

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on December 21, 2011 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
David Branan
Sandra Dodd
Thomas Kasper

Kathleen Mullen
Nancy Szaroleta
Linda Bond-Nelson

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 40 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 December 7, 2011.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of December 7, 2011.

Financial Report

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated in the amount of \$5,118,738.46.

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of October 2011 and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

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

Comments from the Public

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public, Alex Gardner asked about the cable channel covering the board meetings.

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Jihad Womack as follows:

Senior Class

The Senior Class student council has been busy voting on the details of the senior prom. The SCSC visited more possible venues, such as the Valley Regency in Clifton. In an effort to keep the costs minimal, the seniors are considering holding the prom on a Thursday evening. At the December 8th meeting, the SCSC selected the prom venue and menu and also voted on the prom theme. The senior prom is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 24th at the Skylands in Randolph. The date has not be finalized as we were informed Senior Day of Service is scheduled for the same day. The SCSC also held a holiday candy gram fundraiser; for only \$1.00 students could send personalized holiday greeting cards and homemade chocolate lollipops to fellow classmates.

Junior Class

The Junior prom has been scheduled for Friday, April 27th at the Westwood in Garwood. Multiple fundraisers are planned to assist with the cost of the prom.

Freshman and Sophomore Class

The 9th and 10th grade student councils are hosting a winter semi-formal for their classmates. The dance will be held in the high school gym on Friday, January 20, 2012 from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. The high school PTO will assist with refreshments and decorations. If a conflict arises with the use of the gym, the dance will be held in the cafeteria.

American Sign Language Honor Society

The ASL honor society will be conducting fundraisers to support the work of the Deaf Professional Arts Network (DPAN). ASL honor society students are also available for tutoring ASL students in need of additional help.

Spanish Honor Society

The Spanish honor society members are available for tutoring fellow students who are having difficulties with language in the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are also planning the following trips:

- Ellis Island
- Repertorio Espanol in New York City
- Museums

The honor society members, in the past, have gone to the elementary schools to read stories to the students and assist them with their language acquisition. It is anticipated they will continue this again in the future.

Mr. Canuck Competition

The annual "Mr. Canuck" competition will be held on Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. This annual tradition, sponsored by the Project Graduation Committee, has senior boys compete in a beauty/talent pageant which is judged by the female class officers. All proceeds from the event go direct to the Project Graduation fund.

Presentation

Mr. Bill Swisher, Suplee, Clooney & Company presented the findings and recommendations from the 2010-2011 annual school audit report.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Staff

Acme's Teacher of the Month: Each month ACME Market in Middlesex selects a "Teacher of the Month" from submissions made by customers. A student in West End School and his mother submitted **Nancyanne Schreck's** name for consideration. Ms. Schreck was chosen as their "Teacher of the Month." She received a \$50 gift card, certificate, and tote bag.

Students

Thomas Keane, a grade 10 student, and member of the NPHS concert and marching bands has passed the rigorous audition process and has been accepted as a member of the **Drum Corps International (DCI)** marching band. The DCI will be on tour throughout the country this summer. "I would like to add that Thomas stepped in at the last moment to play percussion in the orchestra of *A Christmas Carol-the Musical* to fill in for another student who had become ill," remarked **Tom Mazur, supervisor of fine, practical, and performing arts.**

Zonia Menendez, Christina Stoudt, and Max Torres, all seniors, will represent NPHS in the **Region II Chorus.** Details regarding time and place of what always proves to be an incredibly awesome concert will follow shortly.

Christopher Urbano-Gomez, a seventh grader in **Tammy Mackiewicz's** art class, was selected as runner-up for the "**Design a Badge**" contest to celebrate the 300 year anniversary of the **Somerset County Sheriff's Department.** Interestingly, there was only to be one "winner" (went to a senior at Watchung, who used computer graphics), but they were so impressed with Christopher's original drawing that they decided to include a "runner-up." Therefore, the student and his family will be extended an invitation to receive a certificate from Sheriff Provenzano at the court house in Somerville and will be allowed to be a "sheriff for a day."

As part of the "**North Plainfield High School Students of the Month**" program, the following students were nominated by their teachers and selected by a committee of teachers for their contributions to NPHS for October and November 2011. Students are recognized for their accomplishments with a NPHS pride pin, a North Plainfield Canuck t-shirt, a certificate, and a letter to their parent/guardian thanking them for their support and congratulating them on their child's achievement:

October 2011

Scarley Romero	Fine/Performing Arts
Ilsy Romero	Academic Achievement, Grades 9-10
Jihad Womack	Academic Excellence, Grades 11-12
Cassey Sanon	Academic Excellence, Grades 9-10
Tracey Rodriguez	"The Canuck"
Naomi Reilly	School Spirit

November 2011

Shelby Watters	Fine/Performing Arts
Annie Reading	Practical Arts
Jose Salguero	Academic Achievement, Grades 11-12
Daniela Barrios-Cuevas	Academic Achievement, Grades 9-10
Kevin Sani	Academic Excellence, Grades 11-12
Olivia Flood	Academic Excellence, Grades 9-10
Marissa Sarfati	"The Canuck"
Shannon West	School Spirit

The following is a preliminary list of college acceptances:

Nour Abraham- Rutgers Newark
Fernanda Altamirano- Rutgers New Brunswick
Yamna Anwar- FDU, NJIT (Honors Program), William Patterson University
Annisa Carter- Morgan State, FDU
Sara Curran- FDU
Briana DiMauro- Berkeley College
Stephanie Febus- Robert Fiance
Jeffrey Gugliotta- Rutgers University
Nothando Gumede- South Carolina State
Stephanie Hatala- Rutgers University
Rafael Hernandez- Bloomfield College
Angela Ho- FDU, William Patterson University
Jessica Lane- Hampton State, University of Hartford
Aljeron Leverett- South Carolina State
Camilo Marulanda- NJIT
Salvatore Mastrobattista- PSU, Kings College, William Patterson University
Christopher Nichols- Rutgers Newark
Trey Patterson- Virginia Union, Coppin State, York College, Johnson and Wales,
Bloomfield
Thomas Pisani- FDU, William Patterson University
Jorge Regalado- Berkeley College
Donyelle Stuetley- Virginia State
Christopher Valentin- Lincoln Tech.
Jacob Watters- Rutgers University
Shannon West- Seton Hall University
Shamay Wiggan- Rutgers Newark

Schools

Elementary Schools

Fast ForWord Program: The Fast ForWord (FFW) program will once again open its doors for the district's second and third grade students. This fourth year of continued intervention work has a scheduled relaunch in January and will be run by the district's academic support teachers. They are currently attending workshops at Stony Brook School sponsored by Scientific Learning Corporation, with the goal of streamlining the program to maximize student achievement, through a more effective intervention program. This technology-based lab is designed as an intervention program that works to help students improve their reading and thinking skills. The students work daily for thirty minutes utilizing brain fitness exercises designed to develop and strengthen cognitive skills that will improve memory, visual and auditory attention skills, as well as strengthen visual processing and sequencing abilities. The lab services targeted students from grades 2 & 3 who work daily to exercise their brains and by doing so get themselves better fit for learning.

West End School

Diabetes Walk: Congratulations and many thanks to school nurse **Barbara Walker**, music teacher **Jon Scott** and physical education and health teachers **Wendy Alvarez** and **Chris Sepesi** for organizing and running a very successful Diabetes Walk. They collected and sent \$915.00 to the **American Diabetes Association**.

Mitten Tree: Many thanks to **Taryn Buffolino**, school counselor and all staff members and parents who contributed to the Mitten Tree Project. Ninety-two children will receive gifts this holiday season because of everyone's generosity.

Second Grade Used Toy Sale: The West End School second graders will be having a "Gently Used Toy Sale" on Thursday, December 22. The students have collected used toys and will be selling them to the rest of the student body for twenty-five cents each. All proceeds will be donated to the Smile Train. This is one of their service learning character education projects for this school year.

Santa is Coming to West End: Santa and his helpers will visit the kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students on December 23. Santa will deliver a candy cane to each student and wish them a happy holiday season. School counselor **Joan Graham** will be arriving with Santa and his helpers mid-morning before returning back to their home-base at Harrison School. **Principal Beth Sobel** expressed her gratitude for the students from the Bridge Program led by Ms. Graham. Ms. Sobel stated, "They come to West End to provide the students with a joyful time at the holidays. We really appreciate the high school students for this fun event every year."

East End School

December 5 was a special day for students at East End School as they attended an assembly presented by **Sedecki's Puppet Theater**. The life-size puppets sent a strong message on the importance of sharing, caring and respect. The assembly supported the continued study of the **Six Pillars of Character Education** and helped to raise awareness in the importance of being a good citizen.

Kathleen Herrmann, principal, has been busy reading to the children at East End School and the students have enjoyed listening to the story, *Piggy Pie* by Margie Palatini. "I chose this book because the students must remain engaged with the story in order to see the disguises that the pigs take on in order to escape the witch," remarked Ms. Herrmann. "It was so exciting when the students in many classes made a text-to-text connection and pointed out the words "Surrender Piggy" which they connected to "Surrender Dorothy" from the *Wizard of Oz*, further stated Ms. Herrmann.

East End School has been extremely busy during the past few weeks collecting gifts and food for needy East End families. A **Giving Tree** contains the age and gender of a child and people from the school community have been selecting from the tree so that a child can receive a gift during the holiday season. Food baskets are also being compiled and will be distributed to families during the last week before the winter recess. **Jackie Spaventa, counselor**, and **Diane Olsen, school nurse**, are facilitating this endeavor.

Stony Brook School

Stony Brook's Nutrition Assembly: On December 6, 2011, Maschio's Food Service offered the students of Stony Brook School a delightful assembly focused on healthy food choices. The assembly was a kick-off for the Fresh Vegetable & Fruit Program and also an Awards Assembly for the district's Poster Contest winners. Honored guests included **Don Sternberg, the district's business administrator; Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal of Somerset School; Joan Marcuzzi, Maschio's area supervisor; Hallie Smith, Maschio's corporate dietitian; and a representative from Schwan's, the bike company.** The two winners of the poster contest, who each received a Schwan Bicycle were **Sally Chacon from West End School** and **Salma Mady-Abraham from Somerset.** Salma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mady-Abraham were also present for the assembly. Also recognized and presented with a medal was **Stony Brook's Scarlett Rojas.** The Stony Brook posters and the winning posters were on display during the assembly, giving everyone a chance to view the display. During the assembly, dietitian **Hallie Smith** reviewed the monthly menu with the Stony Brook students, highlighting special fruits and vegetables available for the month. To their great delight, each student received a bag with their own Clementine, as the first piece of fruit from the Fresh Fruit Program. "Thank you, Maschio's Food Service and all contest participants," exclaimed **Cathy Kobylarz, principal.**

Somerset School

Somerset Winter Social: *Approximately 250 Somerset School students, many dressed in suits or skirts, filled the community room for a winter social.*

*"We did this because these students met their behavior goals for the month of November," said **Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal** and a member of the school's **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Committee.** "We had each student fill out a goal sheet for themselves. If they met that goal for the first three months, they received an invitation to the dance."*

*The school offers a monthly incentive program for students who follow Somerset Ways – "We are cooperative, we are kind, we are respectful, we are responsible and we are safe." The school put an emphasis on being cooperative. Students discovered a disc jockey at one end of the community room, spinning popular tunes. The **DJs** were current **seventh graders***

Raul Noriega and Ryan Pego. *Mid-way through, they took time out to recharge with snacks and refreshments sponsored by the PTO.*

“The kids loved it and it was a great for them. Teachers enjoyed watching the kids have fun and moving. It was also enjoyable to see the students who earned it and worked hard to achieve their personal behavior goals,” remarked Mr. Sainte-Rose

Mythmakers at Somerset School: On December 13, the **Mythmakers** , a professional acting duo comprised of **master storyteller, Gerald Fierst** and **musician and actor, Richard Stillman**, mesmerized fifth and sixth graders at Somerset School in North Plainfield with their lively renditions of holiday stories and songs from around the world. The program consisted of multicultural folktales, lively songs in several languages, and the grand finale - a silent motivational story to “take home,” which was a student participatory lesson in sign language. This unique lesson about seasonal traditions of other cultures was received with much enthusiasm and applause by staff and students alike.

NPHS

Under the direction of **Mary Beth Winsor, NPHS history teacher**, approximately 75 senior citizens, NPHS students (and some middle schoolers who asked if they could participate) signed and wrote greetings on about 200 holiday cards which are being given to **Daniele Fauci, social studies teacher in the middle school**, to be shipped to her husband's ex-unit. Ms. Fauci is taking care of the shipping.

NPMS

From December 20- January 18, all students in the 8th grade class will be going on bus tours of **Rutgers University**. The tours are taking place as a result of the cultural resiliency survey given to the 7th and 8th grade students last year. “This is a great opportunity for the middle school students to be exposed to higher education and begin to think about how they see themselves in the future,” remarked **John Ferguson, assistant principal**. The tours will be done by homeroom, two homerooms at a time.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic: The safety topic for December is accident prevention. Related safety training is being provided via our new on-line employee training system, and all employees are currently completing their assigned training.

Safe Schools On-Line Training: The department is currently working on district specific course modules to be uploaded to the Safe Schools Training Site. Once these modules are loaded, employees will be able to review district specific work practices and guidelines. **Edward Ostroff, director**, continues to receive very positive feedback regarding this new system expressing that a number employees have taken additional courses both related and unrelated to their job descriptions.

HEALTH & SAFETY SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for December is an on-site evacuation. All schools, including the alternative programs are on schedule to complete this drill before the end of the month.

FEMA SUBMISSION #1

Pending: No further information is available at this time.

FEMA SUBMISSION #3

The Governors' Declaration for Hurricane Irene cleared the way for us to apply for reimbursement of reasonable expenses related to the storm. On December 6, our application was processed and submitted to FEMA.

FEMA SUBMISSION #4

The Governor and the President have now declared the snow storm that began on October 30. Our preliminary submission has been approved and we are now waiting for further instructions.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (Completed)

Below is a partial list of projects and/or in-house maintenance tasks that were recently completed:

- The Greenhouse at Harrison School has now passed a final inspection and is ready for occupancy. Additionally, a recycled rain water system has been designed and installed for irrigation.
- Flooring repairs in the high school gym.
- Installation of heat in the restrooms of the house at Fromm Field.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (In Progress)

Listed below are projects and/or in-house maintenance projects that are currently in progress and should be completed shortly:

- Completion of fence modifications at Harrison School in preparation of the chiller project. See additional project information below.
- Repairs and restoration to the NPHS running track caused by Hurricane Irene. UPDATE: Unfortunately, the surfacing material could not be applied due to the onset of the cold weather. The contractor will return in the spring to complete the surface and stripe the track.

CAPITAL PROJECTS (Status Report)

HARRISON SCHOOL

Installation of a chiller, piping and associated controls to air condition the entire building: This project will be partially funded by a Rod Grant. Bids were received for this project on November 2 but were rejected due to cost. We are currently reviewing our options.

STONY BROOK SCHOOL

Installation of two package air conditioning units for the Multi-Purpose Room: This project will be partially funded by a Rod Grant. Bids were received for this project on November 2 but were rejected due to cost. We are currently reviewing our options.

DISTRICT WIDE

Solar Energy Grant: The contractor now anticipates a start-up of this project in January, weather permitting.

ENERGY REDUCTION

Demand Response: The district is currently working with Constellation Energy Services regarding its ability to qualify for a Demand Response Program. If we qualify for the program, the district would be compensated for agreeing to reduce its utility load during a high-demand event. The district would also receive additional compensation for our participation during an actual event.

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 that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses, as indicated on the attached list.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Janet Quinteros as a lunchroom paraprofessional at East End School for 1.5 hours per day at the 2010-2011 rate of \$20.16 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective January 3, 2012 through June 21, 2012. (Ms. Quinteros will replace Shantel Sanchez.)

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve Christine Saliceti from Kean University as a counseling intern at NPHS with Joelle Bruno serving as her on-site supervisor.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individual(s) as district K-12 substitute teacher(s):

Daniel Dwyer	Kelly Albanese	Linda Parrott
Shantal Sanchez	Krista Bono	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following certificated staff be reimbursed for courses taken between June and August 2011 at the 2010-2011 rates, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>College</u>	<u>Crd</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb</u>
Jerard Stephenson (Principal/NPHS)	Colloquy in Ed Leadership II	College of St. Elizabeth	6	\$6108	\$3960
Chin Ping Jen (Science/MS)	Teacher Action Research	Gratz College	3	\$980	\$735

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve Luis Rincon to teach an HSPA after-school preparation course for up to 33 hours at the rate of \$30 per hour.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Charles V. Jairedullo, teacher of health/physical education and driver training at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the following recommendation be tabled:

That the Board of Education approve the employment of Angelina Lowder as a confidential secretary/registrar to the assistant superintendent of schools at the annual rate of \$52,000.00 effective January 3, 2012. (Ms. Lowder will replace Carol Villani.)

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education adjust the leave of absence previously granted to Heather Fencik, instrumental music teacher at NPHS, as follows:

Disability Period

FROM: March 23, 2012 – April 28, 2012

TO: March 17, 2012 – April 28, 2012

Unpaid Leave of Absence Under the Federal Family Leave Act

FROM: April 29, 2012 – June 10, 2012

TO: April 29, 2012 – June 7, 2012

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following classified students undergo a neurological evaluation to be provided by Dr. Kavita Sinha at the cost of \$325 each:

NEU-04-11-12

NEU-06-11-12

NEU-05-11-12

NEU-07-11-12

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following classified student undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$350:

PSY-12-11-12

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-22-11-12 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff effective December 9, 2011.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student AUD-01-11-12 undergo an audiological evaluation to be provided by JFK Hospital Center for Audiology at the cost of \$419.00.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 18A:7a-10 establishes the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for evaluating performance of each school district, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the district is based upon five key components of school district effectiveness: instruction and program, personnel, fiscal management, operations, and governance, and

WHEREAS, North Plainfield School District's five components were reviewed by the New Jersey Department of Education in the 2010-2011 school year, and received the maximum designation as 'High Performing School District,' and

WHEREAS, North Plainfield School District is not scheduled to undergo QSAC this year, and all districts not undergoing QSAC in any particular school year must complete a Statement of Assurance (SOA) annually, and

WHEREAS, North Plainfield School District assures that all indicators in the QSAC review have continued to be met,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby approve the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education of the Statement of Assurance as certified by the Chief School Administrator and Board President.

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 and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Auditor's Management Report of Administrative Findings-Financial and Compliance for the year ended June 30, 2011.

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 authorize the administration to enact the attached corrective action plan for the finding detailed in the Auditor's Management Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, in accordance with the documentation provided to the Board:

#1 That the District take action to improve the nonprofit status of the food service program.

Corrective Action Plan:

Additional expenses directly related to the operation of the food service program will be charged to the operating expenses of the program.

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 gratefully accept the donation of audio visual equipment from the North Plainfield Education Foundation as follows:

Samsung Plasma TV – Model PN43D450
Samsung BluRay DVD Player – Model BDD5100
Equipment is to be utilized in the NPHS Drama Club Room

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 entering into an agreement with Advantage 3 to provide services related to the placement of revenue producing signage/advertising at North Plainfield High School, as per the bid provided by the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, at a cost of \$7,500 for the initial development and 20% of any revenue obtained thereafter.

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 of the disposal of AV equipment that is not operating and is not repairable as follows:

S#82331-Film Projector
S#78031-Cassette Player

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 authorize the Business Administrator to re-bid the Harrison Chiller and Stony Brook A/C projects as previous bids were rejected due to price.

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 closing out two fully completed capital projects and having all remaining funds returned to the general fund as follows:

East End School HVAC Project- DOE Project #3670-110-09-1003
Amount: \$107,679.79

High School Toilet Renovation Project- DOE Project #3670-050-10-2000
Amount: \$16,135.00

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following field trip:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
Somerset	1/20/2012	Science Demonstrations and Activities	Rutgers University New Brunswick	\$0.00	District Buses

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 payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated December 31, 2011.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following special education transportation jointure with the Union County Educational Services Commission for the 2011-2012 School year:

Route No.	Contractor	School	Pupils	Per Pupil/ Per Day Cost	Total Cost
474EC	Amaker & Porterfield	Arc Kohler	2	\$83.20	\$29,952.00*
				Total	\$29,952.00

*aide/nurse

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve and accept a grant from the Young Science Achievers Program to provide funding to students for research in science-related projects in the amount of \$400 as applied for by Dr. Sarah O'Donnell, teacher of biology at 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 the Board of Education approve of and support the Borough of North Plainfield in their application to the SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL project submitted to the New Jersey Department of Transportation by Ridewise of Somerset County, Resolution #12-12-11-0 6b, as passed on December 12, 2011, to provide funds for infrastructure improvements throughout the Borough, providing safer and improved walkways for our students.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated October 31, 2011.

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – next meeting scheduled for January 2012.

Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – next meeting scheduled for January 4th at 7:00 pm

Negotiations – meeting scheduled for January 12th at 7 p.m. The mediator will be present.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned legislation moving voting for BOE members to November and not voting on the School Budget.

SCSBA – next meeting scheduled for February 2nd in Warren Township

SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed issues related to community policing and use of Carrier Clinic.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Mr. Branan asked for more information on the EDGE Coop program.

Items moved from future Agenda – there were none.

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

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

Mr. John Fellon thanked the Board for the renovations that were made to the concession stand.

Future Agenda Items

Student Health Study

HIB Report

Technology Discussion

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on January 11, 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 to executive session at 8:30 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 that the following recommendation be removed from table:

That the Board of Education approve the employment of Angelina Lowder as a confidential secretary/registrar to the assistant superintendent of schools at the annual rate of \$52,000.00 effective January 3, 2012. (Ms. Lowder will replace Carol Villani.)

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the employment of Angelina Lowder as a confidential secretary/registrar to the assistant superintendent of schools at the annual rate of \$52,000.00 effective January 3, 2012. (Ms. Lowder will replace Carol Villani.)

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 to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg