

January 11, 2012

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on January 11, 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
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, and approximately 70 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 21, 2011.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of December 21, 2011.

Financial Report

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$4,250,220.06.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to 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 November 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.

Comments from the Public

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

Student Representative Report

There was none.

Presentation

Mr. Ron Fisher and Mr. Darrell Taylor presented, to the Board, an update on security issues related to technology in the district.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Staff

Dr. Sarah O'Donnell, NPHS biology teacher, has received a grant from **PSE&G** for **\$1307**. It will enable her to purchase binocular microscopes and software to analyze data related to the research being done by **Kevin and Michael Sani** in their independent study of macro invertebrate drift research. The money must be spent over the next two years.

In December, **Dr. O'Donnell** was also instrumental in helping the same students receive a grant from the **Young Science Achievers Program**. The grant of \$500 will be used to purchase "Analyze It," an add-on to Excel which can be used to analyze statistics related to their independent study. The software will remain in district for use by all students. The money is granted to the students, but with teacher oversight. Dr. O'Donnell is in contact with **Ron Fisher, director of technology**, to purchase and install the program. In addition, the students will have access to a mentor from AT&T. This work is in preparation for their entry into the North Jersey Science Fair in March.

Schools

Elementary

A repeat presentation of the successful parent workshop, "**How Will the Common Core Standards Affect Your Child's Report Card?**" will be held on January 29, 2011 at West End School. Once again, **Melissa De Cos Palma, family resource coordinator**, and **Patty Marseglia, supervisor of math and science**, will present information related to changing math standards and how to use district marking period expectations to work with children at home. The presentation will be held in both Spanish and English. An additional parent workshop related to math game play is in the planning stages.

West End School

Kindergarten December Celebration: All five kindergarten classes took part in another curriculum celebration day. This month the theme incorporated the December holidays and winter. In honor of Hanukkah, students made shape menorahs on which they had to put candles in number order. All classes read Tomie DePola's *Legend of the Poinsettia* and at the celebration made poinsettias. Students collected pinecones which were transformed into glittering Christmas trees. Lastly, to incorporate the character education trait of caring, students worked in cooperative groups to create a holiday mural that was given to the local nursing home. Thank you to our five kindergarten teachers: **Miriam Andrews, Mary Durkin, Nancy Lubreski, Marlo Matthews, and Tara Venturino** along with the kindergarten paraprofessionals: **Jan Branan, Maria Estrella, Toni Liccone, Kathy Towey, and Elaine Viola**.

Student Council Pajama Day: On December 22, the West End Student Council sponsored Pajama Day, under the direction of fourth grade teachers **Dina Diaz** and **Michelle Tafuri**, the club's advisors. Students and staff came to school in their pajamas for a day full of special "bedtime stories" and classroom activities.

Second Grade Used Toy Sale: On December 22, the West End School second graders had their "Gently Used Toy Sale." The students collected used toys and sold them to the rest of the student body for twenty-five cents each. The second graders earned \$168.50 which will be donated to the Smile Train. This was one of their service learning character education projects for this school year.

At the December WE Celebrate Assembly, the following were recognized: First grade teacher **Kourtney Karl** nominated **Giancarlo Chuquitarco**, **Nicole Zubieta**, and **Ariana Vira** for consistent **demonstration of outstanding character** as well as **behavior** in and out of the classroom. Student teachers **Heather Morgan**, **Erica Gera**, and **Megan Pittenger** were nominated for **Recognition of Outstanding Work** at West End School by the students in their classes. Letters of nomination were presented and read by fourth graders **Abby Smith** and **Sara Rodriguez** and third grader **Justin Vargas**.

December PTA BoxTops Collection: For December, West End students collected 2,650 BoxTops bringing the total for West End School to 10,100 BoxTops. That is \$1,010! The classroom winners include 3rd place with 230 BoxTops – **Mindy Durkin's** 1st grade class; 2nd place with 305 BoxTops – **Megan Schutz's** 4th grade class; 1st place with 603 BoxTops – **Debbie Lysicatos'** 3rd grade class.

East End School

Dr. Hope Blecher, district supervisor of language arts, social studies, and library media services, met with teachers in the media center on December 15 to discuss the New Jersey ASK strategies, as well as the Common Core Standards. Third and fourth grade teachers asked many questions and Dr. Blecher provided strategies and information in order to continue to prepare the students for the state test. "We were very grateful that Dr. Blecher was able to meet with everyone, and she offered a great deal of information, including websites that teachers can visit to support strategies for NJASK and the new standards. It was a very productive hour," remarked **Kathleen Herrmann**, principal. Meanwhile, the third and fourth grade students joined media specialist **Allison Longley** and school counselor **Jackie Spaventa** in the community room and viewed *The Nutcracker*.

December 20 brought Ms. Herrmann to kindergarten teacher **Diane Forino's** classroom to read *The Dog Who Saved Christmas*. Although Ms. Herrmann reads to all of the classes at East End School, this was a very unique read aloud because Ms. Forino invited family members to come to the classroom that day to read to their child. "I was so excited to read the story and it was heartwarming to see the families sitting on the carpet with their children. I discussed Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas and the students were eager to share the holidays that they celebrated. It was a memorable experience for all and Ms. Forino is commended for bringing the families into the classroom to support reading," said Ms. Herrmann. The importance of reading every day was emphasized to the families and delicious treats were served after the reading."

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East End School's **annual holiday sing-a-long** was held on December 23. Everyone gathered in the community room and the words to various holiday songs were easily viewed on the screen thanks to the LCD projector. As an added treat, **Kathy Porter's** fourth grade class sang their version of the "Twelve Days of Christmas" which was written by the students and Ms. Porter to support their study of New Jersey. The title of the song is "The 12 Days of Christmas in New Jersey" and the lyrics include the following:

On the ____ day of Christmas Room 6 traveled to...

1st—Princeton University

2nd—Edison's Lab

3rd—The Boardwalk

4th—Liberty Science Center

5th—Del-a-ware Bay

6th—Monmouth Museum

7th—Barnegat Lighthouse

8th—The Pine Barrens

9th—Point Pleasant Beach

10th—Camden Aquarium

11th—Cranberry bogs

12th—The Great Swamp

The fourth grade students entertained and delighted the audience with this unique and memorable song. "This was an excellent example of integrating music, social studies and literature," remarked **Principal Herrmann**.

Stony Brook School

Stony Brook's Second Annual Talent Show: On December 23, 2011, the multi-purpose room at Stony Brook was the backdrop for the second annual Talent Show. The Stony Brook students and teachers proved once again that tremendous talent fills the rooms of Stony Brook School. Directed by **Leanne Borbely, Kelly Feeney, Andrew Taylor, and Anne Corkery**, the show included seventeen different performances by students and one act performed by a group of Stony Brook teachers. The closing and grand finale was the song "We Are the World" performed by the entire cast with audience participation. The host for the show was fourth grader, **Nicholas Pellegrino**.

The "Who's Who in the Cast" list included **grade three students: Karla Garcia, Rebekah Narine, Ashley Ordonez, Olivia Sheridan, Lindsay Depaz, Jasmin Solis, and Ariel Spurgeon**. The fourth grade students included **Verina Girgis, Jasmine Hernandez, Selena Mercato, Vanessa Morales, Zovieda Pelaez, Nicholas Pellegrino, Giselle Solis Ramos, Melanie Salazar, Jeremiah Thomas, Samantha Castro, Tahniyah Chin, Reina Globis, LaTonya Hubbard, Sheiry Ibrahim, Melody Liu, Irvin Solis and Jennifer Vargas**. The Stony Brook teachers' skit included: **Kelly Feeney, Michele Motichka, Kathie Willwerth, Patricia Klatt and Anne Corkery**.

Stony Brook could never forget the behind the scenes stage crew who included **Drew Evans, Melody Liu, Joshua Linares, Selena Mercato, Rebekah Narine, Nicholas Pellegrino, Alejandro Solis Raos, Melanie Salazar, Kevin Cox Torrelino, Willard Torres, Jennifer Vargas, and Jasmine Zaher**. "Thanks to everyone for a great afternoon of fun and families joining together to celebrate the talent at Stony Brook School," exclaimed **Cathy Kobylarz, principal**.

Somerset School

Somerset School's Authors' Circle: The first-ever Authors' Circle is coming soon to Somerset School. This is a writing club for those students who have ever been interested in being a journalist, author, editor, newspaper reporter or even a publisher. Only a select group of interested writers will be chosen to join. Members will be involved in the production of a biographical magazine highlighting the lives and contributions of North Plainfield citizens who have helped make a change in our community. This magazine will be written, edited and published by the members of the Authors' Circle. This magazine will be distributed among all North Plainfield schools, select local businesses and the North Plainfield public library. The **funding** for the Authors' Circle is provided by the **North Plainfield Education Association**.

NPMS

Middle School Kick-ball Game: On December 1, the middle school held its annual "Kick-ball Classic" to collect additional food for the district's **Partnership Food Drive initiative**. This traditional activity pitted the seventh grade against the eighth in an exciting display of athleticism and sportsmanship. With over 100 student-spectators cheering on their class, the eighth grade team rallied in the bottom of the ninth inning, as English teacher **Christine Colonel** drove in student **Jasmine Okolo** for the winning run with a triple to end the game at 35-32.

Winter Concert: On December 15, the middle school music department held its annual Winter Concert. Under the direction of music teachers **Ivan Izeppi and Kyle Skrivanek**, over 120 choral students and 60 band members performed various selections to highlight the festive season. As stated by **Tom Mazur, supervisor of the arts**, "I am very proud of this chorus. Right from the opening selection, the delicate harmonies and sensitive blend between sections were a joy to hear." He further added, "The concert band sounded quite steady and confident. I was impressed in how well they followed their conductor." With a large parent turnout and steady applause, the audience would surely agree.

Academic Olympics: As a means to promote student self-actualization and goal setting, the middle school embarked on a new initiative during December called the "Academic Olympics." Working collaboratively, students and teachers met together to individualize academic goals and to create strategies for students to improve upon classroom experiences. Students successfully completing three goals would receive a "gold medal," while students completing two or one goal, would receive either a silver or bronze medal. As of January 3, 133 students have achieved gold; 103 students have achieved silver, and 74 students have achieved a bronze medal. These student achievements can be found on display in the "**Hallway of Fame**" adjacent to the middle school gymnasium.

Trip to Rutgers University: To raise awareness among middle school students about the importance of higher education, all eighth grade students will have the opportunity to visit Rutgers University in the coming weeks. **Counselor Lindsey Ciarrocca and Assistant Principal John Ferguson** accompanied over 30 students on the first visitation on December 20. With a tour guide on hand, the students had the opportunity to visit the various campuses and ask questions regarding financial aid, acceptance qualifications, and

campus living. Student representatives of the university spoke to the children about the importance of goal-setting and working to your potential.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic: The safety topic for December was “Accident Prevention” with an emphasis on slip and fall avoidance. The safety topic for January is “Cold Weather Safety and Protection.” 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 Update: 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. As of this date, The department continues to receive very positive feedback regarding this new system and a number of employees have taken additional courses both related and unrelated to their job descriptions.

HEALTH & SAFETY SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for December was an “On-Site Evacuation.” All schools, including the Alternative Program at Somerset, completed this drill as required. The security drill for January is a “Lockdown Drill.”

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. UPDATE: The district has now received an electronic payment for 75% of related expenses for this event.

FEMA SUBMISSION #4

UPDATE: 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.

TRANSPORTATION

The district’s seven busses were inspected during December and all passed on the first go around with no re-inspections required.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (Completed)

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

- Complete tear off and new roof installation(s) on the “Snack Shack” and three maintenance buildings.
- Installation of two additional cameras in the high school cafeteria.
- Trimming of all shrubbery in the front of the high school/middle school.
- Removal of overgrown shrubbery in the area of the music room at the high school.

CURRENT MAINTENANCE PROJECTS (Winter Break)

Listed below are projects and/or in-house maintenance tasks that were completed over the winter break:

- Installation of two (2) new electrical circuits and several outlets for Room 7a t the West End School to accommodate new teaching aids that were also assembled.
- Clearing of a clogged waste line for home economics at the high school.
- Rebuilding of a third exit overhang at the rear of the Stony Brook School.
- Installation of a new electrical circuit at the Watchung Building.

CAPITAL PROJECTS (Status Report)

HARRISON SCHOOL

The 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 and have been rejected due to cost. We are currently preparing to re-bid this project with modifications to the specifications.

STONY BROOK SCHOOL

The 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 and have been rejected due to cost. We are currently preparing to re-bid this project with modifications to the specifications.

DISTRICT WIDE

Solar Energy Grant - UPDATE: 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 our ability to qualify for a Demand Response Program. If we qualify for the program, the district would be compensated for agreeing to reduce our 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 by roll call vote that

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association and the National School Boards Association have declared January 2012 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The North Plainfield Board of Education is one of 587 local school boards in New Jersey that sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The North Plainfield Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine community goals for the education of approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 4,800 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in indicators such as high school graduation rates, class size, college entrance exam participation, and Advanced Placement offerings and test scores. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the North Plainfield Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2012 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the North Plainfield Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the improvement of our children's education.

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 with regret the resignation of Ann Caruso, district student assistance counselor, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Vanessa Cabrera as a one-to-one paraprofessional for a student in the LLD self/contained class at Stony Brook School for up to 4.0 hours per day (to include morning bus duty) at the rate of \$20.16 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective January 12, 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 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Erika Schreck as a one-to-one paraprofessional for a student in the LLD self/contained class at Stony Brook School for up to 3.5 hours per day at the rate of \$20.16 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective January 12, 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 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve an increase in hours **from** 3.5 hours per day **to** 4.5 hours per day, for Stony Brook paraprofessional Nina Pleasant, for the purpose of bus duty, effective January 12, 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 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as substitute paraprofessionals in the district to be called on an as-needed basis, at the hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, pending completion of the employment process:

Antonina Chwialkowski

Gwynnda Gronlund

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education employ the following teachers to work on curriculum projects and school-based planning activities as indicated, at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$49.74, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, to be paid at the conclusion of the project funded with Title I NCLB FY'12 monies:

Social Studies

Greg Ammon	\$498 (World History)
Greg Ammon	\$249 (Economics)
Robert Lake	\$249 (Sociology)

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve a decrease in hours **from** 3.25 hours per day **to** 2.50 hours per day, for East End School paraprofessional Gretchen Long-Munoz, effective January 3, 2012.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education adjust the guide and salary of Chin-Ping Jen, teacher of science at NPMS, from the Bachelor's guide to MA/Step 8 (9-11/9) at the 2010-2011 annual salary rate of \$57,390, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective January 1, 2012, to reflect her attainment of a Master's degree.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristie Wnuk as a substitute paraprofessional in the district at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective January 12, 2012.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 K-12 substitute teachers:

Ronald Davison	Megan Pittenger
Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branán – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education appoint Angelina Lowder, confidential secretary, as district webmaster from January through June, at the stipend of \$600.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education grant Barbara Curtis, elementary teacher at East End School, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective February 6, 2012 through February 15, 2012.

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education grant Marlene Yokowitz, teacher of French at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence effective January 30, 2012 through March 11, 2012.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branán – 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 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education adjust the temporary employment of Carolann Kiss as a temporary teacher of French at NPHS, from November 14, 2011 through January 28, 2012 to November 14, 2011 through March 9, 2012. (Ms. Kiss is temporarily replacing Marlene Yoskowitz.)

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 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following teachers to work in the co-curricular positions at East End School at the 2010-2011 stipends indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

Jacquelyn Spaventa	Student Council Co-Advisor	\$ 741
Lisa Marie Gabriel	Student Council Co-Advisor	\$ 741
Diana Van Hise	Choral Director	\$1856

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

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve Kyle Skrivanek, instrumental music teacher at NPMS, to register grade seven student Frankie Pelligrino and assist in the audition process at the Region II Intermediate Band auditions on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the 2010-2011 after-school rate of \$28.35 per hour for up to six hours, 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	

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-23-11-12 for up to five hours per week to be provided by Educere, effective January 2, 2012.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-06-11-12 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff, effective December 14, 2011.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-24-11-12 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by district staff, effective January 4, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-13-11-12 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Nancy Durant at the cost of \$150 per hour for up to three hours.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve speech services be provided to classified student SP-05-11-12, to be provided by Itinerant Services through Summit Speech School for up to two hours per week for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, at the cost of \$145 per hour.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated November 30, 2011.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education accept funds in the amount of \$1,307 from PSE&G per the grant application submitted by Dr. Sarah O'Donnell, teacher of biology at NPHS, and approved by the Board of Education on May 25, 2011.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved 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	1/12/12	Choral Performance for K-4 students at Stony Brook	Stony Brook School	\$0	Walking

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the following revised policy:

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Absences and Excuses

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

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – no meeting scheduled at this time

Curriculum – no meeting scheduled at this time

Finance & Facilities – no meeting scheduled at this time

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan discussed Policy 5113 which is on the agenda for Board approval.

Negotiations – next meeting scheduled for January 12, 2012.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper discussed recent legislation and issues related to School Board elections and fingerprinting.

SCSBA – next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2012.

SCESC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

January 11, 2012

Old Business

Agenda for Joint Meeting – Board of Education and Borough Council/Mayor on January 25, 2012, 7:00 pm at East End School Community Room
Student Health Study

New Business

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

Mrs. Virginia Feola discussed limits on capacity

Future Agenda Items

HIB Report – February

Adjournment

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on February 1, 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. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg