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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 8, 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 5 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 April 17, 2013.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of April 17, 2013.

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:

National Junior Honor Society:

- Coat drive collected 27 coats for charity
- Students have applied for leadership camps over the summer
- Students are brainstorming service projects to do with the Student Council.

Freshman Class

Meets every other Wednesday. Jelly Belly fundraiser was delivered to students & we continue to hold bi-weekly Bake Sales to raise funds.

Middle School Student Council

During April, the student council along with the help of Tom Mazur and Suzy Sapega, put together the middle school talent show. The show was on Thursday April 18th and was a great success! This month I am hoping to have a bake sale. We will also be planning the 8th grade dance.

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Art Club

Members went on a field trip to the *Grounds For Sculpture* on April 25th, everyone enjoyed the experience. The students work on a variety of projects which include painting and sculpting. Many of the students also assisted in creating and hanging posters for the District Arts Festival. The art club recently has taken on a few new members with each meeting.

Middle School Jazz Band

will perform for the first time in May at the middle school concert. Hope everyone can attend!

Spanish Honor Society:

- We are planning to have lunch on May 8th with all the members (Grove BBQ)
- fundraisers (empanada sale)
- In May we will attend to the Multicultural activities at West End.
- we are planning to join with interact to help out .
- We are still having the meetings every two weeks in room 228 after school.

American Sign Language Honor Society

- We are currently preparing for our seventh year participating in Somerset School's Multicultural Fair. Students will be there to share knowledge about Deaf Culture, the Deaf Community, and educate all who are interested on basic signs and the alphabet. Activities for all ages will be planned.
- Students are also planning fundraising opportunities, activities, and potential field trips for the 2013-2014 school year. An end of the year celebration is also being discussed.

NPHS Step Team

The team is scheduled to perform for the Multicultural fair on May 16th at Somerset. End of the season awards will be handed out to graduates and participating members of this years season.

The Canuckling Club

has been meeting weekly on Thursdays after school, as we work on putting together this year's issue. The editorial staff led by Elizabeth U. Okereke has been hard at work typing, formatting, and discussing various aspects of the issue. The club is excited to put together another gold award winning issue. We also recently received our first ever Canuckling Club T-shirts, which the members have been wearing proudly. We look forward to another successful Canuckling issue!

Canuck Mentors

Is currently holding interviews for next year's mentors for ninth grade as well as junior mentors for the 7&8 grade.

The mentors are also working on defining their charity initiative for next year and the inclusion of crisis intervention training.

NJ Science League

Last Testing competition, 2013 season, for NJ Science League was held after school , at NPHS, on Thurs. 4/11. Biology 1 & 2, Chem. 1 & Phys. 1 teams met from Governor Livingston HS, Watchung Hills HS, Scotch Plains Fanwood HS & NPHS, in our cafeteria. Following testing, pizza & bottled water was served to all visiting & home team members. Testing to resume for 2014 season on the second Thurs. of Jan., 2014

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Italian Honor Society

Students meet weekly on Thursdays

We discuss cultural aspects of Italian

Students also sold bracelets, collected money, and donated to the Lots of Love for Lindsay fund. (Lindsay is a 3 year old girl who is in need of a heart replacement she has been in the hospital since October 2012).

They will also be hosting a dinner to welcome newcomers to the club in May.

Senior Class

April: Wendy's night, IHOP night that brought in \$700, bake sale, and prom preparations throughout the month.

May: Senior Prom is May 17, Powder-Puff is May 29, and Color War between the four classes is May 31st.

Sophomore class

hosted its first official video game fund raiser tournament and it was a great success! The students had a great time. The sophomore class is now working on a car wash in cooperation with the interact club as well as preparing to sell hot food at this year's Car Show at St. Luke's church in town.

HOPE Club:

April 10th and 11th - HOPE Club participated in the Ocean Days program at Rutgers. Both Middle School and High School students from NP presented mini posters studying the effects of climate change on specific Atlantic Ocean fish.

April 19th - HOPE Club released the native brook trout the club raised this year. Despite Superstorm Sandy, about 100 healthy fish were released into an approved trout stream in Bridgewater.

April 26th - HOPE Club conducted its annual Reptile and Amphibian survey at Lord Stirling Park (Great Swamp). Although frigs were less plentiful with the dry spring, we did identify several interesting reptiles.

The Drama Club

Performed a living art exhibit for the district arts festival as well as orchestrated theatre games and improv. room for the evening.

Presently, the drama club is working on the following activities: dance and scene performances for the Teen Arts Festival at RVCC; performances for the Theatre Showcase and preparations for the Thespian Induction which are set for June 11th.

Drama club philanthropy: Autism Speaks fundraiser with both a district wide dress down day AND a popcorn palace fundraiser.

Humane Society donations have been delivered to the Plainfield Humane Society and the toys, books and clothing collected by the club have been picked up by a big brother big sister charity.

Danz Club

Throughout the months of January to May, the Danz Club is preparing and practicing our dance to perform at the Multicultural Fair. We are working hard on the dances during and throughout practices that we have every Wednesday, and Thursday after school. We are taking a lot of time to perfect our dance for the upcoming performance. Our dance club group has become closer each

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day they practice. We danced to typical Latin music such as, Bachata, Merengue, Salsa, and a new Colombian song champeta

Our last presentation will be held on May, 18 2013 at 6 pm at Somerset School's Multicultural Fair.

NPHS Winter guard

Our squad placed second and was awarded the silver medal at their state competition on April 27th. We finish the season the first weekend in May with our All Chapter Championship in Wildwood, New Jersey.

Presentation

Dr. Rich and Dr. Birnbaum, along with Dr. Reddy, presented an overview of the Rutgers Grant School System Improvement Project. It is a 5 year grant designed to improve teacher and principal evaluations and provide targeted professional development and student growth.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 pm for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 9:25 pm.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Staff

The New Jersey Association of School Administrators and the Anti-Defamation League, New Jersey Regional Office has selected **North Plainfield Middle School** to receive **the 2013 Aaron Flanzbaum 21st Century Democratic Heritage Award** for its **"Holocaust/Genocide Initiative"** lead by **Jerome Pocius, veteran English teacher**, and partners **Matt Iannucci, special education/history teacher; John Thompson, special education teacher; and William Saccardi, reading/ English teacher**. The award will be presented prior to the general session/keynote speaker on May 21, 2013 at the upcoming **NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Conference** in Atlantic City, May 20-22, 2013 at Caesars Hotel.

Students

Andrea Wright, NPHS junior, passed the rigorous audition process and will represent NPHS at the November concert in Atlantic City.

Assistant Principal **John Ferguson** was honored to receive a letter from **Capt. Carlos Pineda, Project Officer for New Jersey Wing Drill Team** announcing that grade 7 student **Dickson Camilo** was selected along with twelve other cadets from New Jersey to represent the state in a **regional drill competition** held at the Naval War College in Rhode Island on April 26-27. Capt. Pineda stated in his letter, "It is a great honor to be chosen to represent New Jersey in this nationally sponsored Air Force Drill Competition. Not only should the individual as well as the individual's family be proud, but so should your school." Dickson is a cadet member of the United States Air Force Auxiliary, also known as the Civil Air Patrol.

EAST END SCHOOL CITIZENS OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2013

KINDERGARTEN

Nicole Udarnauth
Daisy Mazariegos
Ashley Valentin
Ashley Andrade
Katlyn Brito
Jazmin Reyes
Emilio Ortiz
Nadia Buck

FIRST GRADE

Destiny Mazariegos
Melissa Barriga
Valer Mejia
David Cornado
Hillary Rodriguez
Yassin Hassanein
Marcela Gorsky
Michael Zetino

SECOND GRADE

Jasmini Gunasegram
Katelyn Tahuico
Omari Brown
Jordan Howard
Brandon Zuluaga
Karina Quinteros
Maria Bautista
Dominic Gabri
Victoria Caraballo
Joshua Fellin

THIRD GRADE

Sophia Lourenco
Ashley Chanquin
Sarah Mohamed
Tatiana Sarmiento
Milena Ramos
Ralph Runyan
Angelina Brito
Brandon Rosas

FOURTH GRADE

Jared Gardner
Roger Quisintune
Douglas Mitchell
Abdallah Taha
Myles Jackson
Ryan Cook
Damian Gonzalez

VOCAL MUSIC

Alexander Pozolante/K
Xavier Sample/1
Daniel Melendez-Saucedo/2
Dre'yan Robinson/2
Liam Avarado/3
Marlon Chipa/3
Jeremiah Jeffries/4

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Madiyson Rohan/4

ART

Ashley Andrade/K
Anaya Villacreses/K
Ahmir Pierce/1
Kyle Irving/1
Daniel Melendez-Saucedo/2
Victoria Caraballo/2
Milena Rumos/3
Jessica Atubi/3
Ellen Munoz/4
Nicole Conroy/4

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Madison Lagola/K
Erika Castro/K
Xavier Sample/1
Luis Jacome/1
Madison Smith/2
Abigail Meza-Quinteros/2
Saad Rehmatullah/3
Abdelrahman Fayed/3
Kyla Walker/4
Douglas Mitchell/4

LIBRARY

Erika Castro/K
Maria Castillo/1
Dawn Mitchell/2
Jennifer VanBuren/2
Alexa Lourenco/3
Taylor Benjamin/3
Stephanie Herrera/4
Daniel Molina/4

ESL

Dennis Arias/K
Van Lai/1
Bryan Lopze/2
Santiago Vallejo Agudelo/2
Zoe Lopez/3
Jehosafat Melendez-Saucedo/4

PRINCIPAL

Nolan Pieters/4
Kyla Walker/4
Ryan Cook/4
Sebastian O'Donnell/4
Bridget Thomas/4
Justin Thomas/4
Isabel Chango/4

Ruben Ramirez/4
Stephanie Herrera/4
Bacil Els Sheikh/4
Ellen Munoz/4
Douglas Mitchell/4
Diane Guevara/4
Jonathan Ayala/4

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Stony Brook's Third Marking Period – Honoring Academic Excellence & Leadership Qualities: The Honor Roll Assembly has always been a grand celebration at Stony Brook School. The third and fourth graders gather in the multi-purpose room every marking period following the distribution of report cards. Every year, the students and teachers set an academic excellence goal to be achieved each marking period. This year, the first marking period saw thirteen recipients for honor roll. As promised, the second marking found the students able to increase the number of honor roll awardees by seven students, including three high honor roll recipients. In the third marking period there was an increase of three students for a total of twenty-one honor roll and two high honor roll recipients. The following students were acknowledged for their **academic excellence**:

Honor Roll, Grade 3: Jaime Aguilar, Joel Guevara, Ivan Mangui-Velez, Tania Molina-Ramos, Joshua Njo, Bhavya Pate, Antony Salazar, Jenny Sanon

Honor Roll, Grade 4: Viviana Blanco, Lindsey Depaz Drew Evans, Karla Garcia, Santiago Laynez, Ashlyn Murillo, Rebekah Narine, Ashley Ordonez, Henry Ruiz, Olivia Sheridan, Ariel Spurgeon, Murilo Vera

High Honor Roll: Isabella Carroll and Jasmine Zaher

In addition to academic excellence, four students were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions in the area of **leadership ability**. Selected by their teachers for displaying the qualities found in a leader, the following students were recognized: **Jason Frias, Zeenah Hassan, Nathalia Padilla, and Jasmine Solis**

NPMS Has Talent: Over 20 middle school students entertained 250 classmates and family during the annual talent show held on Friday, April 19, sponsored by the Student Council and hosted by students **Margaret Walsh** and **Joselynn Ramirez**. Attendees were treated to a variety of performances that consisted of vocal solos, dancing, musical renditions, and even a ventriloquist. In the past years this particular event has been a real favorite among students and staff. Participating students and their showcased talents included

Ducan Brockway, *Trashing the Camp*

Kevin Andrade, *Payphone*

Juan Rosa, *Cooler than Me*

Kevin Andrade & Juan Rosa, *Heart & Soul*

Olivia Molenaar, *Sunday Morning*

Imani Scott, *Halo*

Nylazia Clarke, *Best I Ever Had*

Stephanie Moreno, Dennise Valencis, Giselle Damacela, Jocelyn Ramos, *Gone Wild*

Frankie Pellegrino & Brian Robinson, *Stand Up Comedy*

Nabil Twyman, *Red & Blue*

Aliyah Ghanim, Christina Dulche, Adam Globis, Rosemary Batario, *All I Do Is Win*

Olga Metz, *Confetti*

Gabriel Ramirez & Jennifer Hercules-Canales, *If I Was Your Man*

Jordan Grundy, *Will You Be There*

Noran Zaher, *Fire Flies*

Yanqing Liang, *Jump Then Fall*

Trevor Sullivan, *Gold*

RJ Barron, Lance Evans, Andre Eason, *Can't Hold Us*

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The NPHS boys Track & Field team placed 2nd overall for the first time in over twenty years at the **Somerset County Track & Field Championships**. The Canucks were led by the **Triple Jump team that scored 22 points; Keith Jeffries** placed 1st by setting a new meet record of 44 feet 5 and $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; **Stefaun Harris** (43-3) was 2nd and **Chris Smith** (41-10 $\frac{1}{2}$) was 4th. **Smith** also placed second in the Long Jump while **Harris** placed 4th in the Long Jump. **Izayah Williams** placed second in the 110 High Hurdles and 4th in the 400 hurdles. **Matt Barbosa** place 6th in the 400 Hurdles. In the 400 meter Dash **Omar Bailey** placed third out of a non-seeded heat by edging teammate **Keith Jeffries** who settled for 4th place, **Brandan Selby** placed 5th in the 100 and the High Jump. The night was capped off with the 4x400 Relay team of **Keith Jeffries, Cesar Roca, Matt Barbosa, and Omar Bailey** who placed 3rd with a time of 3:29.

Schools

NPMS

Understanding Mythology: On April 25, Grade 7 students from **Danielle Fauci**'s social studies class and **Kate Friedman**'s English class traveled to Stony Brook School to share their learning experiences with the students of the fourth grade. The middle school students participated in an interdisciplinary activity about the **Japanese Creation Myth**. Mythology plays an important role in the lives of the Japanese people today. Myths and legends are the basis of much Japanese art, literature, and drama. The students created their own storybooks, plays, and web animation to share with the fourth grade. The students read and performed a series of plays to an attentive and appreciative crowd. As the fourth grade students had recently studied Greek mythology, they were able to understand the importance of mythology in many ancient cultures.

Stony Brook School

Family Dance and Silent Auction: For the fifth year in a row, Stony Brook School celebrated "The Family" with a Family Dance and Silent Auction. Friday night, April 26, 2013 was the Family Dance, which traditionally has been one of the favorite events of Stony Brook School. Family and friends joined Randy the DJ for the famous Conga Line, Macarena, Cha-Cha Slide and dancing galore. Balloons were decorated, songs were sung and delicious food was served.

The Silent Auction was a small fundraiser intended to raise money for Stony Brook's Cultural Enrichment Program. Thanks to the tremendous efforts of **PTA president, Michele Wallace, Kim Wilson McCay, Leslie Castillo, Leanne Borbely, Kelly Feeney, Jenny Dzurilla and Judy Veglatte** over sixty baskets were assembled and put up for bid. Everyone left with something that night with all proceeds dedicated to cultural enrichment. "Thanks to everyone for a great team effort and a great night to remember!" exclaimed **Cathy Kobylarz, principal**.

West End School

Tenth Smile Train Show: What a wonderful evening it was on April 25, 2013 when so many West End children performed with joyous smiles on their faces all to give other children around the world a chance at also having a beautiful smile. "Thank you to everyone, the staff, parents and students of West End School, who assisted in getting this show put together, who gave generously of their time and energy. Thank you to the PTA for their support," exclaimed **Beth Sobel, principal**.

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The Smile Train is a non-profit organization dedicated to the health issues of cleft lip and cleft palate in needy children. The Smile Train began its journey in China with one surgery on a little girl named Wang Li. Since that time it has grown into an organization that reaches out to children all over the world. For as little as \$250.00, in as little as 45 minutes, a life can be changed forever. A representative from Smile Train reported that West End School continues to have done the most, world-wide, for the Smile Train Organization! "Congratulations are in order to all for an outstanding performance, for the dedication, talent, and love for children, and for teaching a truly valuable lesson about caring for others. West End is proud to be a Smile Train school bringing smiles and a new life to children around the world!" continued Principal Sobel.

Early Act Club: Arbor Day is a holiday which encourages the planting and caring for trees. In the spirit of this day, West End's Early Act Club is trying to raise money to purchase a tree to be planted in place of the ones that were lost during Hurricane Sandy.

Donations for a new tree can be made April 29- May 10. There will be a coin collection jar in the community room during lunch. Hopefully there will be an announcement of a special event soon to plant a beautiful new tree in the front of West End School!

Music Workshop: A very special workshop was presented for all chorus members and the cast of *Treasure Island*. **Nicholas Houhoulis** from the **New York Metropolitan Opera** came to West End School Thursday, April 25, from 2:35 to 4:00 p.m. Mr. Houhoulis performed several selections and then taught the students about performance techniques, singing, acting, and stage presence. "This is a wonderful opportunity for these students. The students very much enjoyed working with Mr. Houhoulis and their progress demonstrated that they benefited from this opportunity," stated **Jonathan Scott**, chorus director and general music teacher.

East End School

Sandra Deller, Ashley Gutowski, Allison Hessemer, Rachel Padian, Lisa Gabriel, Katherine Shuster and **Casey Sobel**, all members of the East End play committee, have been busy practicing three days per week after school with the cast of *Cinderella*. The children are learning their lines, songs and routines in preparation for the play which will be presented to the public on June 5 and 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the community room. East End School is very grateful to the PTO for their generosity in helping to fund this huge event. "I've attended some practices and it is amazing to see the progress the students are making. The committee is working extremely hard preparing the students for the upcoming performance. We are all so excited and can't wait for the show," remarked Kathy Herrmann, principal.

Three days per week at 7:30 a.m., **Kelley Albanese, Alexis Holbrook, Katie Shuster, Gina Stripto**, and **Lynelle Thomas** exit the back doors of the school and begin running to the field with their group of girls as they all prepare for the *Girls on the Run* 5K race which will be held on Sunday, June 9 in Somerville, New Jersey on Grove and East High Street. *Girls on the Run* of New Jersey is affiliated with the *Girls on the Run International* and has a huge network of 140 chapters across Canada and the United States. The young third and fourth grade girls are busy engaging in a ten week program that includes training to run the 3.1 mile race, as well as lessons that are presented to them to promote self esteem and confidence.

Library Media Specialist **Allison Longley** arranged for author **Wendy Pfeffer** to visit East End School. Ms. Pfeffer has published many books, most of them pertaining to nature which supports the school's building objective. Ms. Pfeffer held two assemblies for the students where the children learned how an idea leads to a published book. All of her books were displayed, and any student who purchased a book in advance had the honor of watching Ms. Pfeffer sign the book.

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Ms. Pfeffer returned to East End School on April 29 and met with classes where the children learned more about writing and publishing. “Everyone is grateful to the PTO for funding this event and perhaps she inspired children to become authors one day,” remarked **Ms. Herrmann**. To learn more about this accomplished author and see a list of her books, visit her website at <http://www.author-illustsource.com/wendypfeffer.htm>.

Teachers enjoy sharing the students’ writing with Kathleen Herrmann, principal, throughout the school year. On April 17, Ms. Herrmann read the writing of **Diane Forino’s** kindergarten students. “I was so amazed at how well the young learners wrote about rescue workers that I just had to hear them read their stories aloud. Ms. Forino and I listened intently as each child read aloud about their rescue worker which included police officers, fire fighters and paramedics. It was one of the most enjoyable experiences for me and I congratulated them on how hard they were working to become great writers,” stated Ms. Herrmann.

Somerset School

American Heart Association Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart: Somerset School’s grades 5 and 6 joined together in a fun-filled day of fitness-based exercise, competition, and teamwork in an effort to eradicate heart disease. The event took place in each class period throughout a single day, joining both grades with fun competition in basketball lay-ups, hula hooping, single rope jumping and much, much more. Prior to the event, “healthy-heart tips of the day” developed by student teacher, Rob Gardella, were announced in the morning announcements during the entire month.

This year’s fundraising campaign included an incentive for the students during the fundraising period, in that, any students bringing in the largest donation on the day of the event in their respective class, would earn the opportunity to “autograph” the American Heart Association Hoops and Jump Rope banners showcased in the gymnasium. These same students would also be able to teach a physical education class before the end of this academic year.

“Hoops and Jump Rope for Heart coordinators, **Donna Patton, John Vogel, Martha Barrett, Andrew Taylor and Rob Gardella** were quite delighted and impressed with the students’ very active participation and camaraderie. All levels of athletic ability and talent were able to be displayed in their favorite events. The students learned the value of community service and became empowered to contribute to their community’s welfare. The children joined together in helping other kids with special hearts, while learning how to develop heart-healthy habits just by being physically active. Somerset School’s donations combine with so many schools around the state and country. They should be proud of their total contribution in the amount of \$1,550.00,” remarked **Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal**.

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart are national education and fundraising events sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD). Both programs serve to satisfy the physical education standards as determined by NASPE (National Association for Sport and Physical Education) and AAHE (American Association for Health Education).

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic - Operations. The safety topic for May is PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).

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 prepared for release. Copies will be distributed with the release of this board summary.

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. The generator has been received by the contractor and we are in the process of obtaining quotations for some minor roof reinforcement that must be completed prior to the generator installation. UPDATE: The new generator has been loaded to the roof and inter-connected with the electrical service. The gas line is being installed at this time and the unit should be fully operational within the next two weeks.
- Electrical load evaluations of the stand-by generator at the 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 over the summer recess.
- A wireless router back-up for our network systems (Verizon) is in progress. UPDATE: We are awaiting a proposal for these improvements.

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 are currently awaiting a determination of our grant requests.

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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 April was an evacuation, non-fire related. All of our schools completed their assigned drills. The security drill for May is an active shooter drill.

SECURITY DRILLS – UNANNOUNCED

UPDATE: 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 the areas of concern. The purpose of these exercises is to reveal areas that may need additional attention in the event of an actual emergency.

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 sub-committee meeting was subsequently held on April 30, 2013, and significant progress was made towards updating our flip chart.

ACTIVE SHOOTER SYMPOSIUM

On April 26, 2013, Edward Ostroff , director of operations, attended an Active Shooter Symposium at the Somerset County Justice Complex. The focus of this symposium was to bring together representatives from education and law enforcement to discuss a number of operational changes regarding active shooter incidents and drills. The following key topics were discussed.

- Active Shooter Policy
- Blinds and/or Window Shades
- Exterior Room Numbers
- Entrance Keys
- Evacuation Routes
- On Site Evacuations

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.

- Misc. door replacements at the high school and Stony Brook School (Scheduled).
- Security related upgrades for the high school auditorium (Completed).
- Upgrades to our door entrance systems at Somerset and Watchung (Completed).
- Replacement of the roof at 63 Greenbrook Road (Scheduled).
- Window repairs at several locations throughout the district (Completed).
- Stall partition replacements in the north end gym vestibule (Completed).
- Replacement of equipment in the high school kitchen (Completed).

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 NPHS. The owner of these systems has now completed final inspections and has submitted a request to the power authority for permission to operate. 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 two 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 scheduled for May 2, 2013. Bids are scheduled to be 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

Plans and specifications are currently being completed and the project will be advertised on May 14, 2013. A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for May 21, 2013 and bids are scheduled to be opened on June 11, 2013.

HIGH SCHOOL GYM A/C

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HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

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

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. Branan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Dr. Marilyn E. Birnbaum as Superintendent of Schools, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Dr. Robert H. Rich as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Donald Sternberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the tenured and non-tenured administrators and supervisors shown on the attached list (A) be continued in the positions and at the salary rates indicated and that contracts to employ be issued. (Highlighted name indicates administrator who is eligible for tenure in the 2013-2014 school year.)

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

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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 exempt staff indicated on the attached list (B) be continued in the positions and at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued. (Highlighted name indicates the staff member who is eligible for tenure in the 2013-2014 school year.)

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, with Mr. Branan, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all tenured certificated salaried staff noted on the attached list (C) in the positions and at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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

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 continued employment of all tenured and non-tenured secretaries indicated on the attached list (D), in the positions and at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued. (Highlighted name indicates secretary who is eligible for tenure in the 2013-2014 school year.)

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 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all non-tenured certificated salaried staff noted on the attached list (E), in the positions and at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued. (Highlighted names indicate those eligible for tenure in the 2013-2014 school year.)

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 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all non-tenured Operations Dept. employees noted on the attached list (F), in the positions and at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all non-tenured school bus drivers noted on the attached list (G), at the hourly rate indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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 2013-2014 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses, as indicated on the attached list.

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 fall **2013** semester, the Board of Education approve the following fall student teacher and/or internship placements:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher(s)</u>
The College of Saint Elizabeth		
Gina Violi	Elem/Spec Educ/East End	Jill Fogarty & Alexis Holbrook
Rutgers Graduate School of Education		
Jennifer Sanchez	English/NPMS	ChemagneKania/Som Shona Wright/NPMS
Noelle Mendoza	Social Studies/NPMS	Danielle Fauci
Collin Gross	English/NPHS	Andrew Risoli

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 **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education grant Sarah Cohen counselor at Somerset School, a twelve-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act effective October 31, 2013 through January 23, 2014. (Ms. Cohen will be using sick days from September 16, 2013 through October 30, 2013.)

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

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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 Nicole Hawker-Daniel, special education teacher at NPHS, to tutor students before and/or after school for up to 1.5 hours per day and on Saturday mornings for up to three hours in the P.A.S.S./Extended Day Program, at the rate of \$35 per hour.

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 accept with regret the resignation of Deborah A. Lendach, kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2013.

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 accept with regret the resignation of Michael Cavadini, custodian in the Operations Department for reasons of retirement, effective September 1, 2013.

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 approve the employment of the following individuals as substitute custodians in the district to be paid at the rate of \$18.07 per hour, effective date pending completion of the employment process:

Gino Capodiferro	Irvin Solis
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, with Mr. Branan abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education adjust the dates of the unpaid leave of absence granted to Rose Landis, paraprofessional at NPHS, **from** January 8, 2013 through April 30, 2013 **to** January 8, 2013 through June 20, 2013.

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

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Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Colton Davis, paraprofessional at West End School, effective May 4, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education continue the suspension of employee SU-1-12-13, with pay, through May 22, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education continue the suspension of employee SU-2-12-13, with pay, through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education grant employee PHY-01-12-13 a leave with pay effective, April 24, 2013 pending evaluation.

Further, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, direct that employee PHY-01-12-13 submit to a physical examination and any such examination as the examining physician deems appropriate in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2.

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

Joseph Gyurian

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve reimbursement to the following custodian for vacation days earned based on his retirement as per the negotiated Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lester Genung	4.5	12/1/12	\$755.37

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education adjust the unpaid leave of absence granted to Donna Tackach, ESL teacher at NPMS, under the Federal Family Leave Act **from** April 8, 2013 through April 20, 2013 **to** April 8, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education adjust the hours of Eman Mobarak, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School School, from 2.0 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day to also cover a class at East End School, effective April 30, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Lizet Zuniga, school social worker, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective April 25, 2013 through May 16, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individuals as K-12 substitute teachers in the district:

Kailynn Barbour
Kimberly Hawkins
Jerry Vanessa McGee

Maria Reilly
Dirkjeen Santamaria Ladines
Kimberly Valent

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Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following staff members to teach a sixth class at the rate of \$33 per period, effective May 9, 2013 through June 20, 2013. (They will be covering classes for Donna Tackach during her absence).

Elba Velazquez
Sara Spaner
Laura Paich

Stefanie Myers
Patricia Houvouras

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Mary Freet-Everson, part-time teacher of English in the Alternative High School Program, effective May 11, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve Amanda Hempel as a substitute teacher of English for the Alternative High School Program, at the rate of \$32 per hour, effective May 13, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between January and March 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Mollie Mallet, elementary teacher/academic support at East End School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2013.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve draft calendar #1 as the 2013-2014 School District Calendar.

Mr. Branam 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>		<u>Effective</u>
HI-61-12-13	April 22, 2013	HI-67-12-13	April 30, 2013
HI-62-12-13	April 22, 2013	HI-68-12-13	May 10, 2013
HI-63-12-13	April 16, 2013	HI-69-12-13	May 13, 2013

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-64-12-13 to be provided by district staff for up to ten hours per week, effective April 15, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student ZZZZZ-12-13 at Spring Run - Center for Educational Advancement at the cost of \$11,396, effective May 9, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

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Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student BBBB-12-13 at Bright Beginnings Learning Center at the cost of \$275.00 per day, effective May 9, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-65-12-13 to be provided by district staff for up to ten hours per week, effective April 29, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-17-12-13 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Elisa Dulay at the cost of \$850.00.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-18-12-13 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$375.00.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-14-12-13 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Kavita Sinha at the cost of \$325.00.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-66-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by the Education Services at UMDNJ, effective April 20, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the attached North Plainfield School District 2013-2016 Technology Plan.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branam 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 acquiring trash removal services throughout the district:

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2013, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of trash removal services throughout the district (“Service”); and

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

WHEREAS, the Board and the Board’s attorney, Lindabury McCormick & Estabrook, have evaluated the bids received and the Board has determined to award the contract for the Service; and

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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 ***Kohler Waste Services, Inc.***, having offices at ***333 Hollywood Avenue, Gillette, New Jersey 07933***, is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the Service, with a lump sum base bid of \$31,680.00 (Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars), plus an optional first renewal (year two) amount of \$31,680.00 (Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars) and an optional second renewal amount (year three) of \$31,680.00 (Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars) for a total three-year combined bid of \$95,040.00 (Ninety Five Thousand Forty Dollars),

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

Kohler Waste Services, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the Service, for the total base bid sum of **\$31,680.00 (Thirty One Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Dollars)**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is subject to Kohler Waste Services Inc. executing the Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Service, and providing Performance/Payment Bonds and an Insurance Certificate(s) evidencing coverages in accordance with the Service 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 Kohler Waste Services, Inc. such other documentation as required by the Service Specifications and this Resolution.

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 field trip:

School	Date	Purpose	Location	Cost	Trans.
NPHS	5/15/13	Empower Somerset-	Camp Bernie	\$0.00	Provided
R. LaGala		Youth Advisory Council	Port Murray, NJ		
		Leadership Conference			

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

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Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – committee met on 4/25/13 and will follow with a report shortly.
Communications – Ms. Dodd reported on the scholarship dinner.
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

Somerset County Scholar Athlete Dinner, May 15, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.
Doubletree Hotel, Somerset, NJ
Joint Meeting: NP Borough and Board of Education – May 23, 7:00 p.m. at Vermeule Center.
Strategic Planning Conference – Ms. Bond-Nelson provided the board with an overview of the meeting which was held on April 26, 2013.
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.

2013-2014 Board calendar was approved as presented.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

2013-2016 Technology Plan – May 22, 2013, Ron Fisher
Bridge to Employment – May 22, Priscilla Weber
Teacher Recognition Ceremony – TUESDAY, June 4, 2013
MALES & Sixth Grade Advisory Program – June 19, 2013, Reginald Sainte-Rose

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on May 22, 2013 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 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg