

September 5, 2012

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on September 5, 2012 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 July 25, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of July 25, 2012.

#### **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:

Today was the first day back to school! Students were greeted by Mr. Stephenson as they walked inside. He passed out papers with a list of homerooms, and there were teachers in the hallways helping students find their homerooms.

The Canuck Mentors had training on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Some things we learned were how to lead groups and how to successfully work with other mentors. Also, we met out fellow homeroom mentors and established some of our Canuck Mentor goals for the school year.

Freshmen Orientation took place on Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Freshmen played icebreakers, were given tours of the school, and asked their mentors various questions about high school in general. The freshmen also received Class of 2016 t-shirts. The guest speaker for the event was John Celestand, a former NBA player for the LA Lakers.

There will be a football game at 7:00 PM at the high school turf. The boys will be playing against Clark.

We have 179 days of school left!!

Ms. Rosen, the advisor of the yearbook, Jihad Womack, editor-in-chief, and Shyla Shulca, managing editor, attended a 2 day workshop on August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Presentation**

Edward Ostroff, director of operations, provided the Board with an overview of the facilities projects completed over the course of the summer.

Ken Torchia and Joanne Utamie, Maschio Food Services, presented to the Board an overview of mandated changes to the school lunch menus and the impact the changes will have on the district program.

### **Superintendent's Report**

A copy of the 2012-2013 State of the Schools Report may be obtained at the Board of Education Offices or by accessing the following link: [www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org)

### **Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools**

#### **Personnel**

**It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process.**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lourdes Yepes, paraprofessional at West End School, effective July 1, 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 accept the resignation of Dr. Robert Greenbaum, paraprofessional at NPHS, effective July 26, 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 adjusted the summer hours for Pilar Zelaya, bus paraprofessional, from 3.75 hours per day to 4.00 hours per day for a total of 21 days, effective July 2, 2012 through July 31, 2012.

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the teachers indicated on the attached list to work on curriculum projects or school-based planning activities at the school/department indicated, at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$49.74, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement and to be paid at the conclusion of the project funded with NCLB FY'13 and local funds.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Eleftheria Fiotakis as a special education teacher at Somerset School at the 2010-2011 MA/Step 1-2/1 annual salary rate of \$53,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Fiotakis will replace Paula Boyar.)

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 the employment of David Miller as a teacher of mathematics in the High School Alternative Program at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 9-11/9 annual salary rate of \$54,390 to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective date pending his release from his present position. (Mr. Miller will replace Alice Luczak.)

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 the employment of Michelle Sandoval as a teacher of English/language arts at Somerset School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 5/5 annual salary rate of \$51,365, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Sandoval will replace Katherine Kurek.)

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Valerie Reverchon as a teacher of French at NPMS/HS at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2/1 annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Reverchon will replace Marlene Yoskowitz.)

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 accept the resignation of Justin Smith, summer custodian, effective August 1, 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 for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Rafaela Burgos as a substitute custodian, at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$17.66, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective September 6, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the individuals noted on the attached list to teach a sixth class of instruction at the 2010-2011 rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 2012-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Sabrina Cruz as a special education teacher at Somerset School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 8/7-8(8) annual salary rate of \$52,815, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Cruz will fill a new position.)

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 Fall 2012, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher and/or internship placement from the Rutgers Graduate School of Education:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>School/Classes</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher(s)</u>
Casey Maxwell	WE/Elementary & Special Education	Angela Roman/Suzanne Fordham

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 2012-2012 school year, the Board of Education rescind the recommendation to appoint Roger Graubard as the testing facilitator for NPMS.

Further, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Lindsey Ciarrocca as the testing facilitator for NPMS at the stipend of \$500.

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 Scott Diaz as an elementary teacher in Somerset School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2 (2) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Mr. Diaz will replace Mary Imperato.)

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 Alyson DiFiore as a temporary kindergarten/pre-school teacher at West End School effective September 4, 2012 through November 21, 2012, at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 3-4 (3) annual salary rate of \$50,865, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. DiFiore will temporarily replace Tara Venturino.)

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. Branán 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 Michelle Fallucca as a freshman transition teacher-counselor at NPMS at the 2010-2011 MA/Step 7 (7-8/8) annual salary rate of \$55,815, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Fallucca will fill a new position.)

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Mariluz Torres, ESL teacher at West End School, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 20, 2012 through December 13, 2012.

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Torres an unpaid leave of absence effective December 14, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

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

Mr. Branán 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 Maura Harrington as a Spanish teacher at Somerset School at the 2010-2011 DR/Step 3-4 (3) annual salary rate of \$59,865, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Harrington will replace Patricia Collins.)

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

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

Mr. Branán 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 Ryan Lee Johnson as a temporary elementary teacher at West End School effective September 4, 2012 through November 21, 2012, at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2 (1) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Mr. Johnson will temporarily replace Deborah Lysicatos.)

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

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

Mr. Branam 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 Heather Morgan as an elementary teacher at West End School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2 (1) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Morgan will replace Megan Schutz.)

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Michael Mulry as a temporary teacher of social studies at NPHS at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 3-4 (3) annual salary rate of \$50,865, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Mr. Mulry will temporarily replace Mary Elizabeth Winsor.)

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve Daria Whelan as a Seton Hall University administrative intern for a total of 600 hours at Somerset School with Reginald Sainte-Rose serving as the on-site supervisor.

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

Mr. Branam 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 Emmery Schulz as a temporary elementary teacher at West End School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2 (1) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.. (Ms. Schulz will temporarily replace Dina Glowacki.)

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

Mr. Branam 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 Ines Simoes as a temporary Kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1-2 (1) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective September 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. (Ms. Simoes will temporarily replace Lucille McCormick.)

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branam – 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 Eram Tun as a Kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 6 (6) annual salary rate of \$52,065 to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Tun will replace Kathleen Willwerth.)

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 transfer of Priscila Weber, teacher of English at NPHS to student liaison coordinator at NPHS at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 3-4 (3) annual salary rate of \$50,865, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Weber will replace Edison Torres, Jr.)

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 transfer of Megan Schutz, elementary teacher at West End School to technology teacher at Somerset School at the 2010-2011 MA/Step 7 (7-8/7) annual salary rate of \$55,815, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Schutz will replace Roseann Caruso.)

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 staff in the Alternative High School Program in the positions and the rates indicated after their names:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>HrlyRate</u>
Michele Armento	Teacher of English/Basic Skills Language Arts	\$32/hr
Martha Barrett	Teacher of Physical Education/Health	\$32/hr
James Kelly	Teacher of History/Social Studies	\$32/hr
Dr. Thomas Schwab	Teacher of Science	\$32/hr
Joelle Bruno	Guidance Counselor	\$32/hr
Christine Cascione	Guidance Counselor	\$32/hr

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 the resignation of Jacqueline Darwin, guidance counselor at the Alternative High School Program, effective August 1, 2012.

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 Lester Genung, custodian, for reasons of retirement, effective December 1, 2012.

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 Argie Kantilierakis as a teacher of English at NPHS/MS at the 2010-2011 MA/Step 1-2 (1) annual salary rate of \$53,615, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Kantilierakis will replace Priscila Weber.)

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 rescind the previously approved recommendation approving the following staff transfers:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Martha Barrett	Health/Phys Ed	Somerset	NPHS
Ashley Krug	Health/Phys Ed	NPHS	Somerset

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 Jodi Troise, as child development teacher at NPHS working at the special substitute rate of \$160 per diem pending certification. (Ms. Troise will replace Sharon Gianneschi.)

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 and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the district paraprofessionals as per the attached list at the 2010-2011 annual salary rate as indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective September 5, 2012.

Future that the Board of Education approve the paraprofessionals on the attached list as substitute paraprofessionals in the district.

Thomas Allen – Aye	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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per 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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education employ the following staff members to serve as mathematics/science facilitators at a stipend of \$1,000 each:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>School</u>
Jennifer Riolo	Middle School

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 following student teacher placement (s) from Kean University effective September 4, 2012 through December 21, 2012.

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Schoole/Classes</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher(s)</u>
Roy Dragon	West End School	Wendy Alvarez

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 following individuals receive a stipend of \$60 per full day of mentor training, not to exceed two days or \$120, to be paid upon completion of training, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY 12 with the balance if needed from local funds:

Teacher	School
Adriana Silva	NPHS
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 split funding of the following employees in conjunction with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Local Education Agency (LEA) Consolidated Application FY 13 and Preschool Program Aid FY 13 according to the following percentages for each program as per 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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individuals as district K-12 substitute teacher(s):

Niquette C. Bowman	Ebony Facenda
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 Stephen Masterson as a substitute transportation driver effective September 6, 2012 at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$30.28 to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 certified staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between March 2012 through June 2012 at the 2010-2011 rates indicated to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 the employment of Erika Gambuti as a temporary ESL teacher in West End School at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 6 (6) annual salary rate of \$52,065, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Gambuti will temporarily replace Mariluz Torres.)

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 accept the resignation of Jewel Crenshaw, teacher of music at Somerset and Stony Brook Schools, effective October 15, 2012, or sooner should an appropriate replacement be employed.

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 the employment of Cathy Cascione as a part-time financial literacy, computer applications, transitions and careers/SLE teacher at the Alternative High School Program at the hourly rate of \$32, for up to 25 hours per week.

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, with Mr. Allen abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 School year, the Board of Education approve the employment of substitute paraprofessionals on the attached list, at the rate indicated after their names, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

Thomas Allen – Abstain  
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 accept the resignation of Nancy LasLuisa, paraprofessional at East End School, effective September 5, 2012.

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the use of the following textbooks and/or trade books in the district:

Title: *Understanding Psychology*  
Author: Richard A. Kasschau  
Publisher: Glencoe  
Copyright: 2008  
Course/Levels: HS Psychology Elective

Title: *Music in Theory and Practice*  
Author: Bruce Benward and Marilyn Saker  
Publisher: McGraw Hill  
Copyright: 2009  
Course/Levels: Music Theory I & II (Grades 9-12)

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student AUD-02-12-13 receive aural rehabilitation services to be provided by Summit Speech School at the cost of \$568.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve classified student OT/PT-53-12-13 receive occupational therapy to be provided by Montgomery Academy Therapist at the cost of \$80 per session for two thirty-minute sessions per month.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve identified student PSY-04-12-13 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$350.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve classified student RN01-12-13 received nursing services provided by TRY US Health Care Services at the cost of \$40 per hour for 8 hours per day.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student ATE-01-12-13 receive assistive technology training to be provided by Bergen County Special Services at the cost of \$1,630.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to apply for the following funding in conjunction with the No Child (NCLB) Local Education Agency (LEA) Consolidated Application FY 13 as per attached proposed budget and accepts these fund upon the subsequent approval application:

Title I Part A Basic/Concentration	\$642,236
Title II Part A	\$ 99,727
Title III	\$ 58,235
TOTAL ALLOCATION	\$800,198

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT AND CONSENT NO. 1 BY THIS PARTICIPATING SERIES 2011A LOCAL UNIT IN CONNECTION WITH TRANCHE II OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY’S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2011 and January 19, 2012, pursuant to bond resolution SCIA11-372, as amended and supplemented (the “*Bond Resolution*”), and certain other Program Documents (as defined in the Bond Resolution), the Somerset County Improvement Authority (the “*Authority*”) financed solar projects for various local government units (the “*Series 2011 Local Units*”) within the County of Somerset (the “*Program*”), including the participating Series 2011 Local Unit adopting this resolution (the “*Participant*”) (any capitalized terms herein, not otherwise defined herein, for all purposes of this Resolution, shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Bond Resolution);

WHEREAS, the Participant took advantage of the Program through its execution and delivery of the Participant’s License and Access Agreement and through its acknowledgment of the Power Purchase Agreement;

WHEREAS, the Authority, the County of Somerset (the “*County*”), U.S. Bank National Association (the “*Trustee*”), Sunlight General Capital Management, LLC and Sunlight General Somerset Solar, LLC (collectively, the “*Company*”), and the Participant desire to amend the Program Documents to effect certain changes as set forth in that certain “Amendment and Consent No. 1” to be executed (the “*Consent No. 1*”), in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, by and among the Authority, the County, the Trustee, the Company, as acknowledge by certain Series 2011 Local Units as set forth on Exhibit A to the Consent No. 1, which Consent No. 1 has been submitted to the rating agencies which rate the Authority’s bonds (the “*Rating Agencies*”);

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WHEREAS, such changes include, as set forth in the Consent No. 1, (i) to provide for the extension of the Required Completion Date for certain Series 2011 Local Unit Facilities, (ii) to provide for the additional of certain subcontractors as set forth on Appendix B of the Consent No. 1, and (iii) to allow the execution of future amendments to the Program Documents by the County, the Authority, the Trustee, the Developer and only affected Series 2011 Local Units; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has previously authorized the execution and delivery of Consent No. 1 pursuant to that certain “RESOLUTION OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CERTAIN AMENDMENT AND CONSENT AGREEMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIONS, ALL IN CONNECTION WITH TRANCHE II OF THE AUTHORITY’S RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM” adopted by the governing body of the Authority on July 17, 2012 (the “*Authority Resolution SCIA 12-434*”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the Participant as follows:

**Section 1.** The Superintendent and Business Administrator of the Participant (including their designees, each an “*Authorized Officer*”) are each hereby severally authorized and directed to negotiate, execute and deliver the Consent No. 1, in substantially the form attached hereto as **Exhibits A**, with such changes as any such Authorized Officer, in his or her sole discretion shall determine to be necessary, desirable or convenient to promote the best interests of the Participant, including any non-material changes requested by the Rating Agencies and the final revised Exhibit A-1 to the Program Documents, and any such Authorized Officer’s execution and delivery of the Consent No. 1 shall be full and complete evidence of the authorization by the Participant of any such additions or changes to the Program Documents. The Authorized Officer is hereby further authorized to take all such further actions in connection therewith in accordance with all applicable law, including without limitation the execution of such other certificates, instruments or documents, as any such Authorized Officer, in consultation with counsel, shall deem necessary, convenient or desirable by any such Authorized Officer to implement the Consent No. 1.

**Section 2.** The Board of Education Secretary of the Participant and any designee are hereby authorized and directed, where required, to affix the corporate seal of the Participant and to attest to the signature of the Authorized Officer on the Consent No. 1 and such other certificates, instruments or documents contemplated herein. Thereafter the Authorized Officer is hereby authorized and directed to deliver any such fully authorized, executed, delivered, and if applicable, attested and sealed certificates, instruments and documents to any interested party.

**Section 3.** All actions taken to date in connection with the Consent No. 1 by the Participant and its advisors are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

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**Section 4.** A certified copy of this resolution and five (5) executed originals of the Consent No. 1 shall be forwarded to Stephen B. Pearlman, Esq. of Inglesino, Pearlman, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, to the attention of Annie Collart, Law Clerk, at Inglesino, Pearlman, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, 600 Parsippany Road, Suite 204, Parsippany, New Jersey 07054-3715.

**Section 5.** This resolution shall take effect immediately in accordance with all applicable law.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education authorizes Kathleen Porter, elementary teacher, to apply for and accept a grant from Steven Colson of Huston Lumber Company for the purchase of technology equipment on behalf of East End School, in the amount of \$6,888.26.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education authorize payment of a retirement allowance to this staff member who retired during the 2011-2012 school year based on accumulated sick days as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Retirement Date</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Retirement Allowance</u>
Fiorina DiMonte	03/15/11	24.88	\$4,802.09

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept the District Wide IT Wireless expansion project bid results:

Whereas, the Board authorized the Business Administrator to solicit public bids for the district wide IT Wireless Expansion project, and having been received, these bids were opened on September 5, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the Board of Education offices located at 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield NJ and;

Whereas, two bids were received and opened with Base Bid and Alternate-1 through 4 as follows:

	Base
1. American Business Communications	\$110,000 included Alt.
2. PQ Energy Controls	\$189,800 plus Alternate pricing totaling \$112,100.00

Whereas, bid number 1 received did not provide the required documents and bid number 2 received exceeded the allowable budgeted amount available for the project;

Now therefore, the Board does hereby authorize the Business Administrator to reject all bids received for this project, and at the most expeditious time, rebid this project, and that this resolution will take effect immediately.

**Correspondence**

Letters were received as follows from:

- Mr. & Mrs. Cleon Benjamin

**Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – meeting scheduled for September 27, 2012 at 3:15 pm

Communications – Ms. Dodd discussed setting up a meeting with Linda Remolino.

Curriculum – a meeting is planned for October, the date is to be determine

Finance & Facilities – a Tour of Facilities is being scheduled. The date is to be determined.

Policy Meeting – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – Dr. Birnbaum updated the Board on the current status of the tentative agreement.

NJSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

**Old Business**

Dr. Birnbaum discussed the schedule planned for developing the strategic plan starting on October 1, 2012.

**New Business**

Mr. Sternberg reviewed the NJSBA annual convention being held October 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> in Atlantic City.

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

**Current Events in Education**

There were none.

**Comments from the Public**

There were none.

**Future Agenda Items**

Correspondence from Joseph Rosenberg

Bridge Program Update – Jane Delaney, Director of Pupil Services

**Adjournment**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on September 19, 2012 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 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg