

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 22, 2013 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	Kathleen Mullen
David Branan	Nancy Szaroleta
Sandra Dodd	Linda Bond-Nelson
Thomas Kasper	

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, Jihad Womack, Student Representative and approximately 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 to accept the public session minutes of May 8, 2013 and May 9, 2013.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of May 8, 2013 and May 9, 2013.

Financial Report

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated in the amount of \$5,547,006.33.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 March 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	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – 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 Jihad Womack as follows:

Mr. Womack introduced, to the Board, Ms. Amari....., who will be assuming the responsibilities of the student representative.

Presentation

Mr. Ron Fisher presented to the Board an overview of the 3 year technology plan covering 2013-2016.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn to executive session at 8:35pm 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 10:15 pm.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students

The following recipients earned Clearinghouse Scholarships. They were recognized along with the donors at a special dinner on May 6, 2013 at Giovanna's Restaurant:

Charles Blackman "Give Back" Scholarship - \$500 each
Wenjun Mo, Luz Guaman

Brown Family Foundation Scholarship - \$8000 each
Ana Pareja, Jennifer Nunez, Kerin Sajjad, Wenjun Mo, Franklin Orellana

Louis A. Caruso Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each
Evita Nwosu-Sylvester, Chloe Williams

August "Sunny" Church Memorial Scholarship - \$500 each
Ashley Ramirez, Yosoph Mohammed

Peter J. Fagone Memorial Scholarship - \$4000/\$1000 yr.
Charlotte Brockway

North Plainfield Association of Education Administrators and Supervisors - \$300
Luz Guaman

Rotary Club Scholarships

Leo Albert Friese Memorial Scholarship - \$400 each
Kaylen Chamorro, John Havrilla, Jennifer Nunez, Kevin Sani

F.S. Mathewson Memorial Scholarship - \$750 each

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Thomas Allen, David Havrilla, Kerin Sajjad, Michael Sani

Michael Zawrotnak Memorial Scholarship – \$1000 each

Lauren Bolton, Victoria Eppler

Michael Sheehy Memorial Scholarship – \$500 each

Timothy D'Armiento, Shyla Shulca

Bernie Dreier Community Service Award and Scholarship - \$500

Jihad Womack

Winifred Letso Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Ashley Ramirez

NP Field Hockey Parents Association Scholarship - \$300 each

Daria Szaroleta, Abigail Pitfick, Ashley Ramirez, Shyla Shulca, Bridget Alvarez

Travis DiCapua Memorial Scholarship - \$500

Christopher Smith

Ball-Kirsch Post #265 American Legion Scholarship - \$1000 each

Timothy D'Armiento, Thomas Keane, Kyle Finnegan

NP Music Parents Association Scholarships - Thomas Keane \$1500,

Duvany Acosta \$750, Kyle Finnegan \$750

NP Optimist Club Scholarship - \$1000

Jennifer Almonte

NP Football/Cheerleader Parents Scholarship - \$250 each

Joanne Vega, Omar Bailey, Matthew Barbosa

Cheryl Thompson-Veazie Memorial Scholarship - \$1,000

Elizabeth Okereke

NP Soccer Club Scholarship - Joseph Almeida \$300, Jay Caluna \$200

NP Recreation Commission Scholarship - \$500 each

Thomas Allen, Jr., Victoria Eppler

NP Latin Coalition Scholarship - \$500 each

Jay Caluna, Johanna Loarca

NP PBA Scholarship - \$400 each

Flor Ledezma, Stephanie Pastuna

Dr. Herman Estrin Scholarship - \$500

Daniela Lopez

Judy Grady Scholarship - \$1000

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Jennifer Almonte

NP Lion's Club

Francis J. Vitelli Scholarship- \$1000: Victoria Eppler

Lions Club Memorial Scholarship- \$1000: Giovanna Rodriguez

NP PTA/PTO Scholarship- \$1200 each

David Havrilla, Jennifer Almonte, Pablo Ortiz

Dr. Marie O'Brien Excellence in Writing Scholarship - \$200 each

Luz Guaman, Kyle Finnegan

NP Alumni Association Scholarship - \$1000 each

Omar Bailey, Tiana Rosa

NP Educational Philanthropic Association Scholarship - \$500

Kerin Sajjad

NP Counseling Department Scholarship - \$500

Kerin Sajjad

Thomas J. Frescoln Scholarship - \$1700 each

Tiana Rosa, Jay Caluna, Ethan Mamuric, Cheyenne Reid, Joanne Vega

Hondru-Searl-Auerbach Scholarship - \$750 each

Bridget Alvarez, Pablo Ortiz

Frank & Marjorie Mundy Scholarship - \$24,000

Flor Ledezma

The **NPHS Drama Club** will present senior **Alex Carrillo** with a **\$1000 scholarship** toward his continuing studies in the theater arts. Alex has received acceptance letters from **Julliard, NYC** and **Pace University**.

On June 28, 2013, seven of our graduating seniors will participate in the inaugural **Basilone Bowl**, sponsored by the United States Marine Corp. This all-star game will feature the best graduating football players from throughout Somerset County. **Omar Bailey, Matt Barbosa, Tim D'Armiento, Coty Mendez, Tyree Pinion, Brandan Selby** and **Chris Smith** will represent North Plainfield. The game will be played on Friday, June 28 at Bridgewater-Raritan High School. Game time is 6 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

Lt. Col. Eric Hansen, reported that the **NPHS ROTC** cadets put in many, many hours preparing to compete this year, and that effort really paid off. They traveled to the following schools, performing magnificently at all of them:

SUNY Maritime College, New York

Neptune High School, New Jersey (Cancelled due to storm)

Manchester High School, New Jersey

Linden High School, New Jersey

Passaic High School, New Jersey

Rancocas High School, New Jersey
 William Floyd High School, Mastic Beach, New York

The cadets brought back many trophies from these meets, but the last competition at William Floyd was significant because it was the area championship for the Northeastern United States in which the best out of the fifty-one schools in this area (and really some of the best in the country) competed. They came home from this meet with **three first place trophies, a second place, and a third place** as follows:

- First Place Varsity Unarmed Platoon (Commanded by **Giovanna Rodriguez**)
- First Place New Cadet Platoon (Commanded by **Robert Brown**)
- First Place New Cadet Color Guard (Commanded by **Robert Brown**)
- 2nd Place Varsity Color Guard (Commanded by **Brittany Leon**)
- 3rd Place Varsity Armed Platoon (Commanded by **Keith Jeffries**)

“Just a note, the **First Place** for Varsity Unarmed was exciting for us because we beat schools that regularly compete in the Nationals in Pensacola and Daytona Beach,” remarked Lt. Col. Hansen.

**Somerset School High Honor Roll
 Marking Period 3**

Demetrius Acevedo	Troi Ford	Jasmine Muhando
Kierra Adams	Mariateresa Gonzalez Morales	Sydney Muhando
Laura Amancha Negrete	Danielle Havrilla	Diana Orozco
Gianluca Arbo	Chanel Anye Holston	Elisa Peregrina
Jeiner Betancourt-Quintanilla	Rana Nishap Hosney	Nico Pucciarelli
Jonathan Cheung	Hassan Imtiaz	Zamaleena Rehmatullah
Joseph Cobo	Stacy Jamirah Jeffries	Katherine Sandoval
Reynoso		
Adon'Rich-ter Datu	Samantha Marquez	Shafaq Shahzad
George Dombroski	Laura Martinez	Courtney Thomas
Dania Elsheikh	Abraham Monrroy	Mariely Vargas
Mobolaji Falowo	Christopher Monrroy	Amaya Womack
Brigitte Flores	Ashley Muhando	Sabriya Zafar

NPMS High Honor Roll – Marking Period 3

Grade Seven

Mentallah Bahnasy
 Jessica Cerdena
 Fiona Chen
 Joseph Duncan
 Andre Eason
 Ayah Elsaïs
 Jenna Guevara
 Mohamed Hosny
 Benjamin Joback
 Krispreet Kaur

Grade Eight

Kevin Andrade	Dexter Jackson, Jr.
Abdelaziz Bahnasy	Karen Gordon
Adrianna Baker	Victoria Kisling
Katrina Bavosa	Yanqing Liang
Charles Cadena	Kenny Navas
Joselynn Castellanos	Michael Pena
Brendan Cheung	Kenny Navas
Khalil Dock	Grace Tapia-Alvarado
John Donatelli	Emely Velastegui
Fares Elkhoulî	Lauren Ventriglia

Jared Lesaca
Stephanie Martinez
Flabia Recinos Perez

Amina Elsaïs
Nikita Forrester

Christopher Warren

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Daniela Abrantes
Kayla Adams
Hajira Adil
Carlos Aguilar
Emely Alphonse
Anthony Alvarez
Dlavar Athar
Kiora Aurelien
Erika Barbosa
Kalin Barrett
Rose Mary Batario
Darian Belle
Mathhew Carranza
Zachar Conroy
Francisco Corral
Jane Crowther
Jessica Dardignac
Rikka Del Rosario
Floyd Ebanks

Lance Evans
Victoria Fellin
Abigail Funelas
Allison Gamez
Mikaela Given
Tony Godwin Jr.
Liza Gonzalez
Humberto Grisales
Jordan Grundy
Abraham Guillen
Brittany Herring
Walter Jackson
Anne-Gaelle Joseph
Alexander Kushnir
Teresita Lozada
Salma Mady-Abraham
Matthew Miranda
Alexandra Novillo
Sheila Nunez

Julia Pacheco
Radha Patel
Alyssa Pompey
Elliott Reyes
Tyler Rodriguez
Arelis Romero
Naica Sanon
Jaclyn Scopel
Isha Shahid
Aisha Shahzad
Seneca Sloan
Neida Solano
Daniel Spontak
Trevor Sullivan
Selena Turcios Reyes
Nabil Twyman
Bruce Weyand
Noran Zaher

**Memorial Day Participants
May 27, 2013**

East End School
Justin Thomas/gr. 4
Alyssa Ehling/gr. 4

West End School
John Donnelly/gr. 4
Ava Hanlein/gr. 4

Stony Brook School
Jasmin Solis/gr. 4
Michael Hernandez/gr. 4

Somerset School
Amaya Womack/gr. 6
Jeiner Betancourt/gr. 6

NPMS
Emily DeSotelle/gr. 8
Tyler Rodriguez/gr. 7

NPMS
Kyle Finnegan/gr. 12 Trumpeter
Mark Romero/gr. 11 Trumpeter
Andrea Wright/gr10 Vocalist

JrROTC Cadets
Cadet Robert Brown - Commander
Cadet Alejandro Alvarez
Cadet Andrew Malto
Cadet Lindsey Ruel

Schools

NPMS

Senior Day of Service: The senior class will participate in the annual Senior Day of Service on Wednesday, May 29. The seniors will assist with cleaning up the town, sprucing

up the exterior of the schools and assisting with field days. The district's Operations Department provides all of the necessary materials and supplies to complete these tasks.

Bridge to Employment: Forty members of the class of 2016 will participate in **Johnson & Johnson's** Bridge to Employment (BTE) program. Over the next three years Johnson & Johnson, in partnership with **RVCC**, will provide career counseling, tutoring, SAT preparation, college visitations, etiquette courses and volunteer activities for these students. The goal of the program is to make students aware of the myriad of career opportunities available in the medical fields and prepare students for post-secondary success.

P.A.S.S. Program: The P.A.S.S. committee met to review recommendations for improving the P.A.S.S. program. The P.A.S.S. program began in the beginning of the second marking period this year and a marked decrease in student failures was recorded. Moving forward the P.A.S.S. program will look to provide tutoring services early to students. Rather than waiting for failure on a test or major assignments, teachers will be able to refer students to tutoring after a documented pattern of student struggling has been identified and parent contacts have been made. This early intervention will catch students before they start failing. Students that were habitually in the P.A.S.S. program this year will be provided early tutoring next year.

Drama Club: The NPHS Drama Club raised \$500 for "Autism Speaks."

Winter Guard: After securing first place finishes in every competition, the NPHS Winter Guard has been placed in a higher, more advanced category for future competitions.

West End School

Dental Health Assembly: West End students participated in the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Children's Oral Health Program. All students attended an educational presentation led by **Registered Dental Hygienist Maggie McLaughlin** who emphasized the importance of brushing, flossing, regular dental visits and healthy food choices. After the presentation, students received certificates of participation and free oral health supplies which included a toothbrush, dental floss, toothpaste and a timer.

Principal Beth Sobel reported, "I would like to thank our **school nurse Barbara Walker** for coordinating this event for our students."

This program is funded in part through a grant from the Dr. Samuel D. Harris Fund of the American Dental Association and Oral Health America. The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services provided grant funds to Southern Jersey Family Medical Centers and Central Jersey Family Health Consortium to implement the Statewide Children's Oral Health Program. The program provides age appropriate oral health and hygiene education to school age students throughout the State. More information about the Children's Oral Health Program is available on the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services website.

Spring Concert: Was it the grand music hall or West End School community room on the night of May 7, 2013. The sixty-seven member band lead by band director **Dorian Parreott** demonstrated just how much they have learned over the year. Their selections included the *Mickey Mouse March*, *Lamb Chop Blues*, *Lightly Row*, and *Beethoven's Ninth*. The sixty-six member chorus lead by choral director **Jonathan Scott** performed a three selection opera medley and two selections from West End's spring musical *Treasure Island*. The opera medley consisted of songs from *Il Trovatore*, *Carmen*, and *Rigoletto*. Principal

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Beth Sobel commented, "It was a wonderful evening for the arts. We are fortunate to have a superintendent and Board of Education that support music in our schools. Bravo!"

Spring Musical: This is a reminder to put June 12 and 13 on your calendars to attend the spring musical *Treasure Island*. Invitations will follow.

East End School

East End School held its fourth annual assembly for *Read to Feed* on May 10. Facilitated by **Kitty Jedra, Stefanie Martin, Mollie Mallet, Barbara Sobel, Angela Phillips** and **Sharon Egan**, the assembly showed students that one can read to feed and help families who are less fortunate. The audience viewed a short video which thoroughly explained the *Read to Feed* Program, a part of Heifer International dedicated to end hunger and poverty across the world. East End students were encouraged to bring in any books that they no longer want to keep. The books will be sold after school on June 4, 5 and 6 and the proceeds will be sent to Heifer International. *Read to Feed* uses the money to educate people in poverty-stricken countries. Monies are used to purchase livestock for families as they learn to use and appreciate what animals can provide in order to end hunger. Heifer International currently provides more than 27 different types of animals which provide food and/or income to struggling families in 48 countries, including the United States.

On May 7, the community room at East End showcased the students' writing across all grade levels at its annual **Writers' Fair**. This year's theme integrated the school's nature objective and facilitators **Katie Shuster, Sharon Egan, Leslie Hansen, Angela Philips** and **Barbara Curtis** ensured that everything was just right! Each table was decorated with items from nature, as well as many different forms of writing. Classes followed a schedule to visit the Writers' Fair throughout the day and the evening event was packed with families celebrating writing and student achievement. Door prizes were awarded and visitors also watched a power point presentation of the students writing in their classrooms throughout the school year.

Diana Van Hise presented the **spring concert** May 8 to students and staff in the morning and at 7:00 p.m. to the families. First, the fourth grade instrumental band captured the audience as they played songs on various instruments. Next, the famous East End drummers entertained the audience as they played in synchronization to the music of John Phillips Sousa. Finally, the chorus wowed the audience with five different songs.

Stony Brook School

Stony Brook's Spring Concert: Spring time just would not be the same without Stony Brook School's Annual Spring Concert. This year's concert 2013 was titled, "Make a Joyful Noise" and joyful it was. Parents and friends of Stony Brook students enjoyed an evening of songs and music presented by the chorus and band. **Lucas Miller**, the choral music teacher at Stony Brook School, led the chorus with his very talented piano accompaniment. They performed the following five songs: *Hooray for the USA, Um-Skit-a-Rat-Trap-Si-Si-Do!, Swinging on a Star, Surprise Symphony, and Under the Sea*. The following is a list of the 3rd & 4th grade chorus members:

Jamie Aguilar
Samantha Borja
Lindsey DePaz
Drew Evans

Celara Murray-Pineda
Joshua Njoku
Kennedy Perez
Jennifer Salazar

Joel Guevara
Sebastian Mejia
Gabriella Navarrete
Bhavya Patel
Ashley Reyes
Luisa Salguero
Olivia Sheridan
Adair Yancha
Jordan Barge
Isabella Carroll
Makiyah Edwards
Joseline Garcia
Talitha Hubbard
Natalia Valverde

Sophia Sanchez
Ariel Spurgeon
Jasmine Zaher
Viviana Blanco
Luis Canales
Elizabeth ellis
Karla Garcia
Mekhi Mays
Rebekiah Narine
Ashley Ordonez
Alejandro Solis
Anthony Salazar
Jenny Sanon

The Stony Brook band, directed by **Kyle Skrivanek**, instrumental teacher, performed three songs: *March of the Romans*, *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* and our favorite, *the Mickey Mouse March*. The following is a list of the band students:

Flute

Jessica Colon
Lindsey DePaz
Gabriella Navarrete
Ashley Ordonez

Saxophone

Isabella Carroll
Drew Evans
Olivia Sheridan

Trumpet

Jennifer Salazar

Clarinet

Karla Garcia
Jasmine Zaher

Trombone

Kennedy Perez
Chalene Watson

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic - Operations. The safety topic for May is PPE (personal protective equipment). The safety topic for June will be a refresher covering proper lifting techniques and back safety.

Safety Topic - Transportation. The safety topic for April was evacuation planning for students with special needs. No additional training is scheduled at this time.

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

HEALTH & SAFETY

HURRICANE SANDY

A comprehensive analysis of the educational and financial impact of Hurricane Sandy has been completed and released.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The following emergency preparedness improvements are in progress at this time. See notes below for additional information.

- A stand-by generating system for the Operations Office at 63 Greenbrook Road. UPDATE: Installation of the new generator is now complete and the unit is on-line in the event of a power failure.
- Electrical load evaluations of the stand-by generator at Somerset School. A preliminary assessment of the current load on the stand-by generator indicates there is sufficient power generated by this unit to energize additional circuits. UPDATE: The reconfiguration of electrical circuits powered by the stand-by generator will be completed during the summer recess.
- A wireless router back-up for our network systems (Verizon) is in progress. UPDATE: We are currently exploring our options at this time to provide power for our phone system during a power failure.

FEMA MITIGATION GRANTS

The North Plainfield Board of Education submitted three (3) LOI's (letters of intent) for submission to FEMA for the aforementioned mitigation projects. This program provides seventy-five percent of the cost of these projects and the district is responsible for the remaining twenty-five percent. There are no penalties if the district decides not to fund these projects if they are eventually approved by FEMA. UPDATE: We have received notification that our applications have been approved. These projects will move forward when and if funding is provided.

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UPDATE: Our completed FEMA PW Application was filed on January 16, 2013 and was subsequently approved for reimbursement of submitted expenses on January 22, 2013. The established rate of reimbursement is currently 75% of the submitted total, some \$43,000.00 respectively. It is unknown at this time when payments will be made.

SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for May is an active shooter drill. All of our schools, including our Alternative High School Program at Somerset, are in the process of completing their assigned drills. The Security Drill for the month of June is a Bomb Threat Drill.

SECURITY DRILLS – UNANNOUNCED

On February 26, 2013, all public and private schools throughout the state received updated guidelines regarding unannounced drills and how they will be managed. Additionally, a copy of the unannounced drill evaluation form was distributed that details any areas of concern. The purpose of these exercises is to reveal areas that may need additional attention in the event of an actual emergency. UPDATE: Unannounced drills were recently completed in one of our neighboring districts at three of their schools.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY PLAN

UPDATE: We are currently waiting to be scheduled for an exit interview with representatives from the Department of Education and the Office of Homeland Security.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

A joint Safety Committee/Crisis Team meeting was held on April 23, 2013. A number of safety issues were discussed including the formation of a sub-committee to update our crisis plan flip chart. A second sub-committee meeting is currently being scheduled at this time.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS/REPAIRS

Listed below are just a few of our contracted and/or in-house maintenance projects that are currently in progress or were recently completed.

- Exterior door replacement for the wrestling room at the high school (Pending).
- Exterior door replacement at Stony Brook School (Scheduled).
- Security related upgrades for the high school auditorium (Completed).
- Upgrades to our door entrance system at Watchung building (Scheduled).
- Replacement of the roof at 63 Greenbrook Road (Completed).
- Window repairs at several locations throughout the district (Completed).
- Body work and painting of our recently acquired dump truck (Completed).
- Fire pump repairs at the north end of the high school (Completed).

GRADUATION 2013

We are currently preparing upper Krausche Field for our graduation exercises to be held on June 20, 2013. Additionally, we have ordered a larger stage and canopy for this year's event.

PROJECT REGISTER

An updated project register will be distributed with this report that details all of our summer maintenance and capital improvement projects.

CAPITAL PROJECTS, STATUS REPORT (Current)

DISTRICT-WIDE RESTROOM PROJECT

Restroom Renovations. UPDATE: A final payment has been processed and will be released to the contractor when we receive the close out documents.

DISTRICT WIDE SOLAR ENERGY

East, West, Somerset and the High School. The owner of these systems has now completed final inspections and has submitted a request to the power authority for permission to operate. UPDATE: We anticipate this project to be complete and fully operational within the next sixty days.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

UPDATE: As of this date, we have held three construction meetings with the contractor and our architect. A schedule of values has been received and the project is currently scheduled for start-up on June 26, 2013. We anticipate reaching substantial completion by the second week of August.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (2012/2013)

HARRISON WINDOWS

This project was advertised on April 25, 2013 and a pre-bid meeting was held on May 2, 2013. Bids opened on May 21, 2013.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FAÇADE

This project is currently on hold pending further evaluation and investigation.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (2013/2014)

HIGH SCHOOL ROOFING

This project was advertised on May 14, 2013 and plans and specifications are currently available for this project. A pre-bid meeting was held on May 21, 2013 and bids are scheduled to be opened on June 11, 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL GYM A/C

This project was advertised on May 15, 2013, and plans and specifications are currently available for this project. A pre-bid meeting was held on May 21, 2013 and bids are scheduled to be opened on June 11, 2013.

HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

As required by FEMA, the North Plainfield Board of Education is currently preparing its portion of the new Five Year Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for subsequent submission to the Somerset County Engineering Office. Requested documentation has been submitted.

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 that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Michael Sacco as a full-time custodian at the Step 1/Custodian rate of \$37,720 to be pro-rated effective May 22, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve Wendy McClellan as a mentor for first year teacher Alison Mac, to be paid at the rate of \$550 at the conclusion of the 30-week program or pro-rated accordingly, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY'13 or local funds.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education approve the following fall student teacher and/or internship placements from the Rutgers Graduate School of Education:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher(s)</u>
Andrea Schmidt	Mathematics/NPHS	Adrianna Silva-Rosario
Maria Allen	Elem/Spec Ed/Somerset	Jeffrey Delese/Laurie Pfundheller
Sydney Pollard	Elem/Special Ed/West End	Theresa Knauer/Wendy McClellan
Frederick Kain	Counseling Intern	Linda Remolino
Shane Repman	Counseling Intern	Linda Remolino

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Christine Cascione, school counselor at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act effective May 24, 2013 through June 30, 2013. (Ms. Cascione will be absent from April 30, 2013 through May 23, 2013 using accrued sick days.)

Further, that for the **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education grant Ms. Cascione an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act from September 10, 2013 through November 4, 2013.

Further, that for the **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education grant Ms. Cascione an unpaid leave of absence effective November 5, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following individual as a volunteer in the district Pathways Program:

Margarita Bossa-Bastida

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education adjust the previously approved unpaid leave of absence granted to Lizet Zuniga, school social worker, under the Federal Family Leave Act, **from** effective April 25, 2013 through May 16, 2013 **to** April 25, 2013 through June 9, 2013.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Dawn Schultz as a teacher of dance at NPHS at the BA/Step 12 (15-16/15) annual salary rate of \$62,160.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – 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 to be provided by Educere for up to ten hours per week, effective dates as indicated:

	<u>Effective</u>
HI-70-12-13	May 20, 2013
HI-71-12-13	May 9, 2013
HI-72-12-13	May 9, 2013

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of non-classified student ATS-02-12-13 at the Alternative to Suspension Program at Somerset County Educational Services Commission at the cost of \$2,400 per month with any additional days to be prorated based on that amount, pending acceptance.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for the following classified students to be provided by district staff for up to ten hours per week, at the effective dates indicated:

	<u>Effective</u>
HI-73-12-13	May 2, 2013
HI-74-12-13	May 14, 2013
HI-75-12-13	May 13, 2013

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student CCCCC-12-13 to Somerset Secondary Academy at the rate of \$42,300 per year, to be prorated effective May 23, 2013.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student DDDDD-12-13 to Midland School at the rate of \$44,726 per year, to be prorated effective May 23, 2013.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve physical therapy for classified student OT/PT-57-12-13 to be provided by Pediatric Workshop for three twenty-minute sessions per week at the cost of \$43 per session, effective date to be determined.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student EEEEEEE-12-13 to the Somerset Alternative High School Program at the cost of \$4,320 per month to be prorated effective May 23, 2013.

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 line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated March 31, 2013.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branán – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branán 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 May 22, 2013.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branán – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve pricing for paid lunch for the **2013-2014** school year pursuant to the federal paid lunch equity calculations tool as follows:

	Current Year	2013-14 Price	Max. Allowable
<u>Elementary</u>			
Paid Breakfast	1.45	1.45	2.00
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	2.20	2.35	3.75
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40
<u>Middle School & HS</u>			
Paid Breakfast	1.70	1.70	MS-2.25 HS-2.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	2.70	2.75	MS-4.00 HS-4.25
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40

Elementary A La Carte Entre = 2.35
 High School A La Carte Entre = 2.75

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branán – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfer in the **2013-2014** approved budget of \$750,000.00 from Account #12-000-400-450-00-00 (Construction Services) to Account #12-000-400-932-00-00 (Capital Projects) in support of budgeted projects.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfer in the **2013-2014** approved budget of \$1,470,506 from Account #12-000-400-932-00-00 (to Capital Projects) to Fund 30 Capital Projects, in support of the following budgeted projects:

Legal Services	\$ 720,506
Roof Replacement HS - DOE Project #35-3670-050-13-2000	\$ 450,000
HVAC/Air Cond. HS Gym - DOE Project #35-3670-050-13-4000	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
	\$1,470,506

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – 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 \$50.00 from Steve Kalafer, Chairman of Flemington Car and Truck, for the NPHS Performing Arts Department. The grant will fund the production of a documentary, as requested by Thomas Mazur, supervisor.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – 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 1ft. x 1ft. x 1ft. piece of steel from the World Trade Center, provided by the NJ State Museum for the North Plainfield School District, as requested by Kathleen Porter, teacher at East End School. The steel will be rotated among the schools to be used as a visual aid in teaching about the events of September 11, 2001.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

That the Board of Education approve and accept the donation of a Jupiter student trumpet 600N with mouthpiece and hard case from anonymous donor, for the North Plainfield High School Performing Arts Department as requested by Thomas Mazur, supervisor. The instrument will be used by students in the music department.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – 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 one-year renewal (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014) for landscape services with D'Onofrio & Sons Inc. at the annual cost of \$41,280.00.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

2013-2014 School Year Inter Local Transportation Services Agreement Resolution For Participation In Coordinated Transportation

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, public, athletic, and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 6%, as presented to the North Plainfield School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC's Board of Education, said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The SCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;
- c. Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;

- d. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. Constant review and revision of routes;

It is further agreed that the North Plainfield School District will provide the SCESC with the following:

- f. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- g. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - All additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the North Plainfield School District

III. Whereas, the SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the North Plainfield Board of Education may participate at any time.

IV. Length of Agreement - This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 in writing over authorized signature.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

2013-2014 School Year Inter Local Transportation Services Agreement Resolution for Participation in Coordinated Transportation

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, public, athletic, and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the UCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the UCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the UCESC's Board of Education, said formula shall be

based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The UCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;
- c. Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by UCESC;
- d. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. Constant review and revision of routes;

It is further agreed that the North Plainfield School District will provide the UCESC with the following:

- f. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the UCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- g. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - All additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the North Plainfield School District

III. Whereas, the UCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the North Plainfield Board of Education may participate at any time.

IV. Length of Agreement - This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014 in writing over authorized signature.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education enroll NPHS as a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to participate in the approved inter-scholastic athletic programs sponsored by the NJSIAA for a fee of \$2,150.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the North Plainfield Board of Education approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to custodial/maintenance work done on Election Day, November 6, 2012.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education award the following bid for the purpose of replacing exterior windows at Harrison School:

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2013, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of exterior window replacement at Harrison School (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, four vendors submitted a bid for consideration at the bid opening; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Board’s Architect, Parette Somjen Architects, have evaluated the bids received and the Board has determined to award the contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board has determined that R. D. Architectural Products Inc., having offices at 9-02 Saddle River Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410, is the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the Project, with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$128,800.00 (one hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred dollars), including an allowance of \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board make the following award of contract:

R. D. Architectural Products, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the Project, for the total base bid sum of **\$128,800.00 (one hundred twenty eight thousand eight hundred dollars).**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is subject to R. D. Architectural Inc. executing the Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Project, and providing Performance/Payment Bonds and an Insurance Certificate(s) evidencing coverages in accordance with the Project Specifications (“Contract Documents”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board's counsel is authorized to prepare and transmit for signature the Owner/Contractor Agreement applicable to this award, as well as to secure from R. D. Architectural Products Inc. such other documentation as required by the Project Specifications and this Resolution.

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – 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 following field trip:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
NPHS	5/28/13	ROTC Drill Demonstration	Vermeule Center	\$0.00	District
E. Hansen		for the Senior Citizens	North Plainfield		

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from:

- Fred Sheeler – North Plainfield HS Alumni Association
- Lois Sheeler – Scholarship Chairperson, NP Optimist Club

Committee and Delegate Report

- Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.
- Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time.
- Curriculum – no meeting scheduled at this time.
- Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.
- Policy Meeting – no meeting scheduled at this time.
- Negotiations – 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

Joint Meeting: NP Borough and Board of Education – May 23, 7:00 p.m. at Vermeule Center.

The Board Self Evaluation/Retreat is currently scheduled for July 24, 2013.

New Business

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

Current Events in Education

There were none.

May 22, 2013

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Bridge to Employment – June 4, 2013, Priscilla Weber

Teacher Recognition Ceremony – TUESDAY, June 4, 2013

MALES & Sixth Grade Advisory Program – June 19, 2013, Reginald Sainte-Rose

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn to executive session at 10:25 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 11:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg