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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 20, 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 Branam	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, and approximately 3 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of March 6, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of March 6, 2013.

Financial Report

Mr. Branam 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 February 28, 2013 in the amount of \$6,210,247.50.

Mr. Branam 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 January 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 Branam – 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, Ms. Joy Anderson expressed concern regarding North Plainfield Library being used as a shelter service by the public.

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Student Representative Report

In Jihad Womack's absence, the student report was read into record by Ms. Nancy Szaroleta as follows:

Interact Club

After our successful efforts as a school in the 2011-2012 school year, the NPHS Interact Club has organized yet another blood drive in order to continue to help others.

Remember:

- ONE donation can save THREE lives.
- Every 2 seconds, someone in the United States needs blood.
- More than 38,000 blood donations are needed EVERY DAY.
- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors like YOU.

If you would like to donate blood, please email me, alexandra_pereira@plainfield.org or call me, (908) 769-6000, with the time that is most convenient for you, and we will arrange for you to donate then. The Blood Drive is on April 12, 2013 in the High School Gymnasium from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Alexandra Pereira
Interact Club Advisor



Danz Club

We are happy to announce that our hard work paid-off and the talent show went great. Now that we are done with that dance routine, we are starting another one. We are preparing for the art's festival and we are trying to pick out the songs. So far we have half of one done, but the other songs have to be chosen. We are excited to perform at the art festival, and I hope it is a success like the talent show. Maria Orejuela, Danz Club Advisor

Drama Club

Hairspray, the Musical, is being performed Thursday, March 21, through Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for student and senior citizens. The students of the Drama Club along with their advisor, Mrs. Chiaramonte, have been working hard and have put in many long hours. Come out and show your support and enjoy an evening of entertainment.

Presentation

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

The **Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield** recognized three members of the **North Plainfield Interact Club** at its weekly meeting March 13, 2013. **Kahmayah McClain, Krupa Patel,** and **Amy Placios** were presented with the *Student of the Month Award* for December, January and February. Students were honored for their academics and for their service to the Interact Club and to the community. Each of the students received a framed certificate that read, in part, "In recognition of your commitment to attain high academic achievement through activities that develop good citizenship at North Plainfield High School." The students were accompanied by **Jerard Stephenson**, principal at the high school, and **Alexandra Pereira**, Interact Club adviser and Spanish language teacher at the North Plainfield Middle School.



Principal Jerard Stephenson, Kahmayah McClain, Amy Placios, Krupa Patel, Alexandra Periera, and Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, superintendent of schools in North Plainfield, pose with the *Student of the Month Awards*, presented by the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield at an award luncheon on March 13 at Giovanna's Restaurant in Plainfield.

The following students were inducted into the World Languages Honor Society at a special ceremony on March 13, 2013 in the NPHS auditorium:

Spanish Honor Society -New Members 2012

10th Grade

ChigozieAtubi
Desiree Butler
Daisy Cardona
Hasani Eason
Jonathan Eugenio

10th Grade

Jennifer Marmolejos
DavanteJahadMcduffie
Tamera T. Mcmillan
Nicholas Mercuri
Krupa Patel

Mona Gaballa	Michael Ryan Small
Kyle Grant	Anna Zhu
Gladys Hernandez	Cong Zhu
Bryan HuevoMenjivar	
PenpaLhamo	<u>12th Grade</u>
	Jonathan Vargas

American Sign Language National Honor Society -New Members 2012

10th Grade

Brigiette Garcia
Vy Lai
Kelsey Miller
Yvonne Njoku
Amy Palacios

11th Grade

Lauren Bolton
David Havrilla
Karayah Sanders

French Honor Society -New Members 2012

10th Grade

Alyssa Chandler
Michelle Flores
Kevin Monroy
Casseysanon
JasleenSevilla
Shelby Watters

11th Grade

Samantha Padilla

Italian Honor Society -New Members 2012

10th Grade

Cindy Medrano
Ana Mendoza
Samantha Meza
Maria Molina
Sebastian Munoz
Laura Paduganao
Victoria Stevens
MikaelahVillacruz
Stephanie Veintimilla

11th Grade

Duvany Acosta
Nicolas Sartori

12th Grade

Zonia Mendez

Optimist Club Oratorical Contest. Students in English 9 honors were required to write a speech on the topic of "Why My Voice is Important" and present it to the class. Because of their fine rhetorical skills, five students were chosen to present in front of the Optimist Club judges at Vermeule on March 12. "The students did very well, and all were extolled by the judges and club members," remarked **Chelsea Howson**, English teacher. Winning **first place was Brenda Okereke**, and **Jason Le received runner-up**. Both of these students will go onto Pennsylvania for the district level contest. **Nancy Bahnasy received third place**, and **Cindy Aldana** and **Stephen Barna** were also among the five participants. A student of Andrew Risoli's English 10 honors class also read her essay to the judges and did a wonderful job.

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North Plainfield High School participated in the **North Jersey Science Fair** last Friday and Saturday, March 15-16, 2013. Approximately 280 projects were entered from many high schools throughout central and north New Jersey. Projects were judged by category in 13 categories, with special awards by 247 judges, many of whom are Rutgers University faculty. North Plainfield entered three projects in the **Environmental Science** category. Many students come away from the fair having won no awards at all. But North Plainfield won the following awards:

- Project: **The Effects of UV Radiation on Pond Plankton; Ja'wana Wilson and Yvone Njoku** won two awards each for **Field Ecology** and for **Meteorology**.
- Project: **The Effect of Deposited Sediment on an Urban Watershed; Christina Forrester** won two awards, a **Rutgers Student award** and an award in **Geosciences**.
- Project: **The Effect of an Herbicide on a Freshwater Invertebrate Predator-Prey Relationship; Amaree Garner and Melody Njoku** won third place in the category of **Environmental Science**.

Schools

NPHS

*Earlier this year, a group of students from **Anthony Della Rosa's web page design** class attended the **2012 Digital Camp** at **Johnson & Johnson** headquarters in Raritan, NJ. Because of the success of the program, which included students developing business presentations for J&J products, Mr. Della Rosa pursued other opportunities through the company. **Barnali Dasgupta, chemistry teacher**, hearing of the program, asked if she, too, could involve her students in the program. Thus, on March 15, 2013, **Peter Ward**, son of our own **Florence Ward**, came to NPHS as part of the **Technology Awareness Program**. He was joined by **Tony Tran**, also of J&J.*

*Mr. Ward began the day by learning a bit about each student's aspirations and then tied those to the need to be able to give effective presentations. Many of the students were given 30 seconds to prepare to speak for 30 seconds on random topics. Their presentations led to constructive criticism from our students and the J&J presenters. Mr. Ward then discussed presentation skills, including dealing with stress, engaging the audience, the need for practice, making eye contact and avoiding repetitive, unnecessary words. After a pizza lunch provided by **Jerard Stephenson**, principal, Mr. Ward gave students a history of the development of technology, complete with props like rotary phones and 8-inch floppy disks. A discussion of the impact of technology, both positive and negative, ensued. The dangers and implications of social media rounded out the day.*

Mr. Della Rosa is arranging an additional visit to Johnson & Johnson for April. At that time, we hope to set up mock interviews for students and possibly tour a research lab.

NPMS

A Dash of Love & A Pinch of Tenderness: Twenty-five members of the middle school student council traveled to Stony Brook School on February 28 to conduct lessons with the third grade classes. Entitled "Cooking up Caring and Compassion," the students discussed the meaning of caring and compassion and helped the third graders to come up with the

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“ingredients” of a compassionate person. Students wrote their “recipes” and decorated their plates with macaroni, ribbons and construction paper. Student council advisor **Lindsey Mulry**, Stony Brook Principal **Catherine Kobylarz** and Middle School Assistant Principal **John Ferguson**, were on hand to listen to the students share their “culinary insights” about the importance of compassion and getting along with others.

Hoops for Heart: On February 15, the middle school physical education program participated in the annual “Hoops for Heart” fundraiser. The program is designed to raise money and awareness for the American Heart Association. Students volunteered to raise money and participate in “heart healthy” exercises. This year, under the direction of PE teachers **Greg Kilmer**, **Corrine Laurie** and **Christopher Eshleman**, our middle school students helped to raise over \$1000.00 for this worthy cause. Eighth grade student **Jonathan Graham** and seventh grade student **Brandon Smith** provided the top two donations for their classes. We are extremely proud of them and all the students who participated!

Stony Brook School

Read Across America Celebration: *Since 1998, the National Education Association has been sponsoring a national celebration of reading called Read Across America. It has become an annual celebration, which has been sponsored as a reading motivation and awareness program designed to celebrate reading. The celebration takes place on the birthday of children's author, Dr. Seuss. On Tuesday, March 5, Stony Brook School joined the other 3.2 million elementary and secondary teachers and students in this national celebration.*

*Once again at Stony Brook School, the "Read Across America" Celebration was fan-Seuss-tic! Organized by media specialist, **Anne Corkery**, the theme this year was “Patriotism.” Ms. Corkery and the committee members consisting of **Pat Klatt**, **Sue Garatino**, **Debbie Lendach**, **Ines Simoes**, **Kim Gargiule**, and **Sonya Larado** magically transformed the multi-purpose room into "Patriot-ville" with four different learning labs focused around this cross-curricular theme. In the first lab, the students used technology to visit Seussville.com and other Dr. Seuss activities. The second lab was held in the Stony Brook Theatre with a video streaming clip on what it means to be patriotic. Lab three was a read aloud station where different guests of the day took turns reading *This Land is Your Land* by Woodie Guthrie and *The Star Spangled Banner* by Stuart Kallen to the students. The final lab was the creation of a whole school “Abraham Lincoln Mosaic” to be used as part of a larger Gettysburg Display at the District Arts Festival on April 12, 2013.*

*Important guests that day included parents; **Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum**, Superintendent of schools; **Dr. Hope Blecher**, supervisor of language arts in North Plainfield; **Tom Mazur**, supervisor of fine and performing arts in North Plainfield Schools; Mayor **Mike Giordano**, Fire Captain **Frank D'Amore, Jr.**; and Police Officer **Eric Fowler**. Mayor Giordano presented Ms. Kobylarz the Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming March 1st as North Plainfield's special day dedicated to reading. Classroom activities included many other events as well. A special and favorite annual event has been kindergarten's cooking and tasting of what else but green eggs and ham. “Special thanks to committee members, teachers and special guests!” remarked Principal Kobylarz.*



Stony Brook's Read Across America Celebration

Daisey Head Maisey -Sonya Larado; Mayor Mike Giordano; Cat-in-the-Hat Kobylarz holding the Proclamation; Thing 2 - Anne Corkery; and Cat-in-the-Hat Blecher

Stony Brook's February Writers: Anyone entering Stony Brook School would be invited to visit the Writers' Wall. Located on the first floor, the wall has been proudly displaying "Student Writers of the Month" selections for the past three years. This has become an activity that celebrates writing. Based on the book, *The Writing Wall* by Margy Burns Knight, the Stony Brook Wall has been changed monthly with work selected by the classroom teachers. Certificates and pencils are awarded to the selected writers.

February Writers

KL Lauren Duncan
KS Isabelle Pierre
RR David Caiza
1J Keira Orozco
1S Jadelyn Villacis
JF Kellan Aurelian
2B Kailyn Orosco Pratts

2H Samaria Loeza-De Jesus
LB Sebastian Mejia-Sarmiento
RM Kyierah Toney
3F Ivan Mangui
3M Sophia Sanchez
3G Kevin Portillo
4T Drew Evans
4W Aaron Joye

East End School

Read Across America was celebrated at East End School on Friday, March 1. Once again, media specialist and facilitator of this event, **Allison Longley**, provided the classes with guest readers throughout the day. **PTO President Ann Fellin** greeted everyone with refreshments as they entered the school. East End School is very grateful to all of the guest readers who took time out of their busy schedules to share a story with the children. Guest readers included **Mayor Michael Giordano**, former Mayor **Janice Allen**, North Plainfield Officer **Dana Biggs**, North Plainfield Public Librarian **Jessica Trujillo**, district math and science supervisor **Patricia Marseglia**, district Academic support, ELL, and world language supervisor **Diana Sefchik**, district fine, practical and performing arts supervisor **Tom Mazur**, former district language arts supervisor **Ernest Jaeger** and his wife **Eleanor**, Watchung Presbyterian Church Pastor **Shannan**, former East End school counselor **Jackie Fields**, academic support

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teacher **Mollie Mallett**, former West End media specialist **Marilyn LaMarca**, former paraprofessional **Nancy Saltz**, high school media specialist **Barbara Kreyling** and school secretary **Gladys Pazmino**. "I had the pleasure of sitting in **Ashley Gutowski's** PreK classroom while Mayor Giordano read to the young children. It was amazing to see how engaged the children were as the Mayor read *Mr. Brown can Moo! Can you?* by Dr. Seuss. I had the pleasure of reading to **Melissa Mejia's** second grade students. We continue to instill a love of reading at East End," stated Ms. Herrmann. To continue the theme, fourth grade teacher **Kathy Porter** arranged for the Cat in the Hat to visit East End School on March 4. The entire school assembled in the community room to meet the famous Cat and listened to why it is so important to read each day.

Student Council advisors **Nicole Rivlin** and **Lisa Gabriel** are engaging the council members in many activities. Each morning the safety patrols arrive at 8:00 a.m., and they escort the students to their classrooms. They are busy counting boxtops, and East End School has collected over 2,000. The boxtops are traded in for cash which is used to support the students at East End. The students are also making posters which are displayed in the hallways reminding everyone of the six pillars of character education. "I am so grateful for our safety patrol students. They are doing a wonderful job each morning walking the children to class. They are a great help to us and we appreciate that they are coming in early every day," remarked Ms. Herrmann.

West End School

West End P.T.A. Basket Auction: On March 8, 2013, West End School PTA held its annual basket auction. Over two hundred beautifully decorated baskets, gift certificates and gift cards donated by local businesses, parents, teachers, students, PTA members and friends of West End School were auctioned off. The Grand Prizes included an iPad 3rd Generation & 2 Cases donated by the WE PTA, four (4) 1 Day Park Hopper Passes donated by Disney World, and \$1,000 off Orthodontia and basket of Teeth Goodies donated by Warren Hills Orthodontics. Committee members were **Michelle Coslit, Danielle Rassa, Michelle Robertson, Karen Rink, Toni Lewis, Paige Fitzgerald, Jim McGovern, Dawn Kasper, Jackie Chastain, Diana Gonzalez, Suzette Given, Jennifer McGovern, Liz Green, Jen Edge, Maria Cevallos, Andrew Coslit, and Kelli Miller**. Food and drinks were sold that evening by the members of the Fourth Grade Committee chaired by **Lynn Scopel and Sara Mastroianni**. Through the proceeds of the basket auction, the PTA has been able to provide West End students with numerous educational assemblies, author visits and museum programs.

10th Annual Smile Train Show: This year marks the 10th annual Smile Train show at West End School. Once again students are dedicating themselves to arriving at school early to rehearse songs and dance routines to raise money for children with cleft lip and palate. This year's theme is America. Students will be taking the audience on a trip from the days of "Yankee Doodle" to a "Party in the USA." The show is Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Save the date!

West End School Proudly Announces its Musical for 2013: West End School's third and fourth grade students eagerly wait to be called in for auditions for this year's spring musical. This year's school musical will be *Treasure Island!* This play is an adventurous tale of buried treasure, sneaky pirates, and pigaloos. West End's talented students will be joined by teachers and alumni as they enter into rehearsals starting in April. "We look forward to having you join us opening night, June 12, 2013. The play will run for two nights, June 12 and June 13, 2013," noted Beth Sobel, principal.

Somerset School

Somerset Intermediate School fifth graders from Janet Darvin's and Laura Dixon's classes visited Rutgers University on Friday, March 1, 2013. The students had an amazing day of learning and made remarkable real-world connections to the classroom lessons that are promoted each day – work hard, help one another, set goals, believe in yourself, and never give up on your dreams!

*They arrived on campus at 9:30 a.m. and began their day at the **Math and Science Learning Center** on the Busch Campus. As they approached their destination, students were encouraged to observe buildings, undergraduate students moving between classes, college transportation, and the overall “bustling” atmosphere of the campus. The fifth graders were surprised to discover that the initial journey took them only through science department buildings; they found it hard to imagine that so many large and different buildings could encompass just one academic discipline!*

*The time spent at the **MSLC** was divided between two lectures, focusing on **biology** and **physics**. The professors, **Dr. Patricia Barreto** and **Dr. Suzanne Brahmia**, presented their lessons with an incredible sense of accessibility to the fifth graders. They included fascinating interactive demonstrations on DNA and air pressure, respectively, and provided opportunities for the students to test the theories discussed. Following the lectures, the fifth graders engaged with undergraduate and graduate students as they tested various physics models and participated in hands-on learning activities.*

*Later that morning they departed the **MSLC** to visit the “home” of their **pen pals**, the **Rutgers Men's Basketball Team**, at the **Rutgers Athletic Center** for a tour of the indoor arena. **Randi Larson**, **Senior Athletic Academic Advisor** and **Caroline Rafferty**, **Athletic Communications Assistant** for the Men's Basketball Team, arranged the tour, which proved to be an enormous thrill for the students. They visited the **women's locker room** (while the players were getting ready to leave for a weekend road game), met **Gene Wells**, **equipment manager**, who gave them a tour of the vast stockroom and passed around a size 18 shoe for the students to examine. Students walked courtside and watched their pen pals as they completed their own final practice before a weekend contest against Georgetown. Ms. Rafferty escorted the fifth graders to the **Media Room** where players are interviewed following a home game and students had a chance to sit and “pretend” to answer questions.*

Throughout the tour the students learned more and more about the student-athlete experience – the demands and rewards of building intellectual acumen and physical strength amid a climate of teamwork and personal responsibility.

*“As we prepared to leave the RAC, **Jeremy Davis**, of the **Sports Marketing Department**, gave each student a **Rutgers Basketball tee shirt** and **coupon for a free ticket to an upcoming home game!** Students were overwhelmed by the generosity of the people we met at Rutgers who demonstrated a sincere desire to teach and inspire all of us,” remarked Ms. Darvin, coordinator of the trip. “The fifth graders were gracious in their appreciation and proudly represented North Plainfield. They came dressed in scarlet and respectfully and enthusiastically engaged with all members of the Rutgers community!” she continued.*



American Dance from Africa to Broadway: The Okra Dance Company returned for their third engagement at Somerset School on March 19 to tell the story of the evolution of American dance, through the melding of dance steps of both slaves and settlers from Africa and Europe.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic - Operations. The safety topic for February was proper lifting techniques and back safety. Related safety training was provided via our on-line employee training system and all employees completed their assigned training as scheduled. There are currently no training modules assigned to Operations Staff.

HEALTH & SAFETY

HURRICANE SANDY

Director Edward Ostroff has developed a comprehensive analysis of the educational and financial impact of Hurricane Sandy. Copies will be distributed at the next meeting.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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

- 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.
- 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.
- A wireless router back-up for our network systems (Verizon) is in progress.

FEMA MITIGATION GRANTS

The Federal Assistance Funds that are currently being allocated to FEMA for Hurricane Sandy relief contain monies for mitigation grants. These grants provide partial funding for mitigation work that will reduce losses suffered by municipalities and other government entities.

- High & Middle School. A permanently mounted stand-by generating system.
- East End School. A permanently mounted stand-by generating system.
- West End School. A permanently mounted stand-by generating system.

UPDATE: The North Plainfield Board of Education has now 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.

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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 March is a bomb threat drill. All of our schools are in the process of completing their assigned drills. The security drill for April will be an evacuation, non-fire.

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.

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.

- Miscellaneous door replacements at NPHS and Stony Brook School (Scheduled).
- Security related upgrades for the high school auditorium (Scheduled).
- Repairs to auditorium seating at the high school (Scheduled).
- Replacement of a circulating pump at East End School (Completed).
- Replacement of several cameras for our CCTV System (Completed).
- Upgrades to our door entrance systems at Somerset and Watchung (Scheduled).
- Abatement of a number of minor fire violations, district wide (Completed).
- System maintenance to the fire pump at NPHS (Scheduled).

CAPITAL PROJECTS, STATUS REPORT (Current)

DISTRICT-WIDE RESTROOM PROJECT

Restroom Renovations. UPDATE: We are currently waiting for close out documents and a final payment request for the high school.

DISTRICT WIDE SOLAR ENERGY

East End School – *Major construction completed. Punch list items remain.

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Somerset School – *Major construction completed. Punch list items remain.

High & Middle School – *Major construction completed. Punch list items remain.

*The owner of these systems must perform final inspections, and if approved, submit to the power authority for permission to operate. This process could take up to six weeks. The informational kiosks, to be installed at the above listed locations, are scheduled for delivery within the next two weeks. We anticipate this project to be complete and fully operational within the next sixty to ninety days.

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

This project includes a redesign and renovation of the existing space with an emphasis on technology and media.

UPDATE: Plans and specifications for this project have now been completed, and the project was advertised on February 27, 2013. A pre-bid meeting was held on March 5 and bids will be received and opened on April 2, 2013. At this time, there is a strong interest in the project with over twelve contractors requesting plans and specifications from the architect. If the bidding process is successful, the district can entertain a resolution to award the project on April 3, 2013.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (NEW) (2012/2013)

The following two new capital improvement projects have been proposed and approved for completion this school year.

- **Harrison School. Replacement of all existing windows (Planning Stage).**
- **Middle School. Façade repairs to the main office exterior walls (Under Evaluation).**

PHYSICAL PLANT & CAPITAL BUDGET (2013/2014)

PENDING GRANTS

Safe Routes NJDOT Grant. UPDATE: Although no grants were approved for any community in Somerset County, we will continue to pursue these grants in the future.

Safe Routes Mini Grant. UPDATE: These grants are currently being reconsidered due in part to a number of complaints regarding the funding process. We have been advised that a notice of grant awards will be issued in the near future.

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. 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. 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 April 3, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following teachers to tutor students in the after-school P.A.S.S./Extended Day Program for up to one hour per day and/or Saturday mornings for up to three hours, at the rate of \$35 per hour:

James Miller

Yuri Urrutia

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Eman Mobarak as a paraprofessional for a pull-out resource class at Stony Brook School for 2.0 hours per day at the rate of \$20.96 per hour, effective March 11, 2013 through June 20, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Pam Hughes, paraprofessional at Somerset School, a five-day unpaid leave of absence, effective March 18 through March 22, 2013.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Roseann Caruso as the temporary MS/HS AV coordinator at the stipend of \$3117, to be prorated based on time served, effective March 21, 2013. (Ms. Caruso will temporarily replace Noraima Villanueva.)

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Alison Mac as a K-12 substitute teacher in the district.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Heather Fencik as the assistant musical director, at the stipend of \$2116, for NPHS drama club's spring musical production of *Hairspray*.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education rescind the recommendation to appoint Ryan Shapiro as the spring after-school sports advisor at Stony Brook School.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Catherine Grundman, district substitute teacher, as the spring after-school sports advisor at Stony Brook School at the stipend of \$2603.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously opposed that the Board of Education grant Lucille McCormick, kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School, an extension to her unpaid leave of absence for the **2013-2014** school year.

Thomas Allen – No
David Branan – No
Sandra Dodd – No
Thomas Kasper – No

Kathleen Mullen – No
Nancy Szaroleta – No
Linda Bond-Nelson – No

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Matthew Foote as a substitute paraprofessional, to be called on an as-needed basis, effective March 21, 2013 through June 20, 2013, at the rate of \$20.96/hour.

Mr. Branan 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 August and December 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Denise Cruz, Paraprofessional at West End School, an unpaid leave of absence effective March 25, 2013 through April 5, 2013.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the use and implementation of the revised language arts curriculum for grades K-12 aligned with the Common Core State Standards.

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 non-classified student HI-48-12-13 be placed on home instruction, to be provided by Educere, Inc. for ten hours per week, effective March 14, 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 approve home instruction for classified student HI-19-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff, effective February 22, 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 approve home instruction for classified student HI-49-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective March 8, 2013 through March 22, 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 approve home instruction for classified student HI-50-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by UMDNJ at the rate of \$55 per hour, effective March 5, 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 approve home instruction for classified student HI-51-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Union County Educational Services Commission (Trinitas Medical Center) at the rate of \$44 per hour, effective March 6, 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 the Board of Education approve classified student NEU-09-12-13 undergo a neuropsychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Elisa Dulay at the cost of \$850.

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 an out-of-district placement for classified student SSSSS-12-13 at Montgomery Academy at the annual cost of \$53,692, to be pro-rated effective date pending transportation.

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 non-classified student HI-52-12-13 be placed on home instruction, to be provided by district staff for ten hours per week, effective March 28, 2013.

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

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

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated December 31, 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 approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated February 20, 2013.

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

Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 the agreement with Klubhouse Kids Inc. for after-school child care at a fee of \$16.00 per day per student representing no increase for the 2013-2014 operating year under a reimbursement to the district of 30% of the aforementioned fee for transportation costs.

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 administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Technology as follows:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2013-2014; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, on or before October 31, 2013; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enter into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2013-2014 school year, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District pay 5% of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to cover the SCESC's cost for administering the program. The SCESC will invoice the District for technology items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program (August 2012) and 5% of the total amount spent as reimbursement for administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

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

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
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 administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Textbooks as follows:

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District enters into an agreement with SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2013-2014 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq.

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

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

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

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

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 20th day of March, 2013, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014.
2. The SCESC will provide agreed upon services from the following options within the limitations of State funds:
 - a. Nursing services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school. The services shall include:
 - 1) Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening;
 - 2) Conducting screening of hearing examinations;
 - 3) The maintenance of student health records and notification of local or county health officials of any student who has not been properly immunized; and
 - 4) Conducting examinations of pupils between the ages of 10 and 18 for the condition known as scoliosis.
 - b. Adopt written policies and procedures to provide emergency care, comparable to that which is available to the public school pupils of the district wherein they are located, through community emergency response teams.

The nonpublic schools would secure such emergency care and be reimbursed by the Commission for costs incurred within the limitation of funds.
3. The SCESC shall contact the nonpublic schools within the district and determine the services they will require within the parameters of the law and limitations of funds.

4. The Public School District agrees to pay to the SCESC a sum equal to the full funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for nursing services to nonpublic schools within its district pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 226 Laws of 1991. Payment shall be made monthly during the school year and forwarded to SCESC within thirty (30) days after district's receipt of the SCESC's monthly invoice. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the payment as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Nursing Services Program implementation. In the event a Public School District fails to remit the funds to the SCESC, the SCESC shall have the right to give notice of discontinued services.

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

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
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 administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nonpublic Instructional Services – Chapters 192/193 as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 20th day of March, 2013, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, County of Somerset, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing auxiliary services to eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities, said services being limited to Examination and Classification of potentially handicapped students, and instruction, and the necessary equipment, supplies, administration and supervision in connection with programs for Compensatory Education, Supplemental Instruction, English as a Second Language, Speech Correction, and Home Instruction; and,

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2013 through and including June 30, 2014.
2. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available.
3. SCESC will provide the Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual students at a nonpublic school within its District boundaries or to provide one or more of the above services to all of the students at nonpublic schools within its District boundaries. The Public School District shall annex hereto the services required to be rendered:
 - a. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the Board approved curriculum, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. When funding is not available to service an eligible student, responsibility to provide such service reverts back to the public school district. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week.
 - b. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the Board approved curriculum, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. When funding is not available to service an eligible student, responsibility to provide such service reverts back to the public school district. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week.
 - c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6:28. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. When funding is not available to service an eligible student, responsibility to provide such service reverts back to the public school district. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week.
 - d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6:28. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week.

- e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be provided to students under N.J.A.C. 6:28.
4. SCESC will provide the auxiliary services in examination and classification of potentially handicapped students at nonpublic schools. Examination and classification will be provided to students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will be conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:28 by appropriate certified personnel. When funding is not available to service a student, responsibility to provide such services reverts back to the public school district.
5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries. The Public School District shall annex hereto services required to be rendered.
6. All vehicles used for this instruction of students will be approved by the Superintendent of Schools for SCESC.
7. For the services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to the funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193, based on active roster of students which will be considered the official enrollment at the rate allowed by the NJ State funding for the contract year. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapter 192/193 program implementation. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC the sum approved by the Division of Finance and Regulatory Services. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
8. Payment for Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and for the Examination and Classification of potentially classified nonpublic school students and the Annual Review of such students, shall be made by the Public School District to SCESC. The SCESC will submit monthly billing based on active roster students which will be considered the official enrollment at the rate allowed by NJ State funding for the contract year.
9. It is the responsibility of the Public School District or the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within ten (10) business days.
10. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within thirty (30) days following receipt of invoices for such services.
11. The Project Completion Report for Chapters 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District.
12. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.

13. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the distribution, collection, processing and preparation of the Request for Additional Funding Under the Provisions of Chapters 192/193 required by the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the Laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Superintendent may act as the local district's agent by filing for Additional Funding Under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the website for submission of the requests.
14. Due to the wide variation in district calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
15. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:
 - a. The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

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

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
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 administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act as follows:

Pursuant to the official action taken at the meeting of the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), held on March 20, 2013, the Board agrees that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), administer the district's Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act funds, pursuant to the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Grant Application, on behalf of the Board. The Services shall be limited to those permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations.

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The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014.

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

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

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

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible Somerset County nonpublic schools identified by the district's grant application.

The Commission will provide an annual report of speech and supplemental students and provide input into the grant process for each school served.

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

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

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Ms. Dodd mentioned discussion of the awards dinner.

Curriculum – Dr. Rich discussed the major topics that were discussed at the last meeting.

Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting –

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

School Budget – Mr. Branan inquired about replacement cost of Ipads and various budget questions.

Dr. Birnbaum provided an overview of the proposed staffing in the budget.

Strategic Planning – flyers will be distributed for the upcoming weekend conference scheduled to be held on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th.

New Business

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve for second reading the following new policies:

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| 4119.26 | Staff Use of Internet, Social Networks and Other Forms of Electronic Communication |
| 5141.8 | Sports Related Concussion and Head Injury |

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

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

Current Events in Education

Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned the President of Raritan Valley Community College had recently resigned.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Peters asked about what security measures are being taken with regards to Ipads.

Ms. Mary Forbes commented on issues regarding the North Plainfield Public Library.

Ms. Joy Anderson also expressed concern about the issues taking place at the library.

Future Agenda Items

Summer Programs – April 3, 2013, John Ferguson, Diana Sefchik, John Tarnofsky, Reginald Sainte-Rose
Bridge & Pathways Program – April 3, 2013, Jane Delaney
PASS Program – April 3, 2013, Jerard Stephenson, Priscila Weber
Holocaust/Genocide Program – April 17, 2013, Jerome Pocius
Rutgers Grant – May 8, 2013, Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Dr. Robert Rich
Technology Plan – May 22, 2013, Ron Fisher
MALES & Sixth Grade Advisory Program – June 5, 2013, Reginald Sainte-Rose
Teacher Recognition Ceremony - TBD

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on March 27, 2013 at 6:30 pm and on April 3, 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 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg