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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on April 25, 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 - absent, notified  
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 5 members of the staff and public.

#### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of April 11, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of April 11, 2012.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Kasper 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 March 31, 2012 in the amount of \$5,406,537.17.

Mr. Kasper 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 February 2012 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.

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

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 pm for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

### **Comments from the Public**

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public, there were none.

### **Student Representative Report**

The student report was presented by Jihad Womack as follows:

#### High School News

The outcome of the blood drive that took place on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> was a success! We were able to collect 77 pints of blood, which saves 231 lives! We could have collected more pints, but due to the unexpected ringing of the fire alarm we were unable to meet our goal.

The Sandy Hook Beach Sweep was a success. Thirteen Interact Club members were at Sandy Hook from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> cleaning up the beach along with Interact Clubs from other schools in New Jersey.

The Interact Club is still collecting food for the Backpacks for Children program that the Somerset County Food Bank runs. The Backpack Program provides backpacks full of supplemental nutritious, kid-friendly food to children who are "food insecure" over the weekend.

The first ever Canuck Color War was held on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Spectators paid \$5.00. The winner of the first color war was the Class of 2012. This fundraiser raised \$900.00 for the Senior Class. The Senior Class would like to thank everyone who helped to make this even a fun and memorable night. Now, the Senior Class Student Council will focus its attention on Prom. To continue fundraising, the Senior Class is also planning a joint carwash with the Junior Class.

The Canuckling Club is continually accepting, reviewing, and voting on submissions. The theme this year will be "Roots and Branches." They will soon begin putting the magazine together.

The Spanish Dance Club is working hard on its dance routines that it will present at the District Arts Festival and at the Somerset Multicultural Fair.

The Spanish National Honor Society is tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday in the high school library after school.

Lastly, the National Honor Society is continuing to tutor every day after school in the Guidance Office.

### **Presentation**

There was none.

## Superintendent's Report

### RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

#### Staff and Students

The following top ten NPHS seniors and the special teachers who inspired them were honored at the **Top Ten Scholar-Teacher Recognition Dinner** in the high school media center on April 24, 2012.

<u>Students</u>	<u>Teachers</u>
Nour Abraham	Ellen Brain
Yamna Anwar	Alexandra Pereira
Vanessa Castillo	Lauren Paich
Jeffrey Gugliotta	Assunta Scotto
Zachary Joback	Patricia Wenk
Zonia Menendez	Luis Rincon
Christopher Nichols	Anthony Della Rosa
Marissa Sarfati	Roger Graubard
Jacob Watters	Carol Irvine
Shannon West	Robyn Enderle

#### Students

**Salvatore Mastrobattista** and **Shannon West** were selected to represent North Plainfield High School at the **Somerset County Scholar-Athlete Awards Dinner**. The Somerset County Principals' Association will recognize Sal and Shannon at their annual dinner on May 16, 2012. The following will be part of the program brochure:

#### **Salvatore Mastrobattista**

Salvatore is an example for the students of North Plainfield to follow as they progress through their high school years. Sal has served his peers and the sports community as the captain of the varsity baseball team and captain of the varsity football team. Since his sophomore year, Sal has been an all-conference baseball player and since his junior year he has been an all-conference football player. Sal's excellence on the playing fields is also demonstrated in the classrooms of NPHS. He has taken AP courses; he is a member of the National Honor Society and the Canuck Mentor Program; and he has served as vice president of the class of 2012 from freshman through senior years. Salvatore is an all-around scholar athlete.

#### **Shannon West**

Shannon West is a role model scholar-athlete not only for the girls of NPHS but for the community at large as well. She has played varsity basketball and field hockey from freshman through senior year. She has served her peers as the captain of both teams. Shannon's dedication has been recognized by others as reflected in her selection to the Skyland Conference All-Conference teams for field hockey and basketball. She has also received the Paul Robeson Athletic Award and the all-area honorable mention for basketball. Shannon's work ethic is reflected in her class work in the AP and Honors classes. She serves the school as the treasurer of the National Honor Society, as a member of the Interact Club, as a Canuck Mentor and as a member of the Spanish Honor Society.

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In addition to the Somerset County Scholar-Athlete Awards, the following seniors have earned scholar-athlete awards:

**Skyland Conference Scholar Athlete:**

**Christopher Nichols**

**Marissa A. Sarfati**

**NJSIAA Scholar Athlete Award:**

**Jacob P. Watters**

**Senior College Acceptances**

NourAbraham- Rutgers University (Newark and New Brunswick)

Kianna Adams- RVCC

Carlos Aleman- RVCC

Antonio Alfaro- RVCC

Fernanda Altamirano- Rutgers University (New Brunswick and The School of Environmental and Biological Sciences), Seton Hall University, The College of New Jersey

Dexter Anderson- Lycoming College

Carmen Angel- RVCC

Derek Antoine- RVCC, St. Francis College

Yamna Anwar- Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, William Patterson University, Amherst College, Rutgers University, Kean, Harvard University, Fordham University, Washington and Lee University, Wesleyan University, Boston University, Princeton University, University of Connecticut, Trinity College, New York University and Stanford University

Mohammad Arsalanuddin- Rutgers University (School of Biological and Environmental Sciences, School of Engineering)

Aliyah Bass- RVCC

Kyle Belle- Wilkes University

Christian Brito- RVCC

Dexter Butler- Kean University

Ricardo Caiza-Berkeley College

Eden Caprio- Johnson and Wales University, Florida International University, PACE University, St. John's University

Jonathan Carmilema-Arequipa- RVCC

Annisa Carter- Morgan State University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutgers University (Camden College of Arts & Sciences and Newark College of Arts and Sciences), Hampton College, RVCC, William Patterson University

Miguel Castellon- RVCC

Vanessa Castillo- Boston University, Emerson College, Rutgers University (Mason Gross School of Arts)

Sabrina Castro- Fairleigh Dickinson University

Jennifer Celis- RVCC

Kevin Cevallos- Rutgers University (New Brunswick, School of Engineering- EOF program, Newark School of Business)

Galina Chwialkowski- Everest Institute, RVCC

Aaliyah Coles- RVCC

Mark Comayagua- RVCC

Cinthya Cruz- Berkeley College

Sara Curran- Berkeley College, Fairleigh Dickinson University (Madison), Kean University, Penn State(LehighValley), RVCC, Rowan University, Rutgers University (Camden), Seton Hall University, Simmons College, St. Johns University, William Patterson University

Stephen DaBreo- Navy

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Zachary Dardignac- St. John's University  
Marianne Datu- RVCC  
Jonathan Davies- RVCC  
Briana DiMauro- Berkeley College, LIM College, Fashion Institute of Technology  
Ryan Dunham- RVCC  
Ashley Eddy- RVCC  
MaddyEkpo- Berkeley College, St. Francis College  
John Ennis- RVCC  
Ian Erhard- Rutgers University (School of Arts and Sciences)  
LissetteEspinal- St. Francis College, Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Miguel Estrella- Airforce  
OdinakachiEzeigbo- RVCC  
DidiaFajardo- RVCC  
Stephanie Febus- Robert Fiance Beauty School  
Darshil Gandhi- RVCC, Hudson County Community College  
Emily Garces- Rutgers University (Newark and New Brunswick)  
Chanel Garcia- RVCC  
MajidaGhanim- RVCC  
Adriel Gonzalez- Rutgers University (Camden School of Arts and Sciences, Newark, New Brunswick), Drew University  
Carlos Gonzalez- Rutgers University (New Brunswick and Newark School of Criminal Justice)  
Charles Gonzalez- Kean University, RVCC  
Jhonattan Gonzalez- St. Francis College  
David Grant- PSU, St. John's University, Stevenson University  
Hadid Greene- RVCC  
Sean Grundy- St. Francis College  
Kevin Guallpa- RVCC  
Ronald Guardado- RVCC  
Katherine Guarnizo- Parsons The New School for Design, Fashion Institute of Technology  
Jeffrey Gugliotta- Rutgers University (New Brunswick), Hamilton College  
NothandoGumede- South Carolina State University, RVCC  
Jocelyn Gutierrez- RVCC  
Jasmine Harris- Navy  
Belaal Hassan- Rutgers University (Camden College of Arts and Sciences)  
Omar Hassan- RVCC  
Stephanie Hatala- Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Rafael Hernandez- Bloomfield College, Kean University  
Angela Ho- Fairleigh Dickinson University, William Patterson University, Rutgers University (Newark)  
Anthony Hubbard- RVCC  
Brett Huggins- RVCC  
RabiaImtiaz- Rutgers University (New Brunswick, Newark)  
Zachary Joback- Rutgers University (New Brunswick), Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Dariella Johnson- RVCC  
Jessica Jordan- Montclair University, RVCC  
Rut Junco- Seton Hall University  
Heidi Kaiser- RVCC  
Anastasia Kakas- RVCC  
Jessica Lane- Hampton University, University of Hartford, Rutgers University (Camden)  
Danh Le- Navy  
AljernonLeverett- South Carolina State University, Norfolk University, Kentucky State University, Virginia Union University

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Elizabeth Lombardo- RVCC, St. Francis College, Rutgers University (Newark)  
Evan Lopatosky- New Jersey Institute of Technology, University of Colorado (Boulder)  
Dayanara Lopez- RVCC  
Melissa Marin- Army  
David Martinez- Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Camilo Marulanda- New Jersey Institute of Technology, Fordham, Rochester Institute of Technology, Stevens Institute of Technology, College of New Jersey  
Salvatore Mastrobattista- Penn State, Kings College, William Patterson University, University of Connecticut, Drew University, Seton Hall University, Florida International, University of Alabama  
Celeste McCall- William Patterson University, Bloomfield College  
Aaliyah McCrary- Recording Connections Institute (New York)  
Briana Mealy- RVCC, St. Francis College  
Luis Medrano- RVCC  
Zonia Menendez- Drew University, The College of New Jersey  
Joshua Merida- Lincoln Tech Institute  
Maria Del Mar Molina- RVCC  
Khalil Motley- St. Francis College  
Jennifer Naranjo- RVCC  
Juan Naranjo- Drew University, University of Philadelphia  
Devin Newsome- Bloomfield College, Fairleigh Dickinson University (Madison)  
Christopher Nichols- Rutgers University (Newark), Kean University  
Chiemzue Ogbonna-Atubi- RVCC  
Saray Orozco- RVCC  
Christopher Ortega- Kean University, St. Francis College  
Juan Ortiz- RVCC  
Rodrigo Pacheco- RVCC  
Joshua Palacios- Kean University, St. Peter's College, Lincoln Tech Institute  
Silvia Paniagua- RVCC  
Trey Patterson- Virginia Union University, Coppin State University, Franklin Pierce University, York College, Johnson and Wales, Bloomfield College, University of Hartford, University of New Haven, Campbell University, Shenandoah University  
Michael Peabody- RVCC, Bergen County Community College  
Eric Pena- RVCC  
Evelyn Penate- RVCC  
Kevin Perez- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, PSU  
Rodrigo Perez- RVCC  
Thomas Pisani- Fairleigh Dickinson University, William Patterson University, Rutgers University (Newark), Montclair University, New York Institute of Technology  
Annelyse Plaza- Fairleigh Dickinson University, York College, Seton Hall University, Rutgers University (Newark)  
Caitlyn Price- RVCC  
Ebenezer Quaye- Army  
Thomas Rath- RVCC, Berkeley College  
Marquis Rawlings- Utica College, Gannon University, Lycoming College  
Annie Reading- RVCC  
Robert Reading- RVCC  
Jorge Regalado- Berkeley College, Kean University, Rutgers University (Newark, Camden, New Brunswick- EOF), Drew University, William Patterson University  
Naomi Reilly- RVCC

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Sara Restrepo-Gil- RVCC  
Tryce Reyes- Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Ed'Dayshia Richardson- Post University, Virginia Union University  
Carla Rivera- RVCC  
Andres Rodriguez- RVCC  
Christian Romero- RVCC  
Henry Rubio- RVCC  
Jessica Sanchez- RVCC  
John Sevilla- RVCC  
Enrie Simms- William Patterson University, St. Francis College  
Allison Spontak- RVCC  
William Stevens- Duquesne University, University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Anthony Strond- St. Peter's College  
DonyelleStuetley- Virginia State University, St. John's University, Clark University, Atlanta University,  
LasellCollege, St. Peter's College, South Carolina State University, Howard University  
Renea Sullivan- Union County College  
Najiyah Taylor- St. Francis College  
DamarizTiban- Berkeley College  
Maximiliano Torres- Rutgers University (New Brunswick)  
Jessica Troya- Berkeley College  
Carl Uy- RVCC  
Daniela Valencia- RVCC  
Christopher Valentin- Lincoln Tech Institute  
Jonathan Vargas- Kean University, RVCC, Seton Hall University  
Geolenne Velasquez- RVCC  
Lucas Vogler- RVCC  
Jacob Watters- Rutgers University (New Brunswick), Boston University  
Shannon West- University of Miami, Seton Hall University  
ShamayWiggan- Rutgers University (New Brunswick, Newark), Montclair University  
Maya Williams- RVCC, Community College of Philadelphia  
Kelly Woienski- Georgian Court University, University of Hartford  
Kevin Zarate- RVCC, Brookdale Community College  
Cong "David" Zhu- RVCC, Seton Hall University

**Building A School With Character:** During the week of April 16, North Plainfield Middle School held their **character education assemblies**. The theme for March and April was **Respect**. Advisors **Theresa Zimmerman** and **Danielle Fauci** remarked to the students that "Treating people with respect makes your world a nicer place to live in, whether it's at home, at school, or out in your community. And it's easy - all you have to do is treat people the way you like to have them treat you. Respect is showing consideration for other people and their property, caring for ourselves, family, community, and school, and appreciating and accepting individual differences. You can show respect by using kind words and good manners, listening to what others have to say, following the rules, appreciating differences among people, taking care of other people's property at school, home, and in the community, and helping others."

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**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of the Month:** Students were selected by their teachers, whose comments were read to the entire student body. Students received certificates in recognition of their achievement:

**Luis (Ricky) Ruiz:** Ricky is courteous by saying good morning as he walks into each of his classes. He follows all directions given by his teachers.

**Mirian Fuentes:** Mirian always has a positive attitude and nice things to say to her peers and teachers.

**Christina Truong:** She is always respectful of teachers and her peers.

**Terrence Jones:** He has a great personality and is always respectful of other in and outside the classroom.

**Jared Cook:** Jared is always mindful of the respect he should give to teachers and classmates and acts accordingly.

**Laurina Palin-Thomas:** Laurina is a soft spoken young lady. She knows how to be respectful in all situations.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Awesome Acts:** Iyonna Anderson, Brooklyn Balla, Abdul Connely, Mildre Cruz, Mikayla Duncan, Lord Edge, Mirian Fuentes, Shirley Gamboa, Allen Gavilanes, Emerson Godinez, Christian Guerra, Kevin Hernandez, Le-Andrew Hurtado, Lauren Lattimore, Steffany Marroquin, Christian Mejia, Kenny Navas, Kristen Ordonez, Laurina Palin Thomas, Jennifer Parreno, Karolin Paulino, Gabriel Ramirez, Jocelyn Ramirez, David Rei, Stephanie Rezza, Harley Riccardi, Joseph Salguero, Jordan Sample, Jonnelle Steward, Noah Suris, Kevin Tabares, Jarred Tippett, Mike Velastagui, Jeremiah Weaver, Kylah Williams, and Estefanie Zavaleta.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of the Month:** Students were selected by their teachers, whose comments were read to the entire student body. Students received certificates in recognition of their achievement:

**Logan Lawson:** Logan is quiet and reserved and always shows respect for feelings of his classmates and teachers.

**Desiree Lopez:** Desiree is considerate, cooperative, and helpful. She knows right from wrong.

**Lena Zhu:** She respects her teachers and classmates. She follows school procedures and classroom expectations. She respects differences and is always willing to help her fellow classmates.

**Kyle Finelas:** He is respectful of his teachers and classmates. He is helpful, positive, and self-motivated. He has respect for the school and of the opportunities that the school programs offer him.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awesome Acts:** Breonna Anderson, Erika Andone, Molly Appezzato, John Attis, Amelia Bajinath, Rushea Bartley, Melissa Bautista, Robert Brown, Kimani Carson, Javon Carter, Eli Castro, Jasmine Chavez, Andrea Chic, Jazmine Conover, Emily Dayton, Kevin Fowler, Mike Guillan-Cruz, Briana Gutierrez, John Hatala, Jamaya Hendricks, Christopher Hernandez, Bruam Huertas Paz, Samantha Jeannot, Issac Johnson, Logan Lawson, Cecilia Marino, Martyn Megaloudis, Azan Mohammad, Ebrahim Mohammed, Angie Montesdeoca, Yasmine Morales, Tatiana Ortiz, David Perez, Eric Pettiford, Arquimides Portillo Medina, Taj Poteat, Siraaj Price, Genesis Ramirez, Edwin Rivas, Leslie Rojas, Keerthana Shanmugariajah, Katherine Soto, Gabriella Spencer, Ying St. Cerny, Jaimie Thomas, Amber Torres, Ceisean

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Tucker Grimes, Barbara Valderrama, Kelly Velastigui, Nicolas Velez, Shawn Wallace, Valerie Weyland, and Lena Zhu.

**NPMS Talent Show:** Dozens of middle school students entertained over 300 classmates and family during the annual talent show held on April 20, which is sponsored by the Student Council. Attendees were treated to a variety of performances that consisted of vocal solos, dancing, musical renditions, and even a magic show. In the past years this particular event has been a real favorite among students and staff. The following students showcased their talents:

Duncan Brockway *NY Debut*

Sean Weeks *Magic*

Stephanie Rezza *Talking to the Moon*

Nermeen Girgis *Halo*

Dilinna Enwerekowe & Elena Bermudez *I'mma Shine*

Samantha Jeannot *Misguided Ghost*

Leah Rowan *Please Don't Leave Me*

Jazmine Conover & Aaliyah Muhammad *My Love is Your Love*

Aniyah Gaddis *Crawl*

Diana Garcia , Yasmin Morales, & Genesis Castillo *Rolling in the Deep*

Elena Bermudez & Mirian Fuentes *Beautiful*

Amilya Boyd *Take A Bow*

Nancy Bahnasy, Claudia Orozco, & Gabriella Spencer *We Are Young*

Kimani Carson *Someone Like You*

Lena Zhu *The Best Day*

Charles Urmaza , Joren Batario , Carlos Narvaza , & Nasim Campbell *Cat Daddy, Justin Timberlake, K'Naan, Kanye West, Dub Step Mix*

George Garcia & Aron Ervin *My Everything*

Desiree Johnson, Tajiana Adams, & Kimberly Moreno *Skip To My Lou*

Aminah Muhammad, Jazmine Conover, Aaliyah Muhammad & Gabriella Spencer *Run the World (Girls)*

### **Somerset School High Honor Roll (Straight A's for Third Marking Period)**

Daniela Abrantes

Alexander Kushnir

Menatallah Bahnasy

Stephanie Jamilath Martinez Ramos

Jessica Cerdana

Tyler Rodriguez

Fiona Ting Chen

Jayden Macio Rossi

Elizabeth Hernandez

Jaelyn Scopel

Mohamed Ramy Hosny

Daniel Spontak

Benjamin Joback

Selena Nicole Turcios Reyes

The North Plainfield **boys track and field team** finished in 2nd place in Division 1 with 83 points @ the **37th Annual Holmdel Relay Championships**. The team won five relay events this past Saturday in what is considered the best showing of the boys team in the past 15 years. Led by **Dexter Anderson, captain** they placed 1st in the triple jump with his 1st place jump of 43 feet 4 inches; he also anchored the 4 x 100, and the 4 x 200 relays to first place finishes. The boys' team won the 110 high shuttle hurdlers, the sprint medley and the 4 x 400 as well.

## Schools

### Stony Brook School

**Stony Brook's Golden Guest Day:** Third grade students have been celebrating "Golden Guest / Special Persons' Day" in North Plainfield for the past fifteen years. Every year it is a special celebration and this year was no exception. Originated by former North Plainfield Board member **Winifred Letso**, this day was established to preserve that special relationship that grandparents and grandchildren often share together. Every year the third grade students invite their special guest to school to share time together. Our guest of honor this year was **Nancy Szaroleta, Board member.**

The Stony Brook third graders in **Michele Motichka** and **Kelly Feeney's** classes sent personal invitations out to family members. The classes worked to decorate the multi-purpose room with class projects and samples of their writing. Six stations were set up which included a hospitality table provided by the PTA and parent donations, the reception area, the Stony Brook theatre featuring a video clip of families, a laptop computer section, the photo station, and the family library station.

As guests arrived, they were asked to complete a survey. Everyone gathered in the reception area for a short "Meet & Greet," then heard the dedications of selected students' work. Next, families rotated through the remaining centers sharing stories, having their photos taken and sharing tasty treats. The survey results were tallied and everyone learned many interesting facts about the guests: many North Plainfield graduates were in the crowd; the person traveling the shortest distance travelled from across the street; one guest had nine children. Ms. Szaroleta, guest of honor, won three awards, one being the person who lived in North Plainfield the longest.

**Stony Brook's Family Dance and Silent Auction:** The *Family Dance* has been a four year tradition at Stony Brook School, but this year a silent auction was added as a new feature. On Friday night, March 30, families and friends of Stony Brook School were invited to join Randy the DJ and the PTA for a delicious dinner and an evening of dance. Catered by San Remo's Pizzeria on Rt. 22, families were treated to a pasta dinner with meatballs and garlic knots. They danced the night away complete with Conga Lines and the Cotton-Eyed Joe dance. Throughout the evening, parents and guests participated in silent auction by bidding on forty different items donated by local businesses. This event was organized by staff members **Jennie Dzurilla, Judy Veglatte** and PTA members **Michelle Wallace** and **Kim Wilson-McKay**. At the end of the evening, the donations were awarded to the highest bidder. Proceeds from the silent auction were dedicated to Stony Brook's Cultural Enrichment Program which provides assemblies, authors and guest speakers for Stony Brook School's students and staff.

### West End School

**West End School's Smile Train Show:** West End School will be presenting its **9<sup>th</sup> annual** performance of their Smile Train Show on **June 4, 2012** at 7:00 p.m. Under the direction of **Buzzy Durkin**, kindergarten teacher and mentor of the school's Service Club, 300 West End students, parents, and faculty will participate in a musical revue "That's Entertainment." The show will be held in the North Plainfield High School auditorium.

The Smile Train is a non-profit organization dedicated to the health issues of cleft lip and cleft palate in needy children. The Smile Train began its journey in China with one surgery on a little girl named Wang Li. Since that time it has grown into an organization that reaches out to

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children all over the world. For as little as \$250.00, in as little as 45 minutes, a life can be changed forever. A representative from Smile Train reported that West End School has done the most, world-wide, for the Smile Train Organization, being responsible for 192 “smiles”! “West End is proud to be a Smile Train school bringing smiles and a new life to children around the world!” exclaimed **Beth Sobel, principal**.

### East End School

***Girls on the Run***, a popular program nationwide, has just begun at East End School. Facilitated by **Jena Rodgers, Lynnelle Thomas, Jill Fogarty and Katie Shuster** –East End teachers, the goal of *Girls on the Run* is to build students’ self-esteem and confidence. Students will be empowered with tools that will enable them to avoid peer pressures and at risk behavior in the future. This program teaches third and fourth grade girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. Lessons presented will address students’ physical, emotional, and social development. The program combines the lessons with training for a 3.1 mile (5K) running event that will take place in June. Upon completing the ten week program, the girls will have a stronger sense of identity, greater self-confidence, a healthier body image and a better knowledge of what it means to be a member of a team and a community. “The girls held their first practice on Wednesday morning, and they were very excited to get started. The girls are making a huge commitment to participate in *Girls on the Run* and it is teaching them discipline, camaraderie, and how to live a healthy lifestyle,” remarked Ms. Herrmann.

Friday, April 8 was **Special Person Day** at East End School. All third grade students brought a special guest to school for the morning. The community room was transformed into a spring theme as paper plants filled with paper daffodils decorated the windows and student-made butterflies adorned the walls. Students and guests engaged in craft making and games throughout the morning. All of their crafts will remain displayed for the rest of the year. The children also sang songs to the delight of the audience. Finally, they enjoyed a huge feast of delicious foods and treats. “**Third grade teachers Leslie Hansen, Jill Fogarty, Lynnelle Thomas, Jena Rodgers, Alexis Holbrook, Angela Phillips and Sharon Egan** did a fantastic job planning for this event. Special Person Day continues to touch my heart each and every year. It is so sweet to see the bond between child and adult and how they share the experience together,” stated Ms. Herrmann.

East End School is busy preparing for the end of the year building objective “**North Plainfield...our little corner of the world.**” **Angela Phillips, Lisa Gabriel, Rachel Padian, Alexis Holbrook, Sharon Egan and Francesca Cardona** met with Ms. Herrmann to discuss further details. “Each class is working on a project that will showcase what they learned over the past two years. The students have truly become knowledgeable about the history of North Plainfield and surrounding towns and some of the projects are incredible. We are meeting next week to select a date in June when the student projects will be displayed as a gallery walk. This school year, all classes visited the Drake House, and we are honored that the Drake House has agreed to display many of the projects. A date will be set for this special display and the school community will be informed. It is an exciting time; the students have learned a great deal and are proud to showcase their learning,” said Ms. Herrmann.

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## **DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL, APRIL 26, NPHS, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Knowing how important a thriving arts program is to any community, the North Plainfield School District is pleased to sponsor the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual District Arts Festival on Thursday, April 26 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the high school.** In addition to displaying beautiful art work, students in grades K-12 will provide music, drama, and NPHS winter guard performances; share wood shop and applied technology projects; and offer tasty treats from the foods classes. "Due to the support of the North Plainfield Board of Education and central administration, the arts continue to be an integral part of the education of every child in the district. It is with tremendous pride that this celebration has become a tradition in North Plainfield," remarked **Tom Mazur, supervisor of fine, practical, and performing arts.**

## **DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES**

### **EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING**

**Safety Topic-Operations.** The safety topic for April is "Fire Safety and Response." Related safety training is being provided via our new on-line employee training system and all employees are currently completing their assigned training.

**Safety Topic-Transportation.** The transportation paraprofessionals recently completed additional safety training related to special needs transportation. This training included health emergencies, asthma and seizures.

**Safe Schools On-Line Training:** Due to the number of requests from member districts, Safe Schools is now offering an on-line Anti Bullying Course that meets the standard for New Jersey. All employees now have access to this course.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

#### **HIDDEN CAMERA MONITORING**

The district is now in possession of a certification that the areas surveyed were negative for any video monitoring or recording devices. This information will be kept on file in the Operations Office. We will continue to have the vendor monitor target areas as an integrated part of the district's safety program. Additionally, the district will continue to utilize our simplified hidden camera locator and sweep target areas at all schools including team rooms, locker rooms and restrooms.

#### **SECURITY DRILLS**

The security drill for April is an evacuation, non-fire related. All schools are in the process of completing their assigned drills.

#### **FEMA SUBMISSION #4**

On April 18, 2012, **Ed Ostroff, director of operations,** met with a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and completed our application submission. All requested documentation was provided, and our application has been approved for reimbursement of labor expenses related to the storm that occurred on October 30, 2011.

## **MAINTENANCE PROJECTS/REPAIRS**

**Listed below are contracted projects and/or maintenance tasks that were recently completed:**

- Replacement of exterior doors on the field house (Phase One).
- Repairs to an exterior block wall at the field house.
- Repairs to the fire alarm system at the high and middle school.
- The installation of an extension on a backstop at the West End School.
- Repair of the garbage cage damaged by a contractor at Somerset School.

## **PROPOSED FIELD HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS**

The proposed field house improvements are currently on schedule for completion prior to this year's graduation exercises. All materials have been ordered and demolition work will begin at the end of baseball season.

## **HIGH SCHOOL MARQUEE**

A new electronic messaging marquee has been ordered for the high school. This unit has been designed to be installed in the existing encasement and will be operated via a wireless controller. The unit is currently inbound and should be installed prior to this year's graduation exercises.

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

### **HARRISON SCHOOL**

Chiller Installation: Bids were awarded for this project on March 21, 2012. A kick off meeting was held on April 16, 2012, and we anticipate a project start-up immediately following the last day of school.

### **STONY BROOK SCHOOL**

**Multi-Purpose Room Air Conditioning:** Bids were awarded for this project on March 21, 2012. A kick off meeting was held on April 16, 2012 and we anticipate a project start-up immediately following the last day of school.

### **DISTRICT WIDE**

Solar Energy Project: The contractor is currently preparing for start-up on this project and installation(s) should begin in early May.

### **2012/2013 BUDGET**

The final physical plant budget for the fiscal year 2012/2013 has now been approved for implementation. Listed below are the capital improvement projects for the upcoming year.

- Stony Brook School: Complete Heating System Replacement.
- Watchung Building: Complete Heating System Replacement.
- District Wide: Restroom Renovations to include East End, West End, Stony Brook and North Plainfield High/Middle School.
- District Wide: Energy Reduction & Lighting Retrofit Project.
- Wireless Upgrade Project: Scope of project TBD.
- \*High School Library/Media Center: Complete Redesign and Renovation.

\*This project will require the creation of a steering committee to ensure any redesign of the library/media center will meet current and future needs. The "committee" will include those persons who have a direct or indirect impact on the use of this space.

**ENERGY REDUCTION**

**Demand Response:** Contracts for this program have now been executed and submitted. The district is partnering with Constellation Energy Services to participate in a Demand Response Program. As a condition of the program, the district is compensated for agreeing to reduce its utility load during a high-demand event. The district would also receive additional compensation for 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. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branam and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Dr. Marilyn E. Birnbaum as Superintendent of Schools, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branam and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Dr. Robert H. Rich as Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of Donald Sternberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and that a letter of intent to employ be issued. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branam and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the tenured and non-tenured administrators and supervisors shown on the attached list (A) be continued in the positions and at the 2011-2012 salary rates indicated, pending settlement of their negotiated Agreement, and that letters of intent to employ be issued.

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following non-tenured Operations Department staff be continued in the positions indicated, at salary rates to be determined, and that letters of intent to employ be issued:

Edward Ostroff	Director of Operations & Auxiliary Services
Stephen Schlosser	Buildings and Grounds Supervisor

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following non-tenured exempt staff be continued in the positions indicated, at salary rates to be determined, and that letters of intent to employ be issued:

Darrell Taylor	Educational Systems Analyst
Robert Dixon	Network Coordinator/Technician
Dennis Fimbel	Computer Technician
Carl Gaebel	Security Officer
Marisa Zervopoulos	Payroll Bookkeeper
Melissa DeCos-Palma	Family Resource Coordinator
Angelina Lowder	Confidential Secretary to the Asst. Superintendent/ District Registrar

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Branan and Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all tenured certificated salaried employees noted on the attached list (B), at the 2010-2011 salary rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, and that letters of intent to employ be issued.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all tenured and non-tenured secretaries indicated on the attached list (C), at the 2010-2011 salary rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated agreement, and that letters of intent to employ be issued.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following tenured exempt secretaries at salary rates to be determined, and that letters of intent to employ be issued:

Brenda Fleisher	Confidential Secretary to Board Secretary/School Business Administrator/Transportation Officer
Evelyn Pereira	Confidential Secretary to Superintendent/Attendance Officer
Florence Ward	Executive Secretary to Superintendent/HR Officer

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the continued employment of all non-tenured certificated salaried employees noted on the attached list (D), at the 2010-2011 salary rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, and that letters of intent to employ be issued.

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

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

WHEREAS Marlene Yoskowitz, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on April 1, 2012, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately thirty-two years with dedication to the highest standards of education, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Ms. Yoskowitz its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on April 25, 2012, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Yoskowitz.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote 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.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between January and April 2012 at the 2010-2011 rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve John Mattei as a volunteer assistant to the baseball coach for the 2011-2012 school year.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Kasper abstaining, that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve Neil Thompson as a College of Saint Elizabeth administrative intern at NPHS with John Ferguson serving as his on-site supervisor.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve Kristen Povolny as a counseling intern from the Rutgers Graduate School of Education with Linda Remolino serving as her on-site supervisor.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as student paraprofessionals at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

<u>Paraprofessional</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Angele Salako	3.50 hrs/day	Stony Brook School	4/14/12
Megan Pittenger	3.50 hrs/day	Stony Brook School	4/14/12

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as district substitute paraprofessionals at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, pending completion of the employment process:

Robin Alba

Laura Washkau

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Nancy Szaroleta – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the following adjustment to the daily hours of the paraprofessionals indicated below due to the medical needs of a student, effective April 23, 2012:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dawn Fellerman	3.00	2.50
Jessica Rodriguez	2.50	3.00
Nina Pleasant	4.50	3.50
Erika Schreck	3.50	4.50

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Nancy Szaroleta – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Kathleen Willwerth, elementary teacher at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2012.

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Nancy Szaroleta – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

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

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent of Schools to the North Plainfield Board of Education to withhold the 2012-2013 employment increment and adjustment increment of employee S1-11-12; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and approves same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approve the withholding of the employment increment and adjustment increment of employee S1-11-12 for the 2012-2013 school year pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:29-14; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary of employee S1-11-12 for the 2012-2013 school year shall be based on the 2011-2012 salary guide.

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Nancy Szaroleta – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for identified student HI-54-11-12 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective April 16, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student QQQQQ-11-12 at Somerset Academy in Raritan, New Jersey at the annual rate of \$40,300, to be prorated effective April 26, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student RRRRR-11-12 at Bright Beginnings Learning Center at the annual rate of \$48,240, to be prorated effective April 17, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve identified student PSY-12-11-12 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Eliza Dulay at the cost of \$825.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student SSSSS-11-12 at Katzenbach School at the rate of \$10,116, effective April 26, 2012 through June 13, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-55-11-12 for up to five hours per week to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective April 30, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that:

RESOLVED, that the NORTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION, upon the recommendations of the Superintendent, suspend student #64, a student at North Plainfield High School, until further action of this Board. Student #64 shall be provided with home instruction during the period of suspension.

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

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

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated April 25, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated February 29, 2012.

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve line item transfer of \$85,077.20 from Fund 10 Account #11-000-291-250-00-00 (Unemployment) to Account #12-000-400-450-09-00 Capital Outlay (Construction Services) in support of DOE Project #3670-050-12-2000, High School Restrooms; DOE Project #3670-X01-12-1000, Watchung Boiler Replacement; and DOE Project #3670-090-12-1000 Stony Brook Boiler Replacement as follows:

DOE Project #3670-X01-12-1000	
To: 12-000-400-450-09-00	\$ 11,698.49
DOE Project #3670-050-12-2000	
To: 12-000-400-450-09-00	\$ 14,512.41
DOE Project #3670-090-12-1000	
To: 12-000-400-450-09-00	\$ 58,866.30

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve line item transfer of \$10,860.96 from Fund 10 Account #12-000-270-734-14-00 (Capital Equipment) to the following accounts:

To: 11-000-262-610-01-51	Supplies	\$ 2,488.28
To: 11-000-261-420-00-01	Contracted Services	\$ 4,400.00
To: 11-000-263-420-09-11	Contracted Services	\$ 3,972.68

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
HS Lt. Col. Hansen	5/12/12	ROTC Drill Championship	Middletown, NY	\$0.00	District
HS A. Silva-Rosario	5/24/12	Positive reinforcement; planning techniques; motivation; writing & application; and equations	Green Acres Park North Plainfield	\$0.00	Not required
HS J. Stephenson	4/30 & 5/2	Accuplacer Assessment	RVCC Branchburg, NJ	\$950.00 (approximate)	Contracted

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year the Board of Education approve the agreement with Klubhouse Kids Inc. for after school child care at a fee of \$16.00 per day per student representing no increase for the 2012-2013 operating year under a reimbursement to the district of 30% of the aforementioned fee for transportation costs.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education authorize Nancy Rodino to submit for the Target Community Grant, Arts and Culture Design in School, for the purpose of providing funds to support a production company to perform two events on African-American history, in the amount of \$2,000.

### **Correspondence**

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

**Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.  
Communications – Dr. Birnbaum mentioned the new community newsletter.  
Curriculum – no meeting scheduled at this time.  
Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time.  
Policy Meeting – no meeting scheduled at this time.  
Negotiations – Mrs. Bond-Nelson mentioned a tentative agreement has been reached.  
NJSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.  
SCSBA – next meeting will be held on May 16, 2012.  
SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed issues with ESC.

**Old Business**

Board of Education Meeting, May 2, 2012 – Special Limited Agenda  
Board Retreat, April 30, 2012, 7:00 p.m., Gwen Thornton, NJSBA

**New Business**

Items moved from future Agenda – there were none.  
New items requested to be placed on the Agenda – there were none.  
Scholar-Athlete Dinner, May 16, 2012  
DRAFT 2012-2013 School District Calendar – Dr. Birnbaum mentioned the new calendar has been sent out for commenting  
May 16, 2012 Board of Education meeting being moved to Monday, May 14, 2012

**Current Events in Education**

There were none.

**Comments from the Public**

Alex Gardner asked about additional recommendation that was added to the agenda during executive session.

**Future Agenda Items**

Pathways Program Update – Jane Delaney, May 16, 2012  
Letter from Joseph Rosenberg  
Bridge Program Update – Jane Delaney

**Adjournment**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg