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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on October 3, 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 19 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 September 19, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of September 19, 2012.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public, Monique Womack asked about parental support for the new math program. Ms. Marseglia explained what is available to parents.

#### **Student Representative Report**

The student report was presented by Jihad Womack as follows:

The first full week school was in session The Freedom Writers Offices of Erin Gruwell contacted Ms. Brain. Last year Ms. Brain held a SKYPE with Ms. Gruwell, the teacher played by Hilary Swank in the acclaimed film, The Freedom Writers. Because of the success of last year's session, Ms. Gruwell offered Ms. Brain the opportunity to SKYPE with her students this year.

On Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, Erin Gruwell held a video SKYPE conference with Ms. Brain and her two 9<sup>th</sup> grade English classes, two 12<sup>th</sup> grade English classes and the AP/RVCC English class. During the session 8 students shared, opening poetry and continuing with stories aka Freedom Writers' journals written in advance in Ms. Brain's class.

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The students were wonderful in their sharing and compassion for their fellow students. Students shared about moments in their lives that changed them.....freeing their stories from limitations that controlled them to springboards for new beginnings.

There were many touching moments that these students will remember for a lifetime.

At the end of the conference, Ms. Gruwell asked for the first names of the students who shared to be sent to her so she can send an autographed copy of the book, *The Freedom Writers*. She also commented that and I quote: "I have done a zillion of these video conferences, but by far, the best, the very best and most memorable is this one with the students of North Plainfield High School. You are all amazing." Ms. Gruwell said that she wanted to stay in touch with us and wished us all well.

By the amount of tissues used, it was a moving experience. When questioned after the event, students were unanimous in their assessment of the SKYPE as a wonderful experience. Ms. Brain wanted to thank Mr. Stephenson and Dr. Blecher for their support in doing this and for Mr. Fisher, Mr. Dixon, and Mr. Taylor for their technical support.

Thank you.

The Interact Club is having a bake sale on October 10<sup>th</sup> to raise money for the Interact Club T-Shirts. It is preparing for the food drive which will start at the end of this month and will conclude in mid-November. The food will go to the North Plainfield Food Bank. Lastly, the Blood Drive is tentatively scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Spanish National Honor Society has elected their officer. It has also decorated the showcase for the Spanish National Heritage month. The officers of the club are also currently planning the schedule for the library tutoring that will take place.

#### French Honor Society

- We have held two meetings on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> as well as elections for club officers on September 21<sup>st</sup>.
- This year's newly elected officers are: Dayana Ledezma, President, Kaylen Chamarro, Vice-President, Daniela Lopez, Secretary, Juliana Villegas, Treasurer.
- Next meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Current business includes: preparing for school displays for National French Week in November, planning for outreach to district schools to promote French, and participation in this year's Cultural Arts fair at Somerset school. In addition, the club is currently discussing themed fund-raising activities to build upon the success of last year's crepe sale.

#### National Honor Society

- Developed list of academically viable candidates from Junior and Senior class ranking list.
- Distributed invitation letters to 63 potential candidates.
- Edited and made copies of Teacher Recommendation Form and Coach/Advisor Forms. (630)

- Held 2 meetings:
  - One for current members. Elected officers went over Induction logistics.
  - One for potential candidates to inform them of the next steps and answer questions. Also distributed forms to students:
    - 5 teacher recommendations, 5 coach/advisor per student
- Have been collecting and filing forms into each student's envelope
- Sent invitations as a "save the date" to each of the Board of Education members.

### Canuck Mentors

September 19, 2012 – Mentors facilitated the Freshmen Experience – an event where senior/junior mentors worked with freshmen students on team building activities through problem-solving games in an outdoor course.

Weekly Thursday Morning Meetings – Mentors meet weekly at 7:00 am to plan year's events including fundraising and homeroom topics to cover with their freshmen.

### Drama Club

The drama club is working with Frank Dasilva on the violence prevention week theme of Cyber-Bullying and Tweeting. We, as a club have come up with a slogan for the week "Don't Attack when you @" and have come up with a concept for lunch performances to do with rumors and how easily bullying can be when it is online.

Finally, our new Drama executives are on point and very organized. They have mandated that there be weekly drama meetings every Monday to inform and keep members up-to-date. They have begun incentives to do with fund-raising, philanthropy AND events; they have already decided upon Drama Club T-Shirts, as well as a secondary drama shirt that will contribute monies to Breast Cancer Awareness month. This year's executives have already proven themselves to be exemplary, organized and extremely hard working.

### HOPE Club

- Sold flower bulbs at Back to School Night (HS) for funds to donate to help save endangered species
- Removed the Viburnum (invasive species on do not plant list of NJ) from school grounds
- Planted a variety of perennials
- Planted flower bulbs by HS Gymnasium gardens
- Trimmed butterfly bushes in MS and HS gardens
- Weeded MS and HS gardens
- Watered gardens
- Sandy Hook Estuary field trip postponed due to weather

### Freshman Class

- Voting for Freshman Class Offices will be held on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Planning a Back to School/Halloween Dance on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Canuck Travel Mug Fundraiser will be held October 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Step Team

The Step Team will hold a meeting for students interested in stepping on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. We will make an announcement this week.

### Canuckling

Our first meeting was last week, Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and we had a wonderful turnout. We had several students at the meeting who were in the club last year, and in addition, we had many new members, including 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. At the meeting, we discussed last year's issue and some of the accolades and criticisms that we received for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and the American Scholastic Press Association. Reviewing the reports from both will allow us to improve and make some changes for this year's issue. The students were pleased to learn that we won the gold medal for Columbia Scholastic Press and first place for American Scholastic Press. Moving forward, we requested that the students begin brainstorming ideas for this year's theme. We also continue to encourage students to make submissions for the club's review.

### Band

- Marching Band Competition Results:
  - Fourth Place and Best Colorguard at Hunterdon Central HS US Bands show on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - First Place and Best Colorguard, Percussion, and Visual at Piscataway HS US Bands show on September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Jazz Band – Auditions for the Jazz Ensemble will take place in October

### Junior Class

Class of 2014 – Prom has been booked at the Westwood for Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Junior Class is currently planning fundraisers and getting ready for spirit week.

### Yearbook

Yearbook is on a roll this year. We have a new free purchasing system through our own online store through Balfour.com. To purchase a yearbook and accessories, go to [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com). Senior ads may also be purchased on this website.

We have raised several thousand dollars and have purchased new digital cameras and a new Apple laptop for use to make this year's book even more fantastic!

School community members may upload pictures publically through [Studio.balfour.com](http://Studio.balfour.com) and click on "public upload."

### Tunlaw Highlights

Staff members and editors for the school newspaper, Tunlaw, have been meeting regularly after school. The staff currently consists of a diverse group of 45 students from grades nine through twelve, and new members continue to join. While keeping in mind student interests at the start of the school year, staff members have worked to develop different

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topics to cover for the first issue of the newspaper. Several topics include fall sports, Halloween features, an advice column entitled Mr. Canuck and Mrs. Canuck, Senior Perspectives, Science and Technology, Teacher features, several pieces about the upcoming presidential election, and various other topics.

Overall, Tunlaw is off to a great start. Editors and staff members have expressed interest and demonstrated enthusiasm that will help to make Tunlaw a continued success.

### Choral Music Activities

The Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir, Show Choir, and Gospel Choir are all preparing for their upcoming performances this fall and winter.

The Choral Music Department, in conjunction with the Music Parents, will be putting on a Madrigal Dinner and Show on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the high school cafeteria. Details and ticket information is available from Justine DeMeola @ 201-602-2670 or [nphsmadrigals@gmail.com](mailto:nphsmadrigals@gmail.com)

Show Choir, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> season, is twenty members strong and always growing. We too are proud to welcome back choreographer and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Mrs. Bettina Bergamo for this season!

Gospel Choir, new to NPHS this year, meets every Friday morning at 7 am and has 25 members and still growing!!

The Music Department is currently selling KidStuff Books @ \$25.00 each. Please contact Mrs. Six or Mrs. Fencik to purchase a book. Holiday pie and citrus fruit fundraisers, to defray our spring department trip, are coming soon.

### Senior Class Highlights

The senior class has been busy since we arrived back at school. To accommodate conflicting schedules, meetings are now held at 7 am instead of after school. So far, we have been meeting once a week. As for fundraisers, we had a refreshment table at Back to School night and went canning at Stop & Shop where we raised \$750.00. An ongoing fundraiser that we have throughout the year is a Wendy's get together, where the seniors will receive 15% of the profits made between 5 – 8 pm. As for upcoming fundraisers, we have scheduled bake sales, a Halloween fundraiser, and we will be selling Eco-Scents Candles from mid October to mid November. The senior prom was booked in June before we began summer break and the prom this year will be at The Stone House in Warren from 7 -11 pm. Other events scheduled are Powderpuff on May 29<sup>th</sup> and senior picnic at Forest Lodge on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Additional events are also in the planning process.

### Presentation

Dr. Robert Rich, Ms. Patricia Marseglia, and Dr. Hope Blecher presented the annual Testing Report and discussed highlights of results from the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Thomas Mazur presented to the Board a suggested format and sample of recognition plaque for individuals who supported the performing arts program.

## Superintendent's Report

### RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### District

**Rutgers University and North Plainfield Public Schools** have joined together to support the needs of our educators and improve student achievement in our school district. In July, Rutgers University and North Plainfield Public Schools submitted a grant proposal ("**School System Improvement Project**") to the **US Department of Education - Teacher Incentive Fund (TIF) program, a federal program that promotes district-wide reform efforts to increase educators' effectiveness and student achievement.** I am proud to report to you that Rutgers University and North Plainfield Public Schools have been selected as winning applicants!

This supportive federal funding will help enable administrators and teachers to work together in establishing a collaborative system for further investing in our educators and students. With the help of Rutgers University, our district will develop fair and balanced (evidence-based) educator and principal evaluation systems linked to supportive professional development programs and establish appropriate means for rewarding and retaining effective teachers and principals. Through the School System Improvement Project, North Plainfield Public Schools and Rutgers University will increase the number of effective teachers and principals in our district and promote student growth in achievement. This 5-year grant is a fantastic opportunity to establish a fair and balanced educator evaluation system (which meets the NJ DOE's 2014 requirements), provide supportive district-wide professional development, and enhance the learning environment for our students. We are thrilled to be working with Rutgers University on this exciting project!

#### Staff

**Kristyn Rosen, NPHS English/art teacher and yearbook advisor,** was one of twenty-five secondary school teachers selected from a group of highly qualified teachers from across the country to participate in an intensive four-week institute, from July 1 through July 27, at the **Folger Shakespeare Library** in Washington, DC. The **Folger's Teaching Shakespeare Institute** focused on four of William Shakespeare's plays: *The Comedy of Errors*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Othello*, and *Pericles*.

A typical day at the institute began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 5:00 p.m. Each play was the subject of a week-long examination. Lectures, seminars, colloquiums, curriculum and performance sessions and workshops and primary research were all part of the daily rigor. Additional follow-up work was undertaken by the participants - independent reading, research and curriculum development projects in addition to a lengthy research project conducted at the **Folger Shakespeare Library's Reading Room**. A private reading research library, the Reading Room hosts scholars from around the world on a private and limited basis. Overall, participants logged more than 140 hours of research and classroom time during the institute for professional development. The fellowship also came with a \$3,300 stipend.

Lesson plans and curriculum plans developed by Ms. Rosen and the other participants will be published on the Folger's Teach and Learn website, a source of teaching resource materials that attracts more than 1 million page views each year from educators and students around the globe.

## Students

**Kevin Sani**, NPHS senior, has been named a Semifinalist in the **2013 National Achievement Scholarship Program**. Kevin's selection was based on his performance on the 2011 PSAT. Only 1600 semifinalists have been named nationally. Kevin is eligible to become a finalist and win an Achievement Scholarship award.

The **NPHS Marching Canucks** took first place at the **Piscataway Superchief Marching Band Festival** this past Saturday, September 30, 2012. In addition, they brought home awards of **Best Percussion, Best Color Guard, and Best Visual honors**. The prior Saturday, they placed fourth in the marching band competition held at Hunterdon Central High School. The point spread was very close, with only a half a point separating several band scores. The **NPHS Color Guard** continued its winning ways securing the **Best Guard Award** at the competition.

**John DeLaurentis** and **Chelsea Howson**, NPHS English teachers and *Canuckling* advisors, are proud to announce that the 2012 edition of *The Canuckling Literary Arts Magazine, "Roots and Branches,"* has won an additional award. The **American Scholastic Press Association** has awarded the magazine **first place**, with a total score of **950/1000 points!** The judges who critiqued the issue commended the "talented and creative" editors, writers, artists, photographers, graphic designers, and other staff on their "superior efforts." "Among the categories, we received the highest scores in Content Coverage, Organization, and Design. We are very proud of the work that the students have done, and we look forward to future successes with this year's staff," remarked Ms. Howson.

**Summer Reading Celebration: The West End Wildcats Summer Reading Celebration** was a huge success! Over 80 children reached the goal and were invited to the Snow Cone Reading Celebration. These children read fifteen or more books this past summer to reach the reading goal. Some students read as many as forty and one student even read over 200 books! At the celebration the summer readers all received a certificate, a bookmark, WESTIES, a dog tag super reader necklace, a free homework pass, and three gently used books. PNC Bank supplied the children bags with goodies inside. A special note of thanks goes to retired **media specialist, Marilyn LaMarca**, current **media specialist, Lindsay Gall**, and **Marilyn Pinto, student liaison**, who coordinated the Summer Reading Club and planned the celebration for the students. A special thank you to **Danielle Rassa, PTA president** who organized PTA volunteers to assist with the event.

Students recognized:

Sabastian Serna	K	Durkin
Aaron Guempel	K	Lubreski
Ari Johnson	K	Lubreski
John Gomes	K	Lubreski
Jason Reyna	1st	Dolan
Monserrat Gonzalez	1st	Dolan
Fatima Anjum	1st	Dunston
Kevin Philstein	1st	Dunston
Michelle Perez	1st	Durkin
Victoria Henriques	1st	Durkin
Ariana Mastroianni	1st	Knauer

Brianna Wynn	1st	Knauer	
Aidan Lameria	2nd	Birnbaum	
Jianna Mejias	2nd	Birnbaum	
Nathaniel Meicke	2nd	Birnbaum	
Shakur Moss	2nd	Birnbaum	
Brittany Pimentel	2nd	Cirillo	
Devon Walker	2nd	Cirillo	
Rachael Given	2nd	Cirillo	
Ean Jacot	2nd	Karl	
Michelle Galarza	2nd	Karl	
Nfi Bonnavati	2nd	Karl	
Alicial Ibarra	2nd	Lilly	
Allson Lazo	2nd	Lilly	
Lauren Miller	2nd	Lilly	
Nikolas Thunberg	2nd	Lilly	
Sa'id Belfield	2nd	Lilly	
Isaiah Hobson	2nd	Quick	
Brooke Briggs	2nd	Quick	
Madeline Kruszczyński	2nd	Quick	
Yuvakshi Khanna	2nd	Quick	
Alexis Castaneda	2nd	Russell	
Emma Rink	2nd	Russell	
Giancarlo Chuquitarco Morales	2nd	Russell	
Minahal Azhar	2nd	Russell	
Molly Brennan	2nd	Russell	
Nathalie Montengro	2nd	Russell	
Omar Elkhoul	2nd	Russell	236 books
Patrick Adams	2nd	Russell	
Angie Abril	3rd	Apisa	
Duglas Ayala	3rd	Apisa	
Jason Mastroianni	3rd	Apisa	
Jaycob Adoptante	3rd	Apisa	
Jocelyn Galvez	3rd	Apisa	
Justin Vargas	3rd	Apisa	
Kaitlyn Pacheco	3rd	Apisa	
Liam Miller	3rd	Apisa	
Melanie Lopez	3rd	Apisa	
Paola Ayala	3rd	Apisa	
Shayla Marrow	3rd	Apisa	
Tiara Gonzalez	3rd	Apisa	
Adam Stevens	3rd	Bigden	
Arzu Malik	3rd	Bigden	
Ian Smith	3rd	Bigden	
Mia Samuals	3rd	Bigden	
Nia Llewellyn	3rd	Bigden	
Tyler Kasper	3rd	Bigden	
Jaimie Valverde	3rd	Johnson/Lysicatos	
Kaila Barnes	3rd	Johnson/Lysicatos	
Ruth Munoa	3rd	Johnson/Lysicatos	
Sean Rassa	3rd	Johnson/Lysicatos	
Alexs Benavides Chavez	3rd	Rivlin	

Ciara Thom	3rd	Rivlin
Madison Kasper	3rd	Rivlin
Nicholas Cook	3rd	Rivlin
Raquel Kruszczyński	3rd	Rivlin
Kyle Philistine	4th	Glowacki/Schulz
Shaiza Shahzad	4th	Glowacki/Schulz
Sukriti Srinivas	4th	Glowacki/Schulz
Tatiana Gonzalez	4th	Glowacki/Schulz
Amanda Gaetan	4th	Johnson/Lysicatos
Hannah Allphin	4th	Lemos
Harry Hernandez	4th	Lemos
Karla Tinoco	4th	Lemos
Kevin Guaman	4th	Lemos
Kimora Jenkins	4th	Lemos
Vanessa Scopel	4th	Lemos
Zuha Anjum	4th	Lemos
Ashley Dawsey	4th	Morgan
Jasmine Guillen	4th	Morgan
Venus Salipas	4th	Morgan

## Schools

### Stony Brook School

**Stony Brook School's Back-To-School Night:** Back-To-School Night has always been a very special event at Stony Brook School. On September 27, 2012, the staff at Stony Brook School welcomed all Stony Brook families to the annual Back to School Night program. Families were delighted with the new air conditioning in the multi-purpose room, excited to hear about the new heating system and loved the new bathrooms. From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., families in grades K, 1 & 2 visited classrooms, met classroom teachers and learned about grade level expectations. A general assembly was held from 7:10 - 7:30 p.m. for all families. During this time, **Principal Cathy Kobylarz** introduced all staff members, including **Lucas Miller**, the new vocal and choral music teacher. The presentation continued with a technology-based program explaining school news, arrival and dismissal procedures, school goals and contacts. From 7:30-8:00 families were invited to tour the first floor where special area teachers were available with informational displays and handouts. From 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. grades 3 & 4 held their classroom visitations. Invited guests were **Jim Crane** from Somerset County's "**Safe Routes to School Program**" and the local chapter of Boy Scouts. Seventeen parents signed up to participate. Stony Brook's PTA, organized by **Michele Wallace**, offered families donated snacks from **Quick Check. Gray's Florist** donated a fall floral arrangement that was raffled off to all new PTA members, joining that evening. A very surprised kindergarten teacher, **Debbie Lendach**, was delighted when her name was pulled as the winner. "Back to School Night has always been one of the most important evenings of the school year. Teachers, parents and students begin the important work of becoming a learning community focused on building a strong home - school connection. Special thanks to all participants," stated Principal Kobylarz.

**Yvonne Healy, Storyteller, Visits Stony Brook School:** The gift of Blarney was shared among the students and staff at Stony Brook School as Irish Storyteller, Yvonne Healy fascinated listeners with her stories of Immigration and Irish lore. Born and raised in IdR dha dTir, "between the two worlds" of Ireland and America, Ms. Healy has been a masterpiece

performance artist for over 40 years, traveling across the country sharing her stories and adventures. During her story hour at Stony Brook School, Ms. Healy discussed what it was like for her and her family to immigrate to this country. Her role of the storyteller or “Schenachie” was born from a desire to share with others the bedtime stories told to her by her parents. The students listened as she shared three different stories. The first was the story of growing up “Irish-American” with traditions and stories of long ago. She taught the students many different Gaelic words and explained their importance. The second story was titled, “How the Ocean got Salt” and the third was a funny, creepy story of an enchanted forest. Ms. Healy has recorded numerous CDs and written several books. She promised to visit again with more of her “Blarney and Beyond.”

### West End School

**BoxTop PTA Recognition:** West End is off to a great start collecting boxtops for the year. The students brought in 2,553 boxtops this month for a total of \$255.30! In 3rd place with 180 boxtops is **Nicole Rivlin's 3rd grade** class. In 2nd place there was a tie with 200 boxtops. **Marianne Harris' 3rd grade** class and **Nancy Lubreski's Kindergarten** class. In 1st place--again we have a tie with 270 boxtops. **Christine Birnbaum's 2nd grade** class and **Patricia Russell's 2nd grade** class. The PTA supply ice pops for the 5 winning classes.

**Cub Scout Presentation:** On September 24 West End boys attended an assembly presented by **Cub Scout Leaders James McGovern, Bob Holzer, Tom Ventriglia,** and **Paul Galiszewski** about the benefits and opportunities available through scouting.

### East End School

**Back to School Night** was held on Thursday evening, September 20 at East End School. All teachers of “specials” as well as representatives from **Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, PTO** and “**Safe Routes to School Program**” created table displays around the community room to discuss their programs with the families. The entire school community came together to as **Principal Kathleen Herrmann** addressed the audience with an informative presentation. Ms. Herrmann thanked everyone for their support and encouraged parents to become actively involved in PTO, volunteer in their child’s classroom and remain in constant communication with the school. “Education is a journey and the road is traveled for a lifetime. The journey never ends. We need all of you on that journey to ensure the success of your child,” she remarked. Throughout the evening, parents navigated the school visiting classrooms and saw the students’ writing, artwork and projects proudly displayed.

**Character Education:** Third grade teachers **Jill Fogarty** and **Gina Stripto** have a unique way of encouraging their students to be aware of others and compliment each other. Ms. Fogarty and Ms. Stripto read the story *Have You Filled a Bucket Today?* written by Carol McCloud to introduce the students to the importance of recognizing the good in others. On each classroom door, there are tiny colored hanging buckets labeled with each child’s name in that class. Even the teachers have buckets. Throughout the day, students and adults can leave a message in a bucket which can include notes, such as asking someone to play or how he/she is doing. On Back to School Night, parents were encouraged to leave a message in a bucket and to send in notes throughout the school year. All bucket notes are read on Fridays. “This is an excellent incentive which focuses on the six pillars of character education. Everyone needs praise and this incentive is fostering a positive school

climate. It helps everyone realize that kindness and concern go a long way,” remarked Ms. Herrmann. For more information, please visit [www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org) – select East End School, East End staff, and visit Jill Fogarty or Gina Stripto’s website. Kindness...it’s a good thing!

Ms. Herrmann read *The Gingerbread Man Loose in the School* by Laura Murray to Diane Forino’s kindergarten class. “Reading to children has to be one of my most favorite and rewarding experiences. I particularly enjoyed when the kindergarten students choral read with me because it kept them engaged and focused,” stated Ms. Herrmann. Ms. Herrmann also read the *Egyptian Cinderella* by Shirley Climo to Karen F. Lewis’ second grade class. This Cinderella variant provided the second graders with an opportunity to compare and contrast the story to the Cinderella fairytale many children are familiar with which was written by Charles Perrault. Ms. Herrmann informed the students that there are many different Cinderella variants and they can be found in the East End School media center or at the public library.

### Somerset School

*Hispanic History Month: Nothing beats magnificent culture, powerful language, astounding history, and fascinating people of Hispanic Heritage. From September 15 through October 15, Somerset School is honoring people, places, culture, and natural environment of Mexico, Central, and South America.*

*Hispanic Heritage Month was broken down into four weeks. Week one students virtually learned about famous Latinos: Pat Mora, children’s book author; Mario Molina, a nuclear scientist; Ellen Ochoa, NASA astronaut; Bob Unanue, CEO of Goya Foods; and, of course, Carlos Santana and his famous guitar! Week two they took a trip to places in the United States that carry Spanish names, like Colorado and Los Gatos. Week three they learned all about cuisine from South and Central America: RopaVieja from Cuba, Pupusa from El Salvador, el Cuy from Peru, Tamale from Guatemala, and, finally, on Friday, they “treated” themselves to a dessert – el Flan, from Mexico. Lastly, week four was dedicated to animals that reside in various parts of Mexico, Central and South America. Puerto Rican Coquí, Chilean Chinchilla, Peruvian llama, Galapagos Tortoise, and Costa Rican Green Iguana, all made a virtual appearance at Somerset School!*

**Week of Respect:** During the first week in October, the Week of Respect will be in full swing! Both students and faculty will participate in various activities to promote and maintain a tone of decency in the school, value and respect each other, and appreciate each other’s uniqueness. Teachers will be creating lesson plans to address bullying. Further, engaging activities for both in and out of the classroom are planned: *Random Acts of Kindness, Ten Things to be Thankful For, a Letter to a Local Hero, Miranda Peabody and the Magnificent Friendship March, and Recess Queen.* Additionally, students will have the opportunity to participate in an anti-bullying program focusing on team building, collaboration, and respect for others.

**Back to School Night – 5<sup>th</sup> grade:** On Monday, September 24, Somerset School opened its doors to parents of 5<sup>th</sup> students for Back to School Night. It started with a welcome message from **Principal Reginald Sainte-Rose**, where the school’s mission and goals were presented. Mr. Sainte-Rose emphasized the importance of parent and community involvement and provided a clear description of the school’s policies and available student activities. After the initial message and presentation, parents were welcomed by teachers

in their homerooms. School hallways displayed student projects from various classes, including colorful posters from the advisory group. Around 300 parents took this great opportunity to get to know their child's teacher, principal, fellow parents, and ask any questions. Back to School Night truly provided parents with a glimpse of their child's daily life at school and an opportunity to learn about the curriculum. Some teachers had parents sit in their child's seat! Teachers also took this chance to introduce themselves to parents and give an overview of students' daily routines, schedules, goals, and activities. "All in all, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Back to School Night was a great success!" remarked Principal Sainte-Rose.

***M.A.L.E.S.:*** *The M.A.L.E.S (Mentoring and Leadership Equals Success) Program made its debut at North Plainfield Public Schools on October 25, 2007. The group consists of approximately 65 boys, grades 6-12 who have demonstrated signs of leadership and academic success. The primary aim of the program is to promote intellectual and leadership skills amongst young men. The program is a subsidiary of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Theta Psi Lambda Chapter, National "Go to High School Go to College" initiative. The program is conducted via many volunteers from the community. The volunteer mentors of the program include undergraduates to retirees. The academic and career diversity includes attorneys, medical doctors, educators, and financial analysts, to name a few.*

*"We are proud and excited to announce that the M.A.L.E.S program will continue in for our young men in the North Plainfield Schools. Please join us as we provide this great opportunity for young men to participate in this prestigious program. Our **Kick off Meeting** will be held at Somerset Intermediate School, commencing at 5:30 p.m., October 5, 2012 at Somerset School community room. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend," noted Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal and program facilitator.*

## **Board**

The North Plainfield Board of Education is embarking on a **Strategic Planning** process for the school district. **Gwen Thornton, a New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA)** facilitator, hosted an information session on Monday, October 1, at 7:30 p.m., in the West End School Community Room.

At this meeting, the process and schedule of this undertaking was explained in detail. The Board is hoping that staff, students, parents, community leaders and other interested members of the public will work together to identify the strengths and special attributes of the schools as well as the critical issues and challenges that the district faces. Group discussions will eventually lead to a Strategic Plan that should identify North Plainfield's beliefs, vision, and mission. The final document will be used to help the Board of Education develop future goals for the success the district.

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES**

### **EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING**

Safety Topic – Operations: The safety topic for September was power equipment safety and operation. Related safety training was provided via our new on-line employee training system and all employees have or are currently completing their assigned training. The safety topic for October is electrical safety.

Safety Topic – Transportation: The current safety topic for van drivers and van paraprofessionals is special education lifts and transfers. Related safety training is being

provided via our new on-line employee training system and all employees are currently completing their assigned training.

RTK (Right to Know) – New Employees: As required, a mandatory training session has been scheduled for all new employees. This training session, to be held on December 11, 2012, will cover a wide range of safety related topics including RTK and accident and injury prevention.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

### **SECURITY DRILLS**

The security drill for September was a lock down drill. All schools completed their assigned drills. The Security Drill for the month of October is an offsite evacuation.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY PLAN**

The Department of Homeland Security, working in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning has created mandatory guidelines for a new School Safety and Security Plan for all school districts. This new plan will require the creation of a district-wide committee and will take approximately one year to fully implement. UPDATE: As required, members of our administrative team have signed up to attend two mandatory training sessions in October.

### **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.

- Installation of lever-function door lock assemblies for all of our new restrooms.
- Relocation of all a/c unit controls in the Stony Brook gymnasium.
- Completion of air conditioner installations for a student at the middle school. In all, a total of six rooms were air conditioned.
- Installation of new faucets in kindergarten restrooms at East and West End Schools.
- Removal and/or relocation of electrical components at Watchung School to prepare for the installation of new heating elements.
- Installation of a new double stack pizza oven in the high school kitchen.

An updated Project Register has been included with this report that details work in progress or recently completed projects. Please review this register for additional information.

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS, STATUS REPORT (Current)**

### **HARRISON SCHOOL**

Chiller Installation: UPDATE: The chiller is now fully operational and the installation of energy controls has been completed. Completion of minor punch list items was scheduled for September 26, 2012 and the project will be closed out shortly thereafter.

### **STONY BROOK SCHOOL**

Multi-Purpose Room Air Conditioning: UPDATE: The air conditioning system, including gymnasium units and a rooftop condenser, have now been installed and are fully operational. Completion of minor punch list items was scheduled for September 26, 2012 and the project will be closed out shortly thereafter.

### **DISTRICT-WIDE SOLAR ENERGY**

Solar Energy: UPDATE: This project is now underway. Please review the information below for a current status of the project at each location.

East End School – All associated equipment has been loaded to the roof(s) and installation is in progress. An RFI is pending at this time regarding the installation and location of the electrical inverter.

West End School – All associated equipment has been loaded to the roof(s) and installation is in progress. All RFI's have been addressed.

Somerset School – All associated equipment has been loaded to the roof(s) and installation is in progress. All RFI's have been addressed.

High & Middle School – The contractor is currently preparing to load the roof(s) with all associated equipment during the week of October 1, 2012. There are several RFI's pending for this project.

### **WATCHUNG SCHOOL**

Complete Heating System Replacement: UPDATE: The installation of heating system components is continuing on the main floor and lower level. The two new boilers and one new unit-ventilator have been installed. This project is on schedule for completion prior to the upcoming heating season.

### **STONY BROOK SCHOOL**

Complete Heating System Replacement: UPDATE: Associated case work in classrooms is currently being completed on second shift. A system start-up was scheduled for September 26, 2012 and pending any deficiencies, the system will be fully operational. This project is on schedule for completion prior to the upcoming heating season.

### **DISTRICT-WIDE RESTROOM PROJECT**

Restroom Renovations: UPDATE: All final punch list items have now been corrected and we are currently waiting close out documents from the contractor. A close out meeting will be scheduled in the near future. In all, twenty two restrooms were renovated in four buildings.

### **DISTRICT-WIDE WIRELESS UPGRADE PROJECT**

UPDATE: A bid opening was held on September 27, 2012 and we will be able to award this project October 3.

### **DISTRICT-WIDE ENERGY REDUCTION PROJECT**

The district has been approved for the Direct Install Program sponsored by PSE&G. This program provides partial funding for lighting upgrades that will reduce future energy costs. The project consists of lighting sensors for classrooms, restrooms, hallways and offices. Additionally, the project includes the replacement of gym lighting fixtures and energy controls for a number of our heating and air conditioning units. The first year savings are projected to be approximately \$38,000 district-wide. More information will follow as we move forward with this project.

## **HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY RENOVATIONS**

This project includes a redesign and renovation of the existing space with an emphasis on technology and media. This project will require the creation of a steering committee to ensure the new design will meet our current and future needs. The planning stage of this project will begin in late September with a projected completion over next summer. UPDATE: We have created the steering committee for this project and will be having a meeting on October 16.

## **OTHER IMPROVEMENTS, NON CAPITAL (2012/2013)**

### **PENDING GRANTS**

Safe Routes NJDOT Grant: On behalf of the school district and the borough, Ridewise has applied for a Safe Routes to Schools Grant sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Transportation. If approved, the grant will include concrete repairs to sidewalks, curb cut outs and miscellaneous improvements throughout the district and the borough. We anticipate the awarding of this grant in the near future.

Safe Routes Mini Grant. This grant will cover the cost to expand the existing playground and the installation of additional playground equipment. We anticipate the awarding of this grant in the near future.

### **ENERGY REDUCTION**

Demand Response. UPDATE: The district is now participating in a Demand Response Program through Constellation Energy Services. As a condition of the program, the district is compensated for agreeing to reduce our utility load during a high-demand event. The district will also receive additional compensation for participation during an actual event.

### **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.

### 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 by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the attached List of Sick Leave Credits and Personal Days as of June 30, 2012.

Thomas Allen – Aye  
David Branam – 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 the Board of Education approve the certified staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between January 2012 through May 2012 at the 2010-2011 rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

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 Lucy Pimpinella as an instructional paraprofessional in the kindergarten class at East End School for 3.75 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective October 4, 2012. (Ms. Pimpinella will replace Nancy Las Luisa.)

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 following teachers be appointed to tutor students before and/or after school for up to 1.5 hours and Saturday mornings for up to 3.0 hours in the P.A.S.S./Extended Day Program, at the rate of \$35 per hour:

Barnali Dasgupta	Renee Heller	Kristyn Rosen
Kristen Didyoung	James Kelly	Charles Rowan
Megan Farrell	Michael Mulry	Debra Soriano
Cori Goldberg	Alexandra Pereira	Emily Thompson
	Andrew Risoli	

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 Laura Dalton as a special education teacher at NPHS at the 2010-2011 MA/Step 3-4 (4) annual salary rate of \$53,865, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective date November 5, 2012, or sooner pending release from her current employment. (Ms. Dalton will replace Erin Jones.)

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 by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the use and implementation of the curriculum for the following middle school courses:

Concert Band (Graded 7-8)  
Wind Ensemble (Grades 7-8)

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following textbook(s) and/or tradebooks to be used in the district:

Title:	<i>Pinch Hit</i>
Author:	Tim Green
Publisher:	Harper
Copyright:	2012
Course/Levels:	Grade 5

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 Dynamic Therapeutic Services to provide speech therapy at the cost of \$107 per hour for up to five days per week and up to six hours per day.

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 home instruction for classified student HI-05-12-13 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff, effective September 17, 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 out-of-district placement of the following classified students at the Cranford Achievement Program at the cost of \$45,676 each per year, to be prorated effective October 4, 2012:

PPPPP-12-13

RRRRR-12-13

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 classified student TRANS-02-12-13 receive translation services to be provided by Ambassador Translating at the cost of \$110 per hour (2-3 hour minimum) and \$43 per hour for transportation (3 hour maximum charge).

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 home instruction for non-classified student HI-6-12-13 for up to five hours per day to be provided by Dayton Village Inc., a residential treatment program, at the cost of \$114 per day, effective September 21, 2012.

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 payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated October 3, 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 the following field trips:

School	Date	Purpose	Location	Cost	Transportation
NPHS C. Howson J. DeLaurentis	10/12/12	Dodge Poetry Festival Students will be exposed to the world of poetry	Newark, NJ	\$0.00	District
NPHS C. Goldberg	10/13/12	American Sign Language Honor Society will participate in a 5K Walk4Hearing.	Mercer County Park West Windsor, NJ	\$0.00	District

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 acknowledge that emergency exit fire drills were conducted on all pupil transportation vehicles during the month of September, 2012 in accordance with NJSA 6:21-11:4.

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 is awarding the following bid for the purpose of installing a wireless upgrade system for improved connectivity throughout the district:

**WHEREAS**, on September 27, 2012, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of the project to install a wireless upgrade system throughout the district (“Project”); and

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

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

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board has determined that RFP Solutions, Inc., having offices at 10-F Greenwood Avenue, Woodbury, NJ 08096, is the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the Project, with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$44,100.00 (Forty Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars), and four alternate bids as follows:

- Alternate 1 \$18,082.00 (Eighteen Thousand Eighty-Two Dollars)
- Alternate 2 \$18,635.00 (Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars)
- Alternate 3 \$14,535.00 (Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars)
- Alternate 4 \$ 8,047.00 (Eight Thousand Forty-Seven Dollars)

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

RFP Solutions, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the Project, for the total contract sum of **\$103,399.00 (One Hundred Three Thousand Three Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars)**,

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

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

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the district's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2012-2013 school year:

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of North Plainfield School District are consistent with these requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Plainfield School District hereby authorize the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the North Plainfield School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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 – Dr. Rich will report on last meeting when minutes are distributed.

Communications – Ms. Dodd discussed with the Board the major issues that were discussed

Curriculum – Dr. Rich discussed recent programs and books approved by the committee.

Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – Dr. Birnbaum mentioned there would be a vote by members on Friday.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper updated the Board on recent legislation.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper discussed the recent meeting which was held on Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at North Plainfield Board Office.

SCESC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

**Old Business**

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed the Strategic Planning kickoff meeting.

**New Business**

Mr. Allen expressed concern regarding the end zone nets on Upper Krausche Field.

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

**Current Events in Education**

There were none.

**Comments from the Public**

Tracy Peters commented on Strategic Planning meeting and mentioned Journey Into the Past being held the weekend of October 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Future Agenda Items**

Correspondence from Joseph Rosenberg

Bridge Program Update – Jane Delaney, Director of Pupil Services

New Staff Introductions/Service Milestones – December 5<sup>th</sup>

Summer School

Inspired By Lead (IBL)

P.A.S.S. Program

Rutgers Grant

**Adjournment**

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on October 17, 2012 at 7:00 pm at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg