

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 7, 2012 at East End School, 170 Oneida Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Dr. Robert Rich, Assistant Superintendent, as well as, Yamna Anwar, Student Representative and approximately 50 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved, with Ms. Mullen abstaining, to accept the public session minutes of February 15, 2012.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved, with Ms. Mullen abstaining, to accept the executive session minutes of February 15, 2012.

Comments from the Public

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public –

Alexis Gardner commented regarding the communication of meeting.

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Yamna Anwar as follows:

The Tunlaw staff was very excited to distribute the February edition of the newspaper. The staff is going to begin work on the next edition that they plan on completing by the end of April. For this spring issue, article ideas currently include the following: Spring Sports, Spring/Prom Fashions, Mr. and Ms. Canuck advice column, and many more. Editors and staff members are meeting regularly to discuss ideas and student enthusiasm remains strong, as new members continue to express interest.

The Hope Club has been conducting a Recycling “Campaign” Program to help promote recycling around the district and especially in the high school. Students have been making posters and will be asking the Pathways Program to help them laminate. The

last field trip involved bird-watching at Duke Farms on February 18th. Three field trips are scheduled for next month.

Canuckling has been very busy reviewing submissions and is now beginning to compile the 2012 edition of the magazine to be released in late May or early June. We have finalized all of our subcategories, and are looking for more art submissions. Also, editors Yamna Anwar, Elizabeth Okereke, and Chris Wong have been editing and contacting students to revise submissions for errors.

The Senior Class Student Council has been busy voting on the details of the senior prom. The SCSC visited more possible prom venues, such as the Valley Regency in Clifton, NJ. In an effort to keep costs low, the seniors decided to hold the prom on a Thursday night. At our December 8th meeting, the SCSC selected a prom venue and menu, and voted on the prom theme. Seniors wanted to hold prom on Thursday, May 24th at the Skylands at Randolph, but have yet to finalize the date as we have been informed that the Senior Day of Service is scheduled for that day.

The Yearbook staff finalized Senior Superlative nominees and distributed ballots last week to all seniors. Once handed in, the ballots are being counted to determine the winners of the superlatives who will be featured in the yearbook.

Forms for "Teacher for a Day" were distributed last week, offering eligible seniors to request to be a certain teacher through the day on March 29th. Requests are processed mainly on a first-come first-serve basis. Students will be excused from classes on this day.

Canuck Mentors have been diligently working to come up with ways to fundraise the pledged amount of money to be donated for the Relay for Life in May. We will begin selling luminaries soon and also asking for sponsors. Also, the mentors completed three nights of training on anti-bullying and third person intervention. Another training session with all mentors is to be scheduled for the end of March, during which students will be missing their classes.

Dance Club is held every Wednesday and Friday under Miss Orejuela's supervision. The meetings are after school from 2:40 to 4:00 pm in the overflow room. The Dance Club is flowing at an impeccable manner. So far only the sections of bachata and salsa are actively open. We are planning that in a matter of a couple weeks we will start up punta dance.

The Interact Club had an extremely successful Valentine's Day Gram sale and have been going to the Rutgers games to volunteer regularly. Our next game is this Sunday at Rutgers and will be for a tournament between teams of different High Schools. Also, Alexandria Pereira and Yamna Anwar will be meeting with a Red Cross representative this Friday after school to discuss the details of our upcoming blood drive (2nd one this year). We now are trying to plan our annual spring activities such as the beach clean up.

The New Jersey Math League team at NPHS has completed five contests and will be participating in its sixth in March under the supervision of Mrs. Marseglia. The Science League team will be attending its third contest tomorrow, March 8th. At the last Math

League contest, two teams, both Physics I and Bio II placed for second at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

Standardized testing has been ongoing this week at the high school, with students taking HSPA in the math and science wing on the second floor.

Presentation

Mr. Jerard Stephenson, principal, presented the Board with an overview of the recent Middle States Evaluation report.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Students

Maria Del Mar Molina, NPHS senior, garnered **third place** in the art show at the **Du Cret School of Art** in Plainfield. A reception was held Friday evening, February 24, featuring hundreds of works from area high schools.

Sean Boland and **Aliah Rosa**, eighth grade students, participated in the county's **4-H Careers & County Government Day** on February 7. This event, coordinated by the Somerset County Board of Freeholders and the 4-H Youth Development Program of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, allowed 100 selected middle school students to shadow county employees as they went about their daily duties in more than a dozen divisions of government. **Sean** and **Aliah** spent time with the Somerset County Assistant Prosecutor and toured the courthouse and learned about the forensic labs.

Based on the recommendations of **Dorian Parreott, instrumental music teacher and band director at Somerset and West End Schools**, the following students were selected for the **Central Jersey Elementary Honors Band**. There were 284 students recommended by 35 directors - a record high for this event. Note: Abby Smith is a West End student. All others are Somerset students. The selection committee selected students to participate in one of the three bands that will perform on April 21, 2012.

First Name	Last Name	Instrument	Band
Menatallah	Bahnasy	Clarinet	Blue
Julia	Packeco	Clarinet	Blue
Tori	Fellin	flute	Blue
Abby	Smith	percussion- snare/traps/mallets	Red
Jane	Crowthers	flute	White
Kate	Mayfield	Percussion-All	White
Kierra	Adams	trombone	White
Elizabeth	Liss	trombone	White
Joseph	Merida	Trumpet	White
Flabia	Recinas Peres	Trumpet	White

West End School Second Marking Period Honor Roll:

Third Grade High Honor Roll: Adam Elsais and Bryanna Llerena

Third Grade Honor Roll: Jaycob Adoptante, Christina Aguilar, Hannah Allphin, Joshua Arguello, Isabel Cerdena, Tiffany Chacon Figueroa, Maldini Chavez Anaya, Cynthia Contreras, Ashley Dawsey, Douglas De Sousa, Amanda Dixon, John Donnelly, Marcelo Freire Rizzo, Timothy Godwin, Tatiana Gonzalez, Dajuan Gregory, Jasmin Guillen, Ava Hanlein, Valerie Havrilla, Bryanna Llerena, Jason Mastroianni, Karen Melendex Alas, Matthew Mendoza, Liam Miller, Olafade Omole, Elena Pagliai Garot, Brandon Rosa, Vanessa Ruiz, Sukriti Srinivas, Tyler Sullivan, Valentina Valencia Roman,, Christian Vallecillo Mata, and Justin Vargs Acosta

Fourth Grade Honor Roll:

Matthew Alarcon, Hatice Aygun, Shahinda Bahnasy, Teyanna Burke, Chantal Celis, Nicholas Jardim, Isabelle Lin, Sebastian Mendes, James McGovern, Grace McGrath, McKenna Moore, Cecilia Munoz, Thy Nguyen, Jaheim Roberts, Sara Rodriguez-Deol, Meg Savoy, and Kevin Vasquez

WE Celebrate Recognition: First grade teachers **Theresa Knauer** and **Wendy McClellan** recognized **Carly Coslit** and **Rachael Given** for their hard work, good citizenship, caring nature and serving as classroom role models.

Second grade teachers **Patricia Russell**, **Angela Roman**, and **Robert Meringolo** nominated **Michael Ramirez** and **Ian Smith** for a WE Award for displaying the qualities of good citizenship every day in class.

Third grade teachers **Angela Roman** and **Alison Clark** nominated **Duglas Ayala** for a WE Celebrate award for his dedication to improving his writing abilities and for his good citizenship to others.

Librarian **Lindsey Gall** recognized fourth grader **James McGovern** for his superb library skills and for volunteering in the library during his free time to assist in keeping the library neat and organized.

Instrumental music instructor **Dorian Parreott II** recognized fourth graders **Nina Worthey**, **James McGovern**, **Trenten Mixson**, and **Shahinda Bahnasy** for having excelled in their band lessons and performing at the top of their class.

Schools

Stony Brook School

Read, Read, Read: A reading explosion has continued to sweep across Stony Brook School, as **Anne Corkery**, **media specialist**, has let the circulation numbers from the Mandarin Report tool calculate the circulation statistics to tell a wonderful story. "Read, Read, Read!" has become the motto used to motivate students to develop a love of literacy and understand the importance of checking out books. When Ms. Corkery began her media specialist career at Stony Brook School, she was given the daunting task of increasing book circulation and the numbers are incredible. In June of 2008, the

students checked out 6,341 books; 2009 – 9,751 books; 2010 – 10,833 books and last June the number was 16,780 books. This has been a steady increase each year. Last year from the beginning of the school year until 2/9/2011 the students checked out 7,661 library books. This year from the beginning of the school year until 2/9/2012, the Stony Brook students checked out 11,609 library books. That is a 51.5% increase! If current trends continue, Ms. Corkery projects that the students will check out over 20,000 books this school year! In the four years that she has been at Stony Brook, library book circulation has increased by 225.5%! Special thanks to Ms. Corkery and of course to all the Stony Brook readers.

Jump Rope for Heart: On February 28, 2012, Stony Brook students joined thousands of other students across the country in Stony Brook's fifth annual "Jump Rope for Heart" educational fundraising day. The physical education and health programs in North Plainfield have been teaching the students that a healthy lifestyle, which includes eating healthy, and being physically active, can help prevent heart disease and stroke. The Jump Rope for Heart program promotes the value of physical activity to elementary school students, while showing them that they can help battle a very big problem. Stony Brook's program, organized by **Andrew Taylor and Ryan Shapiro**, the physical education and health teachers, added a very important component of parent involvement. The multi-purpose room was set up into various "jumping" centers designed to get that heart beating. Parents were invited to spend some great time taking pictures and jumping with their children. "We encourage our families to join us to work together to promote heart healthy living," stated **Principal Cathy Kobylarz**. "The students and staff work hard to raise money and are proud to donate all proceeds to the American Heart Association."

Stony Brook's Half-Way Day: Half-Way Day was the latest mathematical celebration in **Kathleen Willwerth's, Leanne Borbely's and Marina Heller's second grade classes** at Stony Brook School. It was no surprise that the second graders had calculated Monday, January 30, 2012 to be the 90th day of school and that represented the half-way point through the school year. Now they consider themselves to be second graders and one half. As part of their special day, each student arrived with a special project demonstrating half of something. Each student shared a project as parents joined in the celebrations. Concepts discussed that day were symmetry, halving and midpoints. Many of the second grade parents were on hand for the festivities.

East End School

On the evening of February 8, physical education teachers **Todd Vanderputten** and **Corrine Cecala** held the annual **Gym Night** for fourth grade students and their families. Students and parents formed individual teams and throughout the evening, challenges were presented and each team was required to work collaboratively and use critical thinking to solve each problem and task. "I was amazed at the different strategies that were used each time to solve the same problem. Parents and children were collaborating throughout the evening and the cheering that filled the gymnasium made everyone feel the sense of accomplishment as each team achieved success," commented **Kathleen Herrmann, principal**. When the event came to an end, the PTO provided refreshments for all to enjoy.

Student Council members have been busy collecting box tops from their assigned classrooms every Friday. Each classroom is given an envelope to display in their room to encourage children to save box tops. East End School has collected almost 4,000 box tops this year for which the school receives money that can be used to support various school activities throughout the year. Second grade teacher **Lisa Gabriel** and School Counselor **Jackie Spaventa** facilitate the Student Council and meet with the members weekly.

Maschio's Food Service held a food advisory event in the community room on February 10 at 10:00 a.m. Invited parents, staff and selected students were afforded the opportunity to taste and rate new foods, as well as review existing foods on the menu. **Manager Joan Marcuzzi** explained the importance of reading and understanding food labels and provided information on nutrition and health.

Ms. Herrmann kept her promise to the students in **Leslie Hansen's third grade class** and read the sequel to *Saving Sweetness* by Diane Stanley entitled *Raising Sweetness*. The children were surprised and delighted as they listened to the story and discovered how the sheriff saved all of the orphans by adopting them. They also were happy that his long lost sweetheart came back and married him. In the end, all of the orphans had a new mom and dad. "Watching the faces of children as they are read to emphasized how important it is to read to children each and every day. Reading aloud fills them with questions that need to be answered and fosters discussion among the students and adults," stated Ms. Herrmann.

On Friday evening, February 24, East End School held its annual **PTO-sponsored Variety Show**. It was **Kimberly Carter's** last year to chair this event since her daughter is a fourth grade student. **Michael Rohan** served as the MC and his motivation and encouragement helped any young performer to forget about having stage fright and find the courage to take the stage with confidence. Students sang, danced, performed short skits, played musical instruments, and demonstrated gymnastics moves. Dinner and dessert were served and proceeds from the sale will support the end-of-year fourth grade event. "Ms. Carter once again worked so hard to make the Variety Show a huge success. I told the audience how hard it will be for anyone to fill her shoes," stated Ms. Herrmann.

West End School

PTA Box Tops Recognition: For the month of February West End students collected 2,070 Box Tops which is \$207.00 for West End School. So far this year West End collected 14,383 which is almost \$1,500 for our PTA to use for student activities. This month's winners include the following:

3rd place with 180 Box Tops, Paula Lemos' fourth grade class
2nd place with 190 Box Tops, Patricia Russell's second grade class
1st place with 210 Box Tops, Christine Birnbaum's second grade class

NPHS

The **NPHS Winter Guard** took **first place** at the competition at JP Stevens on Saturday, February 18. The newly formed junior squad took fourth place out of a field of 14 schools.

NPMS

The Year of the Dragon: To celebrate the **Chinese New Year**, students did a variety of team activities. In social studies classes, students learned about the traditions and origins surrounding the celebration by viewing a PowerPoint presentation and creating their own dragon puppets with teachers **Danielle Fauci, David Hooker, and Theresa Zimmerman**. In **Lauren Meyer's** and **Aimee Pandya's** math classes, students watched a video clip on China's influence on geometric shapes and properties, which have evolved into puzzles using tangrams. Students then created their own tangrams to share with their classmates. In English classes, teachers **Shona Wright, Lisa Keating, and Kate Friedman**, created different stations in which students read stories about Chinese family life, school life, and other cultural aspects. Students then wrote about the symbolism of flowers and created their own flowers to hang around the school. Teacher **Michael Nardi** taught about the rise of Chinese economic power and how climate problems may be influenced by overseas factory emissions.

Black History Month: February is the month when the middle school celebrates African-American Heritage. Around the building, various quotations from significant African-American authors, scholars, poets, musicians, civil rights leaders, scientists, sports heroes, and politicians were posted. Teacher **Suzanne Sapega** organized a school-wide activity to help prepare the students for the NJASK quote response in the writing portion of the test. Students were asked to go on a "historical hunt" and find the connection between the location of the quotation and the author. Prominently displayed outside **Jerome Pocius'** English class were original first day postal covers representing the Black Heritage stamp series. Students could view and learn about such icons as Dr. Allison Davis, Langston Hughes, Bessie Coleman, and Roy Wilkins.

Science/Math Expo: On February 15, the middle school held its first annual Science/Math Expo. Teachers **Michael Nardi** and **Aimee Pandya** facilitated this exciting event. Over 30 students participated in creating displays and conducting experiments. Parents enjoyed learning about such topics as "The Chemistry of Baking", "The Corrosiveness of Soda", and, "The Rotten Banana." One parent later remarked, "I was impressed with the Expo. The students did a great job in making and presenting their experiments. I saw kids being excited about science and math."

School Safety and Health Survey: On February 15, over 80 students participated in the 2011-2012 New Jersey Middle School Risk and Protective Factor Survey, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Human Services. Our school's participation in this survey earned an incentive reward of over \$500.00.

An American in Paris: Bonjour! French teacher **Carolann Kiss** arranged to have her seventh grade French class acquire "pen pals" from a middle school in France. Students will have the opportunity to use their knowledge of French and write letters to build lasting friendships with other students.

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic-Operations - The safety topic for February was proper lifting techniques and back safety. Related safety training was provided via our new on-line employee training system and all employees completed their assigned training on time. The safety topic for March is vehicle safety.

Safety Topic-Transportation – The van drivers and van paraprofessionals are currently completing job-specific safety training modules at this time.

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 has now approved a proposal to have an in-depth hidden camera survey completed in target areas. The expenses associated with this work may be paid for by our Joint Insurance Fund. Additionally, the district has purchased a simplified hidden camera locator and has begun to sweep target areas including team rooms, locker rooms and restrooms.

SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for February was an active shooter drill. All schools completed their assigned drill. The security drill for the month of March is a bomb threat.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

The following maintenance projects and or contracted repairs were completed during the February break:

Relocation of books from the conference room of the high school to the book room
Repairs to the intercom system in the main office of the high school
Installation of an override switch for the cafeteria sound system
Repairs to a drain line for the water fountain outside the high school auditorium
Replacement of both face panels and letter rails on the high school marquee
The stripping and waxing of all main hallways in the middle school, first and second floor, and the main hallway by the cafeteria.

PROPOSED FIELD HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The following improvements have now been approved for the field house. This work is currently being scheduled to begin in early spring.

Installation of new flooring for locker, training and restroom areas
Installation of new lockers for both varsity and junior varsity teams
Installation of new drinking fountains and restroom partitions
Installation of new exterior entrance doors and associated hardware
Complete painting of all areas including exterior restrooms

CAPITAL PROJECTS STATUS REPORT

HARRISON SCHOOL

The installation of a **chiller, piping and associated controls to air condition the entire building**. UPDATE: This project is currently out to bid for a second time. A pre-bid walkthrough was held on February 21 and bids will be received on March 13. This project will be partially funded by a Rod Grant.

STONY BROOK SCHOOL

The installation of two package **air conditioning units** for the multi-purpose room - UPDATE: This project is currently out-to-bid for a second time. A pre-bid walkthrough was held on February 21 and bids will be received on March 13. This project will be partially funded by a Rod Grant.

DISTRICT WIDE

Solar Energy Grant: The engineering firm is currently in the process of filing for Department of Education Project Approvals for all locations slated to receive solar panels. It should be noted however that Stony Brook School has been removed from the list due to a negative feasibility study. The process of filing for approvals is expected to take up to six weeks. We do not anticipate a start-up of this project until late spring or early summer.

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. UPDATE: We have been approved for the program and we are currently awaiting a contract for execution.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education grant an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act to Barbara Curtis, elementary teacher at East End School, effective February 21, 2012 through February 29, 2012.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individual(s) as substitute paraprofessional(s) in the district at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, pending completion of the employment process:

Megan E. Pittenger	Judi Rosa
Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Kasper – Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education adjust the unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act granted to Michele Motichka, elementary teacher at Stony Brook School **from** February 24, 2012 through March 9, 2012 **to** February 24, 2012 through March 18, 2012.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – 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 temporary employment dates of Priya Doshi, temporary elementary teacher at Stony Brook School, **from** January 9, 2012 through March 11, 2012 **to** January 9, 2012 through March 16, 2012. (Ms. Doshi is temporarily replacing Michele Motichka.)

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the transfer of Jessica Rodriguez from instructional paraprofessional at West End School to paraprofessional in the special needs preK program at East End School, effective January 3, 2012. Ms. Rodriguez' hours will remain at 2.50 per day.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Michael Lim, part-time teacher of mathematics in the Alternative High School Program, effective February 15, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Therese Lynch as a part-time teacher of mathematics in the NPHS Alternative Program for eight hours a week, effective March 8, 2012. (Ms. Lynch will replace Michael Lim.)

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Mary S. Imperato, elementary teacher at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the employment of Timothy Brennan as a part-time transportation driver at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$30.28, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective February 29, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the employment of Amanda Perez as a part-time transportation driver at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$30.28, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective February 29, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education adjust the salary of Jerard Stephenson, principal of NPHS, to reflect his attainment of a Master’s degree plus 30 credits, as follows:

2010-2011	\$142,948 + \$2600 (prorated effective 1/1/2011)
2011-2012	\$147,725 + \$2600 for a total of \$150,325

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as temporary paraprofessionals in the schools and for the hours indicated, at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 8, 2012:

Jenna Dzurilla	Stony Brook School	Students	3.25 hrs/day
Gwynda Gronlund	Somerset School	Student	2.25 hrs/day

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – 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 teachers indicated on the attached list as mentors for first year teachers to be paid \$550 at the conclusion of the 30-week program or pro-rated accordingly, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY'12 or local funds as listed.

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 Nora Kiefer as a temporary instrumental music teacher at NPHS, at the 2010-2011 BA/Step 1 (1-2) annual salary rate of \$50,615, to be pro-rated effective March 14, 2012 through June 8, 2012. (Ms. Kiefer will temporarily replace Heather Fencik.)

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 Billinda Wright as an instructional paraprofessional in the Kindergarten class at West End School for 3.75 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 8, 2012. (Ms. Wright will replace Kathleen Towey.)

Further, that for the 2011-2012 school year, Ms. Wright be appointed a substitute paraprofessional in the district.

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 Karen Rink as a paraprofessional for the breakfast program at West End School for 1.0 hour per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 12, 2012. (Ms. Rink will replace the breakfast hour portion of Karen Wilson's position.)

Further, that for the 2011-2012 school year, Ms. Rink be appointed a substitute paraprofessional in the district.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve an increase of hours for Mildred Colon, paraprofessional at West End School from 1.75 hrs per day to 3.50 hours per day, to include lunch and office duty, effective March 8, 2012. (Ms. Colon will replace the office duty portion of Karen Wilson's position.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Antonina Chwialkowski as a lunchroom paraprofessional at West End School for 1.75 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 8, 2012. (Ms. Chwialkowski will replace Mildred Colon.)

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Maria Marinas as a paraprofessional in the morning preschool disabled class at East End School for 2.50 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 8, 2012.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as K-12 district substitute teachers:

Jayne Sengler	Meghan Zampella
Richard Tarbous	

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – 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 unpaid leave of absence granted to Marlene Yoskowitz, teacher of French at NPHS, **from** effective January 30, 2012 through March 9, 2012 **to** January 30, 2012 through May 11, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education adjust the temporary employment of Carolann Kiss, temporary teacher of French at NPHS, **from** effective November 14, 2011 through March 9, 2012 **to** November 14, 2011 through May 11, 2012. (Ms. Kiss is temporarily replacing Marlene Yoskowitz.)

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education decrease the hours of Nancy LasLuisa, paraprofessional at East End School, from 4.5 hours per day to 2.5 hours per day, effective March 5, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve Andrew Taylor as a volunteer assistant to the baseball coach.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the temporary employment of Eileen DeMeo as a temporary elementary teacher at Somerset School at the MA/Step 6 2010-2011 annual salary rate of \$55,065, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective March 8, 2012. (Ms. DeMeo will temporarily replace Mary Castro.)

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branán – 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 grant Senaida Hall, paraprofessional in the HS Bridge program, an unpaid leave of absence effective March 6, 2012 through May 6, 2012.

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education, District One-Year Program Plan Update and pre-school budget as attached.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the use and implementation of the curriculum for the following high school courses:

Advanced Placement Studio Art
Advanced Placement Music Theory
Home Repair
Consumer Mathematics

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following non-classified students be placed on home instruction for five hours per week, to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective March 5, 2012:

HI-34-11-12 HI-36-11-12
HI-35-11-12 HI-37-11-12

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve the following classified students NEU-08-11-12 undergo a neurological evaluation to be provided by Dr. Kavita Sinha at the cost of \$350 each:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve non-classified student HI-38-11-12 be placed on home instruction for five hours per week, to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective March 1, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve classified student HI-12-11-12 be placed on home instruction for ten hours per week, to be provided by district staff, effective February 16, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student MMMMM-11-12 at Passaic County Elks Cerebral Palsy High School, at the per diem tuition rate of \$307.77, effective March 8, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approve identified student HI-39-11-12 be placed on home instruction for ten hours per week, to be provided by district staff, effective March 5, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student NNNNN-11-12 at First Children in Fanwood at the cost of \$323.37 per diem, effective March 9, 2012.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved that the Board of Education approved identified student HI-14-11-12 be placed on home instruction for ten hours per week, to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective March 8, 2012.

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branán 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#11-04-018-Sharp VCR(Not Functional)-Somerset School
S#91-05-006-Vivitron TV (Not Operational)-Somerset School

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

Resolution for the West End Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has obtained approval of the preliminary eligible costs for certain financing from the New Jersey Department of Education, Department for School Facilities Projects, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (the “Act”), N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1, et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1, et seq. (now codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1, et seq.), (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, upon the Board’s submission, the NJ DOE has granted the Board’s application pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) for the School Facilities Project at the West End School (the “School Project”), State Project No. 3670-110-10-1009; and

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WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Seventy Three Dollars (\$117,073.00), and an initial local share of Seventy Seven Thousand Fifteen Dollars (\$77,015.00); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board intends to provide in the 2012-2013 school budget in capital outlay the necessary local share capital projects for the purposes of bathroom renovation at West End Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to execute, deliver and implement the Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority, in substantially the form submitted at this meeting, with such changes approved by the Board's counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the School Business Administrator is hereby delegated the authority to execute, deliver and implement the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall have the authority to supervise the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and such other appropriate representatives of the Board as may be requested by the aforesaid officer or officers, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary for implementation of the Grant Agreement and the School Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Resolution for the Stony Brook Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has obtained approval of the preliminary eligible costs for certain financing from the New Jersey Department of Education, Department for School Facilities Projects, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (the “Act”), N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1, et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1, et seq. (now codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1, et seq.), (the “Regulations”); and

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WHEREAS, upon the Board's submission, the NJ DOE has granted the Board's application pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement ("Grant Agreement") for the School Facilities Project at the Stony Brook Elementary School (the "School Project"), State Project No. 3670-090-10-1006; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$184,570.00), and an initial local share of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$121,415.00); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board intends to provide in the 2012-2013 school budget in capital outlay the necessary local share capital projects for the purposes of bathroom renovation at Stony Brook Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to execute, deliver and implement the Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority, in substantially the form submitted at this meeting, with such changes approved by the Board's counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the School Business Administrator is hereby delegated the authority to execute, deliver and implement the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall have the authority to supervise the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and such other appropriate representatives of the Board as may be requested by the aforesaid officer or officers, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary for implementation of the Grant Agreement and the School Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Resolution for the East End Elementary School Restroom Renovation Project

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has obtained approval of the preliminary eligible costs for certain financing from the New Jersey Department of Education, Department for School Facilities Projects, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (the “Act”), N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1, et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1, et seq. (now codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1, et seq.), (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, upon the Board’s submission, the NJ DOE has granted the Board’s application pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) for the School Facilities Project at the East End Elementary School (the “School Project”), State Project No. 3670-060-10-1004; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$220,599.00), and an initial local share of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$145,116.00); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board intends to provide in the 2012-2013 school budget in capital outlay the necessary local share capital projects for the purposes of bathroom renovation at East End Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to execute, deliver and implement the Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority, in substantially the form submitted at this meeting, with such changes approved by the Board’s counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the School Business Administrator is hereby delegated the authority to execute, deliver and implement the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall have the authority to supervise the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and such other appropriate representatives of the Board as may be requested by the aforesaid officer or officers, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary for implementation of the Grant Agreement and the School Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Resolution for the North Plainfield High School Library Renovation Project

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has obtained approval of the preliminary eligible costs for certain financing from the New Jersey Department of Education, Department for School Facilities Projects, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (the “Act”), N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1, et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1, et seq. (now codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1, et seq.), (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, upon the Board’s submission, the NJ DOE has granted the Board’s application pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) for the School Facilities Project at the North Plainfield High School (the “School Project”), State Project No. 3670-050-10-1010; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of One Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Nine Dollars (\$197,229.00), and an initial local share of One Hundred Twenty Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars (\$126,469.00); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board intends to provide in the 2012-2013 school budget in capital outlay the necessary local share capital projects for the purposes of library renovation at North Plainfield High School; and

WHEREAS, the Board intends to execute, deliver and implement the Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority, in substantially the form submitted at this meeting, with such changes approved by the Board’s counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the School Business Administrator is hereby delegated the authority to execute, deliver and implement the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall have the authority to supervise the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the School District Superintendent or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and such other appropriate representatives of the Board as may be requested by the aforesaid officer or officers, are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary for implementation of the Grant Agreement and the School Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopt the following preliminary school district budget for the 2012-2013 school year:

General Fund	\$ 55,533,008.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,399,857.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ <u>1,325,169.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 59,258,034.00

Be it further resolved, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$27,384,148.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,319,042.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and submit this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval for advertising as required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establishes March 26, 2012 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorizes the Superintendent and Board Secretary, after approval by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, to advertise this budget and the budget hearing as required by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 field trips as indicated on the attached list.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board approve Nancy Rodino, library media specialist at Somerset School, submit on behalf of the district a grant application to the Walmart Community Grants in the amount of \$1,000. The funds will be used to purchase chapter books by author Tim Green who will be visiting for a free assembly.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – 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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education determined the need to request proposals for architectural services for oversight and execution of various construction projects planned by the district, and

WHEREAS, the Board solicited requests for proposals from a total of nine firms to be submitted by February 9, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the proposals that were submitted were reviewed, and it was determined that three firms, having most closely matched the particular needs of the district, would be asked to present to the Finance and Facilities Committee on February 28, 2012, and

WHEREAS, the committee having heard the presentations and determined, based on the information provided that one firm most closely matched the particular needs of the district,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education hereby approves the appointment of Parette Somjen Architects, having offices located at 439 Rt.46 East, Rockaway, NJ 07866, as the architect of record for the balance of the 2011-2012 school year at an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 (Seventy Five Thousand Dollars) in total expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

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

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2011-2012 school year, the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools to amend the NCLB FY'12 application to bring forward prior year NCLB carryover as follows:

Title I	\$2,694
Title IIA	\$0
Title III	\$0

Thomas Allen – Aye
David Branán – 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 – meeting scheduled for March 21, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Curriculum – Dr. Rich discussed various topics. Discussion included HIB Grant, RVCC courses and High School Program of Studies.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Branan reviewed items from the recent meeting on February 28th including the 2012-2012 budget and capital projects.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan gave an overview of the main topics that were discussed at the meeting on February 28th.

Negotiations – the next meeting is scheduled for March 2012.

NJSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.

SCEC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Items moved from future Agenda – there were none.

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

School Budget 2012-2013.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

Alexis Gardner asked about broadcasting meetings and phone calls for meeting dates.

Elizabeth Havrilla commented on student teachers and access to computers.

Shelly Moore asked about our hidden camera survey and commented on administrators salaries.

Future Agenda Items

Pathway Program Update – Jane Delaney

NCLB – Approved NJ Waiver - May

Letter from Mr. Joseph Rosenberg

Board Retreat – Gwen Thornton, NJSBA – April 30th

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on March 21, 2012 at 7:00 pm for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg