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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 14, 2012 at Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Dr. Robert Rich, Assistant Superintendent, as well as, Jihad Womack, Student Representative and approximately 45 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, with Mrs. Dodd abstaining, to accept the public session minutes of April 25, 2012, April 30, 2012, and May 2, 2012.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of April 25, 2012.

Financial Report

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated April 30, 2012 in the amount of \$4,605,333.62.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of March 2012 and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

Comments from the Public

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

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Jihad Womack as follows:

High School News

The Backpacks for Children program was a success! The Interact Club was able to collect more than 500 items for children who need food over the weekends and summertime. We are proud that North Plainfield High School was able to step up and make a positive difference in our community!

The Sophomore Class Student Council is planning a Car Wash for this Saturday, May 19th. They are also planning to sell Class of 2014 T-shirts to fundraise money for future events.

The Senior Class Student Council is busy planning the senior prom, which will take place on June 1st. Senior Picnic will take place on Monday, June 4th. Members of the Class of 2012 took it upon themselves to fundraise of \$240 for their class fund. In addition to planning for Prom and Senior Picnic, the SCSC, in conjunction with the Junior Class Student Council, has been planning for the Junior-Senior Powder Puff Game that will take place on Thursday, May 31st.

The Senior Day of Service will take place on May 24th. The President of the Senior Class met with the Mayor on May 8th to help plan for this event.

Canuck Mentors are stepping up to fight against cancer by participating in the Relay for Life Event this Friday at Scotch-Plains-Fanwood High School. Each member was asked to raise at least \$150.00 in order to be able to stay the night at the event.

The SAT took place on Saturday, May 5th at North Plainfield High School.

AP Testing started on Tuesday, May 8th, and will conclude tomorrow, May 15th.

The New Jersey State Biology Exam will take place tomorrow, May 15th and Wednesday, May 16th.

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

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

Presentation

Mrs. Jane Delaney, Director of Pupil Services, and Ms. Maria Araneo, Supervisor of Special Education gave an overview of the Pathways Careers Awareness Program.

Superintendent's Report

RECOGNITION/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Staff

The following six outstanding educators have been selected from the North Plainfield School District as the **2012 "Teacher of the Year" Award Recipients**. North Plainfield administrators have invited each recipient with a guest to a special luncheon at Giovanna's

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Restaurant on Friday, May 18, 2012. In addition, these educators will be honored at North Plainfield's Teacher Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, June 6, 2012:

Megan Schutz is currently working as a fourth grade teacher at **West End School**. She has been an educator for the past nine years, all of which have been dedicated to the North Plainfield School District with seven at Stony Brook School, and the past two years at West End School. She holds a Bachelor's degree in English Literature, a Master's degree in Elementary Education,

Marina Heller is currently working as a second grade teacher at **Stony Brook School**. She has been an educator for the past seven years, with six of them dedicated to the North Plainfield School District at Stony Brook School. She holds a certification in Elementary Education from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has been working towards a Master of Arts in Teaching. She also holds a Bachelor's degree in marketing with a minor in Psychology from Kean University. Before becoming a teacher, Ms. Heller worked as a corporate trainer for a large communications company.

Sue Dahlinger is currently a fourth grade teacher at **East End School**. She has been a teacher of Academic Support and grades 3, 4, 5 from 1995 to present. She holds certificates as Teacher of Pre-School, Teacher of Grades K-8, and Teacher of Social Studies. Ms. Dahlinger earned her Bachelor's degree in Education from College of St. Elizabeth, Convent Station, NJ.

Bettina Bergamo grew up and attended school in North Plainfield. Following NPHS, she attended the College of New Jersey for her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education and Psychology. She is currently attending Kean University to pursue her Master's degree in Reading Specialization. Her first job out of college was teaching **fifth grade** at **Somerset School**, and she has been there for 6 ½ years.

Mary Ann Reilly is a **reading teacher** in **North Plainfield Middle School** since 2001. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Education and Master's degree in Reading Education from Fordham University. Prior to teaching in North Plainfield, Ms. Reilly taught in the Bronx and Brooklyn, New York in both public and private schools as well as in St. Mary's School in Middletown, NJ.

Dr. Sarah O'Donnell graduated from Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, with a Bachelor's degree in Biology graduating with departmental honors in Biology. She attended Rutgers where she earned her PhD in Zoology and was the first woman to earn a PhD from the Zoology Department. While at Rutgers, she was a teaching assistant in General Biology, Genetics, Limnology and Freshwater Ecology, a graduate course. She was also an instructor in Ecology. Subsequently she was a professor at Montclair State, where she taught General Biology, Invertebrate Zoology, Vertebrate Zoology and Ecology. And then her entire career changed. She was hired by AT&T. While in the Bell System, she developed and delivered numerous corporate training modules. In 2005, she began her career as a **biology teacher** in North Plainfield High School.

William Saccardi, reading teacher at NPMS, was honored with the Make a Difference Award. This honor was bestowed upon Mr. Saccardi by the Institute for Holocaust and Genocide Studies at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) as part of a joint program on April 26, 2012, between the college and the Jewish Federation of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties.

The Make a Difference Award is given to local educators who have supported the programs, seminars, and workshops sponsored by the Institute. According to the Institute, "The Make a Difference Award recognizes those who, through their actions, promote tolerance and understanding in the community and who embody the values of teaching tolerance and diversity."

*Mr. Saccardi has worked with members of the NPMS to educate students and staff about the Holocaust. Not only has he been instrumental in hosting speakers at the middle school, but he has worked with **Peppy Margolis, director of cultural outreach**, at RVCC to bring our students to RVCC for programs. This year's trip was on Friday, April 27; Grade 8 students from Team One attended the Holocaust Symposium. Students were able to attend for free thanks to a generous grant provided by Ms. Margolis.*

*"This honor is well deserved and reflects not only Mr. Saccardi's dedication and efforts, but those of the NPMS community as well," remarked **Dr. Hope Blecher, supervisor of language arts, literacy, social studies, and media services.***

Students

Varsity Boys Track Team: The **Varsity Boys Track and Field team** won the **Valley Division of the Skyland Conference** with an undefeated dual meet record of four wins and no losses. This marks the fourth time in the past five years that the team has won the divisional title. "Congratulations to coach **Charles Henriques**, his staff, and members of the team for their effort," remarked **Karl Gordon, athletic director and supervisor of health and physical education.**

John Ferguson, NPMS assistant principal, is proud to announce the following students for recognition in achieving the Honor Roll for the third marking period: (*) = All A's

Grade 7

Acevedo, Giancarlo	Kisling, Victoria (*)
Acosta-Castro, Eric	Kolubah, Sefa
Agudelo, Johan	Lane, Symone
Ahmed, Raja (*)	Lattimore, Lauren
Amato, Andrew	Liang, Yanqing (*)
Andrade Collao, Carolina	Lozada Villegas, Kevin (*)
Andrade, Kevin (*)	Marquez, Alexander
Aviles-Carmona, Sebastian	Martinez, Chanell
Bahnasy, Abdelaziz (*)	Mendez, Cierra (*)
Baker, Adrianna	McDuffie, Brandon
Barriga, Daniela (*)	McGrath, Emily
Bermudez, Elena	Mendez, Michael
Borja, Vanessa	Merrill, Steven
Cabrera, Matthew	Mobeen, Zoya
Cadena, Charles	Mooney, Joshua
Calderon, Dayana	Mora, Daniel
Carreras, Kaitlyn	Navas, Kenny
Castellanos, Joselynne	Orejarena, Valentina
Cherasaro, Nicholas	Palin-Thomas, Laurina
Cheung, Brendan	Patterson, Sydney
Chic, Jacqueline	Pellegrino, Frank

Cook, Jared
Cosby, Samuel
Cruz, Mildre
Desotelle, Emily
Dock, Ka-Ron
Dock, Khalil
Donatelli, John
Duncan, Mikayla
Durmus, Husnanur
Dustin, Alexandria
Elkhouli, Fares (*)
Elsais, Amina
Enwerekowe, Dilinna (*)
Forrester, Kevin
Forrester, Nikita (*)
Fuentes, Mirian
Gardner, James
Gavilanes, Allen
Gordon, Karen (*)
Guevara, Hector
Ho, Andy
Jackson, Dexter Jr. (*)
Kelly, Ricky

Plata, Daniela
Rezza-Pezzia, Stephanie
Riccardi, Harley
Rosa Batista, Juan
Sajjad, Amaiana
Sevilla Torres, Sidney
Smith, Shadai
Soto, Sigrid (*)
Souza, Luhana
St. Cerny, Ross
Steward, Jonnelle
Tapia-Alvarado, Grace
Truong, Christina
Urbano-Gomez, Christopher
Velasategui, Emely
Velis-Amaya, Javier
Ventriglia, Lauren
Wagnac, Andy
Walsh, Margaret
Warren, Christopher (*)
Williams, Kyla

Grade 8

Appezato, Molly
Baijnath, Amelia (*)
Barna, Stephen
Bartley, Rushea (*)
Bedoya, Nicole
Bernal, Kevin
Blackwell, Kevin
Boland, Sean
Cartagena, Angelo
Caruso, Danielle
Castaneda, Luis
Celleri Elizalde, Kayla
Ceriani, Toni
Chavez, Jasmine
Chen, Melody (*)
Couso, Alexis
Dayton, Emily (*)
Deepchandani, Oneil
Flores-Gonzalez, Adrian
Forbes, Natasha
Funelas, Kyle
Gamez, Jason
Grant, James Jr.
Guevara, William
Gugliotta, Caitlin (*)

Megaloudis, Martyn
Melgar, Reina (*)
Mel-tos, Angelo
Melendez-Yanotta, Alexandra
Mercuri, Tiffany
Mohamed, Ebrahim
Moodry, Kelly
Muhando, Olivia
Okereke, Brenda (*)
Okolo, Jasmine
Olivares, Kelly
Orozco, Claudia
Ortega, Jaquelin
Pazmino-Nunez, Helen
Perez, David (*)
Pisani, Nicholas
Requejo-Reymundo, Geraldine
Rice, Petrina
Rosa, Alih
Ruilova, Julie
Samayoa, Caitlin
Santana, Chyanne
Shafqat, Saira
Soto, Katherine
St. Cerny, Ying (*)

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Hatala, John
Hernandez, Marisol
Jeannot, Samantha
Kenny, Samuel
Khan, Maheen
Kreyling-Hoag, Jonathan
Lamperti, Amanda
Lawson, Logan
Le, Jason
Lema-Tigse, Mishelle
Lema-Tigse, Nicole
Llumiyinga, Kelly
Matias Lopez, Jason

Sullivan, Robert Jr.
Thomas, Jamie (*)
Torres, Amber
Tucker-Croom, Samiyah
Velasategui, Kely
Villacis, Angelique
Wallace, Shawn Jr.
Waltero, Valerie
Way, Yvette (*)
Weyand, Valerie (*)
Zabala, Joel
Zhu, Lena (*)

East End held its **Citizen of the Month** assembly which is aligned to the six pillars of character education on April 30. The community room was filled to capacity with family and friends who came to celebrate with their children. “The children are so proud and excited when their names are called. Cameras are flashing in order to capture the smile on their faces,” stated **Ms. Herrmann**.

Kindergarten: Justin Lopez, Ybette Ayala, Natalie Moya, Kyle Irving, Carlos Jimenez, Melanie Claros, KathianaSaldriaga Hernandez, Anestell Wilhelm, Melissa Barriga, Brandon Sailema

First Grade: Victoria Caraballo,David Franco,Abigail Chango, Christian John Fortunato, Daniel Melendez-Saucedo, Samantha Draben, Joshua Indrawis, John Rybak, Meia Stapleton, Juleanna Santos

Second Grade:Katherine Amaya, AlexaVillacreses, Daniel Barriga, Amelia Accardo, Brianna Lourenco, Taylor Benjamin, Tyler Kasper, Alexa Lourenco, Camari Bartley, Ashley Chanquin, KendyCoxwell-Rudy, Betsy Murillo, Liam Alvarado, Juan Cantor-Gasca

Third Grade:AbdallahTaha, Isabel Chango, Douglas Mitchell, Madison Bush, Madison Hall, Nicholas Proffitt, Bridget Thomas, Zy’Kir Hopkins

Fourth Grade:Luis Gonzalez, Raquel Workman, Steven Brumbaugh, Briana Galarza, Andrea Montenegro, Jenesis Diaz, Aiden Davis, Griffin Leary, Kenny Hernandez, Edith Garcia, Selma Valjevac, Paul Salazar, Theodore Crowther, Walter Gutierrez

Vocal Music: Sophia Accardo/K, Max Bozack/K, YasmienZafar/1, Yazmin Gonzalez/2, Zy’Kir Hopkins/3, Bridget Thomas/3, Marjeastell Wilhelm/4

Instrumental Music:Juan Gonzalez, Walter Gutierrez

Art:Kevin Chavez/K, Brandon Zuluaga/1, Hope Kaiser/2, Ryan Cook/3, YaslaNgoma/4, Kenny Hernandez/4

Physical Education:Max Haro/K, Samantha Conroy /K, Joffre Yumiguano/1, Hailey Jamie-Marque/1,Anthony Solis-Lizano/2, Amelia Accardo /2, JulissaJacome-Torres/3, Valeria Rodriguez /3, Kevin Robles/4, Xavier Pena /4

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Library: Max Bozack/K, Madeline Bozack/K, Naomi Pieters/1, Tatiana Sarmiento/2, JulissaJacome-Torres/3, Raquel Workman/4

ESL: Daisy Dong/1, Justin Tenelema Herrera/K

Principal:YaslaNgoma/4, Gabriel Valderrama/4, Marjeastell Wilhelm/4, Jehosafat Melendez/3, Amelia Accardo/2, Donna Marie Siegel/1, Sophia Accardo/K

At the April WE Celebrate Assembly, the following were recognized: second grade teacher **Veronica Quick** nominated **Alejandra Garcia** and **Amy Buenano** for their great character and outstanding effort in class. Second grade teacher **Christine Birnbaum** nominated **Elizabeth Dustin** and **Sean Rassa** for being trustworthy second graders who display responsible work habits. Elizabeth has not missed one homework assignment and has become quite an expert on writing acrostic poems about all different topics. Sean has created his own website and instead of doing spelling sentences each week, he creates power point presentations to share with the class. Third grade teachers **Alison Clark** and **Angela Roman** nominated **Oleg Bucharov**. Oleg came to West End from Moscow, Russia. When he arrived he could not speak much English at all. In just a few short weeks, he was having full conversations with everyone. Oleg has continued to impress his teachers with his courage and dedication in the classroom.

West End School, Third Marking Period, Third Grade Honor Roll

Brian Bigden's Class

Isabel Cerdena
Cynthia Contreras
Valerie Havrilla
Jason Mastroianni
Isaiah Mitchell
Valentina Valencia Roman
Christian Vallecillo Mata

Alison Clark's Class

Douglas DeSousa
Dajuan Gregory
Karen Melendez Alas
Liam Miller
Adrian Otieno
Justin Vargas Acosta

Marianne Harris' Class

Jaycob Adoptante
Christina Aguilar
Zuha Anjum
Maldini Chavez
Ashley Dawsey
Ava Hanlein

Debbie Lysicatos' Class

Hannah Allphin
Tatiana Gonzalez
Olafade Omole
Elena Pagliai Garot
Vanessa Ruiz
Elias Wambugu

Nicole Rivlin's Class

Tinnany Chacon Figueroa
Amanda Dixon
Adam Elsaïs
Marcelo Rizzo Freire
Timothy Godwin
Jasmin Guillen
Bryanna Llerena
Matthew Mendoza

Third Marking Period, Fourth Grade Honor Roll

Dina Glowacki's Class

Shahinda Bahnasy
Antony Guerrero
Joshua Munoa
Ngothy Nguyen
Johan Vallecillo

Megan Schutz's Class

Matthew Alarcon
Chantel Celis
Isabelle Linn
James McGovern
Sara Rodriguez-Deol

Michelle Tafuri's Class

Moor Cheema
Sebastian Mendes
McKenna Moore
Jaheim Roberts
Margaret Savoy

Paula Lemos' Class

Hatice Aygun
Teyanna Burke
Angel Hernandez-Garcia
Grace McGrath
Cecilia Munoz
Christian Rowan
Kevin Vasquez

Stony Brook's Honor Roll: On May 1, 2012, the third and fourth grade students gathered for the Honor Roll Ceremony. Recently, a new tradition was born at Stony Brook. Each marking period the students set a goal to increase the number of Honor Roll recipients every marking period. During the first marking period of the 2011-2012 school year, thirteen students received honor roll status, with one student receiving High Honor Roll. The group celebrated this accomplishment and then set a goal of surpassing thirteen students for the second marking period. They promised to work together to increase the number of awardees.

True to Stony Brook standards, during the second marking period the goal was met for a second time. Twenty-three students were recognized, two students being High Honor Roll status. The group, once again, celebrated their success, reset the goal and began the hard work of making the honor roll.

It was a very proud moment for everyone when on May 1, 2012 the goal was once again reached for the third marking period. The following students in grades three and four were recognized as Honor Roll recipients: **Grade Three, Michele Motichka's Class –Karla Garcia, Ashlyn Murilo, Ashley Ordonez, Olivia Sheridan ; Kelly Feeney's class – Viviana Blanco, Lindsey Depaz, Henry Ruiz and High Honor Roll – Isabella Carroll, Jasmine Zaher. Grade Four, Carla Basile's class – Kyle Alejandro, Audrey Arias-Justo, Steven Datu, Jasmine Hernandez, Vanessa Morales, Lenise Phillips, Melanie Salizar, Daniel Solis, Jeremiah Thomas, Brian Yumiguano ; Mary West and Kim Gargiule's class – Vanessa Colon, Daniel Duncan, Joseph Manzano, Andy Nunez-Reyes, Camille Paduganao, Irvin Solis, Willard Torres, Jennifer Vagas, Anthony Grant and Melody Liu.** “The group, once again, celebrated their success, reset the goal and is now in the process of doing the hard work of making the honor roll. Fingers are crossed for meeting the new goal of twenty-nine students or more for the fourth marking period! Congratulations to all awardees and keep up the great work!” exclaimed **Cathy Kobylarz, principal.**

Schools

Elementary Schools

Instructional Council, Kindergarten Screening: As an outgrowth of discussions at Instructional Council, facilitated by **Mariluz Torres, ESL teacher at West End School** and comprised of representatives from each district school along with several administrators, plans evolved to assess children entering the district Kindergartens in September 2012. A screening assessment was developed and parents were notified and assigned a date to bring their child to the Watchung School on May 3, 4, or 5. East End School counselor **Jackie Spaventa** and second grade teacher **Lisa Gabriel** facilitated the three- day screening as part of their educational leadership internship under Principal Kathleen Herrmann. **Angelina Lowder**, district registrar and secretary to Dr. Robert H. Rich and **Melissa DeCos Palma**, family resource coordinator, worked with the team to schedule all of the appointments and coordinate the assessment for ELL students. **Leah Glicksman** translated the take-home information packets.

After receiving input from district administrators, the assessment was developed and finalized. Ms. Spaventa and Ms. Gabriel ensured that the assessment was typed and copied and that all materials needed to administer the screening were available. District kindergarten teachers **Melissa Saul, Lucy McCormick, Alan Adams, Rachel Rehfeld, Diane Forino, Diane Stanton, Debbie Lendach, Mary Louise Durkin, Melissa Field, Tara Venturino, Marlo Matthews, and Nancy Lubreski** assessed the students using a four- station model. While four children were being screened, the parents met with Ms. Spaventa, Ms. Gabriel, and **Francesca Cardona**, ESL teacher who served as a translator. During the meeting, the parents were provided with a take-home packet in English and/or Spanish that contained strategies, websites, books, and activities for the children so that they could support them at home over the summer and throughout the year. They also received the kindergarten marking period expectations and the Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) benchmarks which provided parents with concrete kindergarten expectations for each marking period. “Having the opportunity to meet with four parents for 30 minutes allowed the team to explain district procedures and expectations, as well as answer questions. We also stressed the importance of parent involvement and the majority of parents were extremely grateful and appreciated all of the information that we shared with them,” remarked Ms. Spaventa. Ms. Gabriel and Ms. Spaventa will grade the assessments and provide the building principals and supervisors with the results. The children who scored below proficiency will have the opportunity to attend the district’s summer school which is facilitated by **Diana Sefchik, director of World Languages, Academic Support, and ESL**. “We were very pleased with this endeavor and the administrators and staff worked diligently to finalize all of the details to ensure that the three-day assessment would run smoothly. We are confident that the data gathered will provide a great deal of information for the district as we continue to strive to bring all students toward academic excellence,” stated Ms. Herrmann.

West End School

Starlab: During the week of April 23, West End School students had the opportunity to visit the Starlab. The Starlab is a portable planetarium system. Fourth graders participated in two science activities to help prepare them for the NJ ASK Science exam. In the first lesson, students learned about Earth’s rotation and how it causes day and night. They were also able to observe the apparent motion of the sun across the sky to understand more about sunrise and sunset as well as the connection between Earth’s seasons and the sun. The second lesson explained and demonstrated the moon phases. Third graders participated in a lesson about the

stars. Students were shown how to use star maps to identify prominent constellations in the night sky. Second graders learned how to find the Big Dipper and were instructed in Native American and Greek mythology regarding important constellations. Students in kindergarten and first grade received an introduction to the Native American and Greek constellations. Starlab was made possible by the **West End PTA** whose generous donation covered the rental fee. Special thanks to the following for instruction and support in the Starlab: third grade teachers **Brian Bigden and Alison Clark**; second grade teacher **Kelli Dunston**, special education teacher **Angela Roman**; fourth grade teacher **Michelle Tafuri** and especially academic support teacher **Sara Gagliano** who coordinated and made this a wonderful learning experience for all students. Visiting the Starlab allowed West End students an opportunity to learn about the science and history of the night sky in an exciting way.

NPMS

“Empower Somerset,” Coordinated School Health Grant: With this grant and the direction of **Karl Gordon, supervisor of health and physical education**, NPMS/HS has been providing the following programs/initiatives:

- a. Women’s Health and Counseling Center-Provides instruction to high school and middle school students through the health classes in teen pregnancy prevention.
- b. “Fit for Staff”- Provides fitness (exercise classes) and nutrition instruction for district staff members.
- c. After-school weight training program for high school students.
- d. Camp Bernie (Bergen County) Youth Leadership event for students involved in the program. **Renee LaGala**, physical education teacher at the high school, is the team leader for the program.

“Put it Down” Distracted Driving Initiative (Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office, Somerset County Association of Chiefs of Police, Somerset County Crime Stoppers, and Somerset Medical Center): Detective Alex Kuga of the North Plainfield Police Department presented a “Texting and Driving” program to all senior health classes. In addition, all students in grades 9-12 reviewed the ten minute video, “The Last Text,” and signed the pledge not to text while driving, or if a passenger in a vehicle, persuade drivers not to text.

Impact (Concussion Management) and Cardiac (ECG) Screenings: **Jeanne Fleming**, athletic trainer at the high school, has been instrumental in providing impact testing and cardiac screenings for our athletes. The impact test provides computerized neurocognitive assessment tools to assist in determining an athlete’s ability to return to play after suffering a concussion. ECG screenings are also given for detecting possible heart abnormalities before participation on athletic teams.

NPMS

Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights: Grade 8 students are currently involved in their Holocaust, Genocide, and Human Rights unit. In social studies classes, students are learning about the historical background of anti-Semitism. In reading classes, students are performing the play version of *The Diary of Ann Frank*. Science classes are discovering the impact of typhus and starvation in the concentration camps. English classes are reading *Milkweed*, a novel set in the Warsaw ghetto during World War II. Teachers **John Thompson, Jerome Pocius, and Kimberly Annette**, prepared a wonderful visual display in the main middle school showcase that highlights not only the Holocaust, but also modern day genocides. The showcase contains a

striking statement: *The North Plainfield Middle School Community is committed to learning about the Holocaust and genocides in history. We are equally committed to promoting human rights and dignity in the present.*

A Word from Our Coaches: Girls' softball coach **Paul Kraucheunas** writes, "The middle school softball team is off to a solid start. Our record is 5 wins and 2 losses. Student **Molly Appezzato** has pitched every game this season. Other team leaders are **Mariah McClutcher** and **Nancy Bahnasy** who have contributed timely hitting and solid defense." Track coach **Stefanie Myers** writes, "I feel this has been one of the smoothest run teams. They cheer each other on and help each other recover. I am very proud of my team: they have shown maturity and growth."

DISTRICT OPERATIONS & AUXILIARY SERVICES

EMPLOYEE SAFETY TRAINING

Safety Topic-Operations: The safety topic for April was Fire Safety and Response. Related safety training was provided via our new on-line employee training system and all employees completed their assigned training. The safety topic for May is Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

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

Safe Schools On-Line Training: In addition to their on-line Anti Bullying Course, Safe Schools is now offering additional courses related to environmental awareness. All employees now have access to these courses.

HEALTH & SAFETY

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

Due to an abnormally high rate of incidents and injuries, staff members from the Operations Department recently removed a piece of playground equipment at East End School. Commonly referred to as a bubble climber, this piece of equipment is no longer marketed and was approximately eight years old. We are currently in the process of obtaining quotations to replace this piece over the summer.

SECURITY DRILLS

The security drill for April was an evacuation, non-fire related. All schools completed their assigned drills. The security drill for May is an Active Shooter Drill.

FEMA SUBMISSION #4

On April 18, 2012, the district met with a representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and completed our application submission. All requested documentation was provided and our application has been approved for reimbursement of labor expenses related to the storm that occurred on October 30, 2011. UPDATE: As of April 23, 2012, the payment was being processed.

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS/REPAIRS

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

- Installation of a walk-through gate at upper Krausche Field.
- Installation of a recycle dumpster cage at East End School.

PROPOSED FIELD HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The proposed field house improvements are currently on schedule for completion prior to this year's graduation exercises. All materials have been ordered and demolition work will begin at the end of baseball season. UPDATE: We have now received confirmation from the factory that the new team lockers are on schedule and should be delivered in the beginning of June.

HIGH SCHOOL MARQUEE

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

CAPITAL PROJECTS (STATUS REPORT)

HARRISON SCHOOL

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

STONY BROOK SCHOOL

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

DISTRICT WIDE

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

2012/2013 BUDGET

Listed below are the capital improvement projects for the upcoming school year:

- *Stony Brook School – Complete Heating System Replacement.
- *Watchung Building – Complete Heating System Replacement.
- **District Wide - Restroom Renovations to include East End, West End, Stony Brook and North Plainfield High/Middle School.
- District Wide – Energy Reduction & Lighting Retrofit Project.
- Wireless Upgrade Project. Scope of project TBD.
- High School Library/Media Center – Complete Redesign and Renovation. This project will require the creation of a steering committee to ensure any redesign of the library/media center will meet current and future needs. The “committee” will include those persons who have a direct or indirect impact on the use of this space.

*These projects are currently being re-bid and are due on May 15, 2012.

**This project is currently being advertised with bids due on May 15, 2012.

ENERGY REDUCTION

Demand Response: Contracts for this program have now been executed and submitted. The district is partnering with Constellation Energy Services to participate in a Demand Response Program. As a condition of the program, the district is compensated for agreeing to reduce our utility load during a high-demand event. The district would also receive additional compensation for our participation during an actual event.

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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 Kathleen Willwerth, teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on July 1, 2012, and

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

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

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on May 14, 2012, and be it further

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

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 Paula Boyer, special education teacher at Somerset School, 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 the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jennifer Ferraino, special education teacher at East End School, 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 the Board of Education grant Taryn Buffolino, school counselor at West End School, a twelve-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act for child care purposes, effective September 1, 2012 through November 21, 2012.

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Buffolino an unpaid leave of absence effective November 22, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher placement(s) from Kean University, from September 4, 2012 through December 21, 2012:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Coop. Instructors</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Kelly Remsing	Phys Ed/Somerset	Martha Barrett	9/4/12-10/19/12
	Phys Ed/NPHS	Renee LaGala	10/22/12-12/21/12
Walter Bailey	Phys Ed/West End	Wendy Alvarez	9/4/12-10/19/12
	Phys Ed/NPHS	DeJohn Cataldo	10/22/12-12/21/12

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 substitute teachers in the district:

Michael Mulry	Michael Pepe
Nicolette LaPorte	

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 granted to Senaida Hall, paraprofessional, **from** March 6, 2012 through May 6, 2012 **to** March 6, 2012 through June 21, 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 following staff receive payment for services as instructors in the programs/classes noted through the Empower Somerset Coordinated School Health Grant:

Renee LaGala	Fit for Staff	\$ 600
Robert Lake	After-School Weight Training	\$1,000
Renee LaGala	Program Team Leader	\$1,000

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 accept the resignation of Dawn Fellerman, paraprofessional, effective June 22, 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 2012-2013 the Board of Education grant Tara Venturino, elementary teacher at West End School, a five-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective October 19, 2012 through November 21, 2012, for child care purposes.

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 appointment of the following teachers to work on curriculum projects and school-based planning activities as indicated, at the 2010-2011 rate of \$49.74 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, to be paid at the conclusion of the project and to be funded with Title I NCLB FY'12 monies:

<u>Language Arts</u>	
Jill Fogarty	\$348 (Grades 3 UbD Units)
Priscilla Weber	\$497 (Grades 9-10 UbD Units)

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the individuals noted on the attached list to work as mentor trainers and/or induction trainers in the summer mentoring program for the hours indicated after their names, at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$49.74, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY'12 funds.

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 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 February and April 2012 at the 2010-2011 rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 the resignation of Allyson Shwed, academic support language arts teacher at NPHS, 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 Michelle Gorel as a paraprofessional working with a classified student in the self-contained class at Stony Brook School for a total of 4.0 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective May 15, 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 Beatriz Murillo as a paraprofessional working with a classified student in the self-contained class at Stony Brook School for a total of 3.75 hours per day at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective May 15, 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 Patricia Cooper as a district substitute paraprofessional at the 2010-2011 hourly rate of \$20.16, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective May 15, 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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Madelaine Colas, secretary at West End School, an eight-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective June 5, 2012 through August 6, 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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Jonathan Scott, music teacher at West End School, an unpaid leave of absence on the following dates:

January 2013 – 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 29, 31
 February 2013 – 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11

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 Fall 2012 semester, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher(s) from the College of Saint Elizabeth:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Cooperating teacher</u>
Stephanie Falcone	English/NPHS	Jerome Pocius

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education grant Dina Glowacki, elementary teacher at West End School, a twelve-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective November 3, 2012 through January 26, 2013.

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Glowacki an unpaid leave of absence effective January 27, 2013 through June 30, 2013.

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Ms. Szaroleta abstaining, that the Board of Education approve Draft #1 as the 2012-2013 School District Calendar.

Thomas Allen – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Nancy Szaroleta – Abstain
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 use of the following textbooks and/or trade books in the district as follows:

Title: *They Say, I Say*
Author: Gerald Graff, Cathy Birkenstein and Russell Durst
Publisher: W. W. Norton
Copyright: 2012
Course/Levels: Advanced Placement English
College Composition I (Raritan Valley Concurrent Enrollment)

Title: *Pre-Algebra*
Author: John A. Carter et. Al.
Publisher: McGraw Hill
Copyright: 2012
Course/Levels: Math 7 Honors

Title: *Carnegie Learning Math Series: A Common Core Math Program*
Author: William S. Hadley et al.
Publisher: Carnegie Learning Corporation
Copyright: 2011
Course/Levels: Grades 6 - 8

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 home instruction for the following non-classified students for up to five hours per week to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective May 10, 2012:

HI-56-11-12

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

HI-57-11-12

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 out-of-district placement of classified student TTTTT-11-12 at Somerset Secondary Academy at the annual rate of \$40,300, to be prorated effective May 4, 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 out-of-district placement of classified student UUUUU-11-12 at the Cranford Public School District at the annual rate of \$44,780, to be prorated effective May 15, 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 out-of-district placement of classified student VVVVV-11-12 at William Annin Middle School in Basking Ridge at the cost of \$5,428.17, effective May 15, 2012 through the end of the school year.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-58-11-12 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, Inc., effective May 2, 2012.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve alternative instruction for classified student HI-59-11-12 for up to 5.5 hours per day at the cost of \$52.24 per hour, to be provided by Transitional Learning Center at Brahma House Residential Program at the Somerset Home for Temporarily Displaced Children, effective April 19, 2012.

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

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated April 25, 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 approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated April 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 line item transfer of \$36,510.00 from Account #11-000-291-250-00-00 (Unemployment) to Account #12-000-400-931-00-00 Capital Outlay (Construction Services) in support of DOE Project #3670-X02-10-1002, Harrison Chiller and DOE Project #3670-090-10-1007, Stony Brook Chiller.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve line item transfer of \$36,510.00 from Account #12-000-400-931-00-00 to the following accounts:

To: Account 30-000-404-390-09-01, Stony Brook Chiller	\$12,750.00
To: Account 30-000-505-390-09-01, Harrison Chiller	\$23,760.00

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

2012-2013 School Year Inter Local Transportation Services Agreement Resolution For Participation In Coordinated Transportation

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

WHEREAS, North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 6%, as presented to the North Plainfield School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The SCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;
- c. Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by SCESC;
- d. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. Constant review and revision of routes;

It is further agreed that the North Plainfield School District will provide the SCESC with the following:

- f. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the SCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- g. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - All additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the North Plainfield School District

III. Whereas, the SCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the North Plainfield Board of Education may participate at any time.

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IV. Length of Agreement - This agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 in writing over authorized signature.

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

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

2012-2013 School Year Inter Local Transportation Services Agreement Resolution For Participation In Coordinated Transportation

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

WHEREAS, North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the UCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the UCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the UCESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The UCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;
- c. Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by UCESC;
- d. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. Constant review and revision of routes;

It is further agreed that the North Plainfield School District will provide the UCESC with the following:

- f. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the UCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- g. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - All additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the North Plainfield School District

III. Whereas, the UCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the North Plainfield Board of Education may participate at any time.

IV. Length of Agreement - this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 in writing over authorized signature.

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

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

Resolution For Member Participation - Middlesex Regional Cooperative Pricing System

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

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency" has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2012 the governing body of the North Plainfield Board of Education, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the North Plainfield Board of Education.

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education enroll NPHS as a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved inter-scholastic athletic programs sponsored by NJSIAA, for a fee of \$2,150.

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education approve the following tuition rate be paid to approved pre-school providers to offer pre-kindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield as follows:

\$5,219 per enrolled eligible child

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 2012-2013 school year, the Board of Education extend the contract of the following pre-school providers to provide pre-kindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield:

Growing Tree Pre-School
 Holy Cross Nursery School
 Taylor Learning Center

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

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
NPHS A. Bicksler J. Peluzzo	5/18-5/19/2012	Increase awareness of the progress and advancements in cancer research through the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life)	ScotchPlains/ Fanwood HS	\$0.00	District

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

Interim Reorganization Recommendations

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

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be authorized on behalf of the Board of Education to sign checks issued on the General, Payroll Agency, Unemployment Trust, and Food Service accounts be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

President	Linda Bond-Nelson
Secretary	Donald Sternberg
Treasurer of School Funds	Annette Wells

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:

RESOLVED, that the Regular Meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July 25, 2012, and November 14, 2012; no meetings have been scheduled for August at this time, as shown on the attached schedule of meetings at Watchung School, beginning at 7:30 PM.

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:

RESOLVED, that the COURIER NEWS and STAR LEDGER be named the official newspaper for the publication of legal notices and want ads be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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

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

RESOLVED, that meeting notices shall be submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, Comcast, and posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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:

RESOLVED, that the following banks be named approved depositories for Board of Education Investment Funds be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

TD Bank
NJ/ARM

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:

RESOLVED, that TD Bank be named the depository for the following funds be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

Payroll	General Account
Food Service	High School Student Account
Payroll Agency	Unemployment Insurance
Flex Spend	Summer Pay

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

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

RESOLVED, that the following banks be named as depositories for Bond and Interest Funds be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

TD Bank

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

NJ ARM

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:

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education as amended be adopted and that all matters not contained therein be guided by existing practices be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt a program of studies and the corresponding textbooks consisting of the following subject areas for implementation in the elementary and secondary schools of the district and make available such services and those provided in NJAC 6:28 and NJSA 18A: 46 (handicapped and child study teams) to support, supplement, and complement the program of studies herein adopted be extended through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

English
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
World Languages (in applicable grades)
Health & Physical Education
Ind. Arts/Applied Technology (in applicable grades)
Business Education (in applicable grades)
Basic Skills/Academic Support
Counseling

Art
Music
Library
Computer Sciences
Special Education
Gifted and Talented
Bilingual and English as
a Second Language
Speech & Theater
Family & Consumer Sciences School
(in applicable grades)

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:

RESOLVED, that the President extend the following appointments through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

Committees

Board/Staff: Kathleen Mullen (Chair), Sandra Dodd
Communications: Sandra Dodd (Chair), Linda Bond-Nelson, Thomas Kasper
Curriculum: Thomas Allen (Chair), Thomas Kasper, Nancy Szaroleta
Finance & Facilities: David Branan (Chair), Thomas Allen, Thomas Kasper
Negotiations: Linda Bond-Nelson (Chair), Sandra Dodd, Nancy Szaroleta
Policy: David Branan (Chair), Linda Bond-Nelson, Kathleen Mullen

Delegates

NJSBA: Nancy Szaroleta
Legislative: Thomas Kasper
SCSBA: Sandra Dodd Alt: Thomas Allen
SCESC: Kathleen Mullen Alt: Sandra Dodd

Liaisons

Borough Council: David Branan
Education Foundation: Thomas Allen Alt: Nancy Szaroleta
Youth Services: Thomas Allen Alt: Thomas Kasper

Parliamentarian

Donald Sternberg

Ad Hoc Committees

Evaluation: When Necessary
Personnel: When Necessary
Other: When Necessary

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education make the following appointments through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

Affirmative Action Officers	Dr. Robert H. Rich, Linda Remolino, Nancy Reyes
Gender Equity Officer	Dr. Robert H. Rich
Homeless Liaison	Dr. Robert H. Rich
504 Officer	Jane Delaney
AHERA Representative	Edward Ostroff
Safety and Health Designee	Edward Ostroff
Asbestos Management Officer	Edward Ostroff
Right to Know Contact	Edward Ostroff
Integrated Pest Mgmt Coordinator :	Edward Ostroff
Lead Paint Removal and Restoration:	Edward Ostroff
EPA Designated Point of Contact:	Edward Ostroff
Indoor Air Quality Point of Contact:	Edward Ostroff
Public Agency Compliance Officer:	Donald Sternberg
Qualified Purchasing Agent:	Donald Sternberg
Custodian of Records:	Donald Sternberg
Student Assistance Counselor:	To Be Determined

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to invest funds not immediately required for the payment of bills and payrolls on behalf of the school district through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint the firm of Suplee, Clooney and Company to audit the school district's financial records in accordance with statutory requirements at a fee not to exceed \$24,000.00 for the 2012-2013 school year through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Greenberg Traurig, LLP to represent the school district in legal matters relating to construction through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$700,000.00 for this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Edwards Engineering (Civil) to represent the school district in matters relating to capital projects requiring engineering services, through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Capital Financial Advisors to provide services related to the acquisition of funds and/or the refinancing of current debt of the school district through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of McManimon and Scotland to represent the school district in legal matters relating to the management of district funds and debt management through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this period:

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Parette Somjen Architects to represent the school district in matters relating to capital projects requiring architectural services, through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of AmeriFlex to provide services related to COBRA Administration services, through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$1,500 for this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Willis of NJ, Inc. to provide services related to property, causality, and liability insurance services, through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting. Fees to be paid on a commission basis as per contract with provider.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Brown and Brown Advisors Inc. (Health) to provide health related insurance services, through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting. Fees to be paid on a commission basis as per contract with provider.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extend the contract of Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq. to represent the school district in legal matters through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for this period:

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education appoint Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq. as advisor on negotiations and labor relations through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting for an amount not to exceed 25,000:

The preceding appointments were made without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" under the provisions of Local Public Contracts Law, because the services are to be rendered in each instance by persons who are authorized by law to practice a recognized profession and it is not feasible to obtain competitive bids.

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:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Annette Wells as Treasurer of School Funds at the annual salary not to exceed \$8,751 prorated through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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:

RESOLVED, that in accordance with the adopted schedule of Meetings Calendar for the 2012-2013 school year when regular meetings of the Board of Education will not be scheduled during the month of August 2012, the Board authorize the Superintendent of Schools to offer employment to potential candidates during this period.

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:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.1 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to make payment of bills and payrolls upon review of the Superintendent of Schools prior to presentation to the Board for approval through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator to implement the **2012-2013** school district budget pursuant with local and State policies and regulations through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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 **2012-2013** school year, the Board of Education authorize the establishment of petty cash funds as follows through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Administrator</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Office of the Superintendent	Dr. Marilyn E. Birnbaum	\$100
Office of the Asst. Superintendent	Dr. Robert H. Rich	100
Office of the School Bus. Admin.	Donald Sternberg	100
Office of Director of Operations	Edward Ostroff	100
East End School	Kathleen Herrmann	100
West End School	Beth Sobel	100
Stony Brook School	Catherine Kobylarz	100
Somerset School	Reginald Sainte-Rose	100
High School	Jerard Stephenson	100
Middle School	John Ferguson	100
Pupil Services	Jane Delaney	100

With the exception of expenditures for postage, single expenditures are limited to \$25.00 per fund.

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 **2012-2013** school year, the Board of Education appoint Dr. Robert H. Rich, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, as the authorized representative of the North Plainfield School District for Title I and NCLB program applications through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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 will acknowledge the results of the annual school election to be held on **November 6, 2012** as outlined on the **Certificate of Election**.

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 attached **2012-2013** Athletic Schedules.

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 **2012-2013** school year, the Board of Education employ Dr. Fernando R. Sitoy, as school physician for an annual amount not to exceed \$14,000 prorated through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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 adopt the following resolution limiting the total number of its students participating in the school choice program to:

- a) a maximum of seven percent (7%) or greater of the total number of students enrolled in the sending district; and/or
- b) a maximum of two percent (2%) or greater of the total number of students per grade per year in the sending district [N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.1(a)].

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 name the Bank of New York as the paying agent for bonding through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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 chart of accounts through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorize the awarding of contracts up to the bid threshold of \$36,000 and set the quote threshold of \$5400 through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorize the following bank to act as depository for the student activity accounts for all schools funds. Elementary school accounts will be a subset of the main student account, managed within the high school account through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

TD Bank

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following tax shelter annuity companies/brokers to administer 403B and 457 plans as follows through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting:

AIG, Valic
AXA, Equitable
Lincoln Financial Group
MetLife
LSW

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 New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, NJSA Title 18A:12-24.1, as attached.

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

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

Annual Travel Resolution

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

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 2007, an act concerning school district accountability (A-5) requiring boards of education to annually approve the total amount of funds budgeted for travel and conferences for all faculty, staff, administration, and board members, and

WHEREAS, the act became effective on March 15, 2007 and requires prior approval of all travel and conference costs before they are incurred, and

WHEREAS, there are three categories of travel and conferences that faculty, staff, administrators, and board members generally attend, including routine meetings held on annually scheduled dates, meetings of an emergent nature with little prior notice, and meetings/conferences that can be scheduled with at least several weeks notice, and

WHEREAS, it is practical to anticipate as many activities as possible, and receive annual approval for those and monthly approvals for unanticipated activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following budget amounts, excluding federal funds, are acknowledged and costs of travel and conferences are approved for the 2011-2012 school year and 2012-2013:

Amount spent for travel and conferences as of June 30, 2012 - \$35,827.00
Amount established for travel and conferences, 2011-2012 - \$80,000.00
Amount established for travel and conferences, 2012-2013 - \$80,000.00

Intra-District business mileage for administrators and where required, for members of the faculty and staff, including but not limited to faculty who teach in more than one school, child study team members, secretaries, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per person annually.

Out-of-District business travel for administrators to attend professional meetings and conferences affiliated with, but not limited to, the NJ Department of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools, the Somerset County Education Services Commission, professional organizations, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate of (.31) in effect at the time of travel at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 per person annually, and an individual conference expense not to exceed \$3,000.

Out-of-District business travel for faculty and staff to attend conferences and professional development opportunities as approved by the superintendent at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel and an individual conference expense not to exceed \$1,500

Out-of-District business travel for members of the Board of Education to attend professional meetings and conferences affiliated with, but not limited to, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the Somerset County School Boards Association, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel and at the conference cost not to exceed \$2,000 per person annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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

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

Companies providing maintenance services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following vendors for professional services related to the use of proprietary software and/or authorized services related to the maintenance temperature controls and fire/security management systems of the facilities through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting. It is anticipated that each of their total expenditures will exceed the bid threshold for the year as follows:

- A. P.Q. Energy- Energy Management not to exceed an annual cost of \$63,000
- B. Fire and Securities Technologies – Alarm and Fire Protection, Simplex Systems not to exceed an annual cost of \$75,000.00

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to procure goods and services utilizing state agencies (state contracts) through and until the reorganization meeting January 2013.

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 reaffirm the job descriptions for the 2012-2013 School year through and until the January 2013 reorganization meeting.

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows 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 – no meeting scheduled at this time.
Negotiations – Ms. Bond-Nelson mention scheduling next meeting.
NJSBA – no meeting scheduled at this time.
SCSBA – next meeting scheduled for May 31, 2012.
SCESC – no meeting scheduled at this time.

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Old Business

Strategic Planning Calendar – Board reviewed and discussed November date changes.

New Business

Items moved from future Agenda – there were none.

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

Professional Services Agreements – Mr. Sternberg reviewed and discussed with the Board the county wide cost comparisons and the current status of the appointments.

Code of Ethics – Ms. Bond-Nelson lead a discussion and review of the Code of Ethics for School Board members.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Letter from Joseph Rosenberg

Bridge Program Update – Jane Delaney

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to hold an executive session on June 6, 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 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg