.00 submitted by Nancy Rodino, education media specialist at Somerset School, for the purpose of funding two assemblies which will promote tolerance and cultural diversity to be held at Somerset School.

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

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
NPBS H. Fencik	3/14/2014	Marching band participation in St. Patrick's Parade by invitation only.	Newark, NJ	TBD	Contracted
NPBS A.DellaRosa	3/19/2014	Web Design Competition	NJIT Newark, NJ	\$50.00	District (1 bus)
NPBS A.Six	3/29/2014	Gospel Choir performance at a concert for church anniversary gala.	The Westwood Garwood, NJ	\$0.00	District (1 bus)

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

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the New Jersey Department of Education Division of Early Childhood Education District One-Year Program Plan Update and pre-school budget as attached for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branam, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Fellin abstaining, that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide professional services for the purpose of conducting a search for the position of Superintendent of Schools, per the proposal submitted, at a base cost (consultant services and general expenses excluded) not to exceed \$12,500.00.

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

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – Dr. Rich discussed the draft of the Program of Studies.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Branan discussed details of meeting held on February 25, 2014.

Policy Meeting – next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, 2014

Negotiations – no meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

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

Dr. Birnbaum and Mr. Sternberg reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 draft budget.

Current Events in Education

Discussion was held about a student who sued parents for college tuition.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Forbes commented on how well prepared our students are, for interviews.

Future Agenda Items

Per presentation calendar

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on Tuesday, March 18, 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. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg