

Branchburg Township School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 3, 2016

Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Branchburg Central Middle School

Media Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Board President, Zoltan Ambrus, who stated that the meeting was convened in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the Sunshine Law; notices were sent to the *Courier News*, filed with the Township Clerk and posted in the Branchburg Township Schools.

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Zoltan Ambrus, Ellwood Cutler (arrived 6:48 p.m.), Jack Dempsey, Kristen Fabriczi, Theresa Joyce (arrived 6:45 p.m.), Carmela Noto (arrived 6:49 p.m.), Cathy Palmieri and Olga Phelps (arrived 6:47 p.m.)

The following members were absent: Jose-Ramon Suarez.

Also present were: Acting Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel (arrived 7:25 p.m.), Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey and no members of the public.

II. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Fabriczi, seconded by Mr. Dempsey, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel, H.I.B., and legal issues.

On a motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn executive session at 7:49 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:00 p.m. with 15 members of the public.

III. The Secretary called the roll.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. ACTING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel spoke about the following subjects :

- The 7th and 8th grade students received their chromebooks the last week of February and are now officially a fully integrated one-to-one middle school;
- The technology workshop she attended on March 3, 2016; and
- The one-to-one initiatives at Branchburg Central Middle School.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Robyn Abramo thanked Mr. Ambrus for his presentation on how the Board of Education meetings are conducted.

Ms. Abramo expressed her concern about the lack of discussion and debate being held at the Board of Education meetings.

Ms. Abramo addressed the quality of the sound system being used at the Board of Education meetings.

Ms. Amy Ramsden addressed the Board on the following subjects:

- During the Board election period, she would like to see information posted on each of the candidates running for the Board of Education;
- What is the capacity of the new Boardroom;
- The Granicus contract; and
- Safety concerns such as building access and parking lot lights.

Mr. Mike Wooby thanked the Board, Administration and Coaches for the implementation of the wrestling program.

Mr. Wooby spoke to the Board regarding the wrestling program's successful season.

Students on the wrestling team thanked the Board for supporting the wrestling program.

Mr. Walter Blomquist thanked Mr. Wooby, the parents and the Board for supporting the wrestling program.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Joyce that Items VIII.A. through VIII.C., be moved upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items VIII.A. through VIII.C. were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Ambrus did a presentation on how Board meetings are operated.

A. Approval of Minutes

It is recommended that the Board approve the Minutes of the Executive Session Meetings of February 16, 2016 and February 17, 2016, and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of February 18, 2016.

B. Approval of 2016-2017 Holiday Calendar for 12 Month Staff

It is recommended that the Board approve the 2016-2017 Holiday Calendar for the 12 Month Staff, which is attached as Reference VIII.B.

C. Approval of Submission of the ESEA Accountability Action Plan Assurances - Participation Rate

It is recommended that the Board approve the submission of the ESEA Accountability Action Plan Assurances-Participation Rate as found in Reference VIII.C.

IX. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items IX.A. through IX.D. be moved upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items IX.A. through IX.D. were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mrs. Phelps discussed the following subjects:

- Apex Online Learning Program;
- The middle school math program, in particular, the mid-year checkpoint when it comes to math placement;
- Title I after school tutoring program which begins March 7, 2016;
- Middle School peer mentoring program being launched next year; and
- PARCC test results.

A. Conferences/Travel

WHEREAS, the employees listed below are requesting Board of Education authorization to attend the conferences/workshops listed below; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the stated function was previously approved by the Chief School Administrator as work related within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee and within the funds budgeted for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district; and fiscally prudent;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes attendance at the stated conferences/workshops and reimbursement for the related expenses in accordance with Board policy on conference and workshop attendance.

Conference/ Workshop	Employee/Account Number	Date(s)	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals /Exp.	Tolls/Parking /Mileage	Total
New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators New Brunswick, NJ	Danielle Cordaro 20-241-200-500-02-030	6/1/2016 through 6/3/2016	\$384.00	N/A	N/A	\$51.36	\$435.36
New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/New Jersey Bilingual Educators New Brunswick, NJ	Lori Villanova 20-241-200-500-02-030	6/1/2016 through 6/3/2016	\$384.00	N/A	N/A	\$97.20	\$481.20
Activities and Games to Enhance Mastery of the Measurement, Geometry and Data Standards in Grades 3-5 New Brunswick, NJ	Michelle Dooley 20-270-200-500-02-649	3/10/2016	\$195.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$195.00
Activities and Games to Enhance Mastery of the Measurement, Geometry and Data Standards in Grades 3-5 New Brunswick, NJ	Cristina Pernini 20-270-200-500-02-649	3/10/2016	\$195.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$195.00
Teachers College Summer Institute June Reading 2016 New York, NY	Nicole Kepner 20-270-200-500-02-649	6/27/2016 through 7/1/2016	\$825.00	N/A	N/A	\$52.70	\$877.70
WINNERS! WORKSHOP: A Closer Look at the Years 100 Best Books for Children, Grades Pre-K through 6 Somerset, NJ	Pauline Carl 20-270-200-500-02-649	5/18/2016	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$199.00
SHAPE America Eastern District Conference Atlantic City, NJ	Kelly Graham 11-000-223-580-04-144	5/23/2016 through 5/24/2016	\$140.00	\$97.00	N/A	\$21.70	\$258.70
Administrator Institute: Achieving Success With Next Generation Science Standards Jersey City, NJ	Jennifer Hauser 11-000-221-580-02-190	3/18/2016	\$200.00	N/A	N/A	\$12.90	\$212.90
LEGAL ONE-HIB Investigations: Role of ABS, AAO, and School Annandale, NJ	Kristen Kries 11-000-240-580-02-000	4/8/2016	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
48 th Annual New Jersey Pupil Transportation Conference and Equipment Show Atlantic City, NJ	Orlando Macario 11-000-270-580-07-000	3/10/2016	\$120.00	N/A	N/A	\$7.50	\$127.50
Focus on Writing Craft New Brunswick, NJ	Amanda Roper 20-270-200-500-02-649	6/3/2016	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$150.00
49 th Annual Conference on Reading and Writing New Brunswick, NJ	Amanda Roper 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/28/2016	\$180.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$180.00
NJASBO Professional Development Purchasing Rockaway, NJ	Theresa Linskey 11-000-251-580-01-585	2/11/2016	\$50.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$50.00

B. Approval of Field Trips				
School/Group	Event Coordinators	Location	Date	Purpose
BCMS/Choir	Amy Langston	Patriot Stadium Bridgewater, NJ	4/24/2016 (Sunday)	Sing the National Anthem at Patriots Baseball Game
BCMS/Enrichment Day	Matthew Barbosa	Wallace House, Somerville, NJ	4/28/2016	Revolutionary War Sites
BCMS/Enrichment Day	Matthew Barbosa	Old Dutch Parsonage House, Somerville, NJ	4/28/2016	Revolutionary War Sites
BCMS/Baseball Team	Robert Wright	Branchburg Sports Complex, Branchburg, NJ	3/14/2016 through 3/17/2016	Indoor Baseball Tryouts

C. Service Project				
Title	Event Coordinator(s)	Participants	Recipient	Date(s)
Penny Drive	Miss Pernini Mrs. Repoli	3 rd grade students	Make-A-Wish Foundation	3/15/2016 through 4/15/2016

D. Out-of-District Special Education Placement					
Sid#	School	Tuition	One to One Aide	Total Cost	Effective Dates
3570121259	Cornerstone Day School	\$30,855.00 (prorated)	\$15,810.00 (prorated)	\$46,665.00	2/24/2016 – 6/30/2016

X. HUMAN RESOURCES

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri that Items X.A. through X.G., be moved upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items X.A. through X.G., were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mrs. Palmieri said the next Human Resources Committee meeting will be held on March 9, 2016.

A. Substitute(s)					
Name	Position	Salary	School	Effective date	End Date
Jillian Kirby	Substitute Teacher/ Substitute Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem	District	3/4/2016	6/30/2016
Shelby Possessky	Substitute Teacher/ Substitute Aide	\$95.00/\$83.33 per diem	District	3/4/2016	6/30/2016
Janis Upton	Substitute Nurse	\$150.00 per diem	District	3/4/2016	6/30/2016
Janis Upton	Substitute Transportation Nurse	\$30.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours daily	District	3/4/2016	6/30/2016

B. Approval of Leave of Absence(s)				
Name	Location	Grade	Type of Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
Kelly Boyle	Whiton	K-2 Literacy Coach	Paid Maternity Leave NJ Family Leave Act/FLMA	5/20/2016 through 6/22/2016 9/1/2016 through 11/20/2016
Michele Dooley	Whiton	3	Paid Maternity Leave NJ Family Leave Act/FLMA	5/23/2016 through 6/22/2016 9/1/2016 through 11/20/2016

C. Extra Duty Pay							
Name/Account	Name of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Effective Date	End Date	Discussion
Tara Forsyth 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	All About Blendspace
Chelsea Smith 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	All About Blendspace
Cristina Pernine 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	Math Games- Moving Beyond Odyssey
Cristina Pernine 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	Smartboard Refresher
Cristina Pernine 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	Math Games- Hands On
Cristina Pernine 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour Not to exceed 3 hours	District	3/4/2016	6/21/2016	Back to the Basics of Word

D. Resignation				
Name	Name of Action	Position	Location	Effective Date
Kim Gislao	Resignation	Lunchroom Aide	Stony Brook	3/14/2016

E. Approval of Level Change and Issuance of Revised Contract				
Name	From Step/Level	To Step/Level	New Contract	Effective Date
Amy Langston	16/150	16/182	\$67,095.00 prorated	2/1/2016

F. Approval of Non-Athletic Extracurricular Stipend(s)			
Name	Title	Position	Stipend
Nicole Kepner	Co-Director	Talent Show	\$315.00
Suzanne Updegrove	Co-Director	Talent Show	\$315.00

G. Approval of Title IA After School Tutors			
Name	School	Position	Stipend
Kelly Boyle	Whiton Elementary School	Coordinator Title IA Tutoring Program	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$3,800.00
Damielle Cordaro	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Joanne Everson	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Stephanie Formus	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Linda Kaminsky	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Allison O'Neill	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Cristina Pernini	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Catherine Rello	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Amanda Roper	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Kathleen Thorson	Whiton Elementary School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Erin Rimpler	Stony Brook	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Tracy Harmon	Stony Brook	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Abbie Sutherlin	Stony Brook	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Nancy Vadimsky	Stony Brook	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,148.00
Michele Jordan	Branchburg Central Middle School	Instructor	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,947.50

XI. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items XI.A. through XI.H., be moved upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items XI.A. through XI.H. were unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Ambrus spoke about the following subjects:

- Request for Proposal for the Stony Brook Elementary School parking lot project;
- Paving the playground at Whiton Elementary School;

- Bathroom sink replacements at Branchburg Central Middle School and Whiton Elementary School;
- Removal of an old trailer at Old York School;
- Repairs to the bathrooms at Branchburg Central Middle School which will take place over the spring break;
- Whiton Elementary School parking lot lights;
- Replacement of a maintenance truck, a large SUV, a 54 passenger school bus and a small van;
- Preliminary budget numbers, which will be presented at the next Board meeting;
- Health benefits; and
- Bond refunding.

Ms. Linskey introduced Mary Lyons, Financial Advisor at Phoenix Advisors, who spoke about the bond refunding listed as Item I on the agenda.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period February 19, 2016 through March 3, 2016, totaling \$984,207.75, and ratify the Payroll for the period February 19, 2016 through March 3, 2016, totaling \$894,749.89.

B. Approval of Transportation Jointure with Readington Township Board of Education

It is recommended that the Board approve the Joint Transportation Agreement between the Branchburg Township Board of Education and the Readington Township Board of Education with the Readington Township Board of Education paying the Branchburg Township Board of Education for providing school buses for the following 2015-2016 school year:

Service	Cost to Readington
Branchburg Transportation to provide two school buses for to and from routes	\$22,410.00 per bus Totaling: \$44,820.00
Provide a school bus for athletic transportation and field trips on an as-needed basis	\$23.00 per hour per bus
Provide additional driver on an as needed basis from 9/1/2015 – 12/31/2015	\$16.50 per hour per bus
Provide additional driver on an as needed basis from 1/1/2016 – 6/30/2016	\$18.50 per hour per bus

C. Approval of Removal of Trailer

It is recommended that the Board approve Kalogridis Contracting LLC to remove and dispose of the office trailer located at Old York School, 580 Old York Road, Branchburg, New Jersey, at a total cost of \$8,900.00, to be paid through Purchase Order, Account# 11-000-261-420-06-411, and sufficient funds are available in the 2015-2016 budget.

D. Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Two School Buses

It is recommended that the Board approve the following resolution authorizing the disposal of two school buses through GovDeals.

WHEREAS, the School District is the owner of certain school buses which are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is desirous of selling said school buses in “as is” condition without express or implied warranties.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Branchburg Township in the County of Somerset, as follows:

- (1) The sale of the school buses shall be conducted through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-70967/T2581 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the State Contract. The terms and conditions of the agreement entered into with GovDeals are available online at govdeals.com and also available from the Board of Education.
- (2) The sale will be conducted online and the address of the auction site is govdeals.com.
- (3) The sale is being conducted pursuant to Local Finance Notice 2008-9.
- (4) The school buses to be sold are as follows:
 - 2003 Yellow Blue Bird School Bus
24 Passenger
VIN #1GBJG31R421191972
Bus #3
 - 2001 Yellow Blue Bird School Bus
54 Passenger
VIN #1GDM7T1CXYJ519887
Bus #2
- (5) The school buses identified shall be sold in an “as-is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said school buses.
- (6) The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any bid submitted.

E. Bid Awards - Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Bidding

It is recommended that the following bid awards be made as party to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission Cooperative Bidding Services:

1. Shredding and Disposal of Records
2. Automotive Fluids and Lubricants
3. Custodial Supplies Bid
4. Lawn Care Products & Services
5. Maintenance Repair and Operations
6. Classroom Supplies Bid
7. HVAC Services Bid
8. Athletic Equipment & Supplies
9. Carpet & Flooring
10. Technology Supplies and Services
11. Furniture

F. Approval of 2016-2017 Somerville High School Tuition Rate

It is recommended that the Board approve an estimated Somerville High School tuition rate \$14,033.00 per pupil for the 2016-2017 school year.

G. Approval of Nonpublic Technology Purchases

It is recommended that the Board approve the following nonpublic technology purchases:

Apples & Books Learning Center

Best Buy: DigiLand 7" 8GB Black Tablet DL701Q	
Quantity: 3 @ \$49.99	\$149.97
SCESC Admin. Fee (Up to 5%)	\$ 6.03

Funded: \$156.00; Expending: \$156.00

Kangaroo Kids

Schoolhouse Outfitters: Val-U-Pak Bluetooth Listening Center With Six Basic Headphones	
Quantity: 1 @ \$129.88	\$129.88

Schoolhouse Outfitters: Smart Board Replacement Lamp	
Quantity: 1 @ \$62.99	\$ 62.99
Shipping & Handling:	\$ 17.65
SCESC Admin. Fee (Up to 5%)	\$ 10.53

Funded: \$234.00; Expending: \$221.05

H. Approval to Enter Into an Agreement with Tri-State LED, Inc. to Replace Parking Lot Lights

It is recommended that the Board approve Tri-State LED, Inc. to replace parking lot lights with LED fixtures at Whiton Elementary School and Central Middle School (19 per school) at a cost of \$37,045.30, to be paid through Purchase Order, Account #12-000-400-450-04-612 and 12-000-400-450-08-612 and sufficient funds are available in the 2015-2016 budget.

Motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri that Item XI.I. be moved upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item XI.I. was unanimously approved by Roll Call.

I. Refunding School Bond Ordinance

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS NECESSARY IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,635,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO DO ALL ACTS AND THINGS DEEMED NECESSARY AND ADVISABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE, ISSUANCE AND DELIVERY OF SAID BONDS

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2006, The Board of Education of the Township of Branchburg in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the “Board” when referring to the governing body and the “School District” when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) issued \$18,100,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt Refunding School Bonds, Series 2006 dated March 15, 2006 (the “2006 Refunding School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2007, the Board issued \$3,305,000 aggregate principal amount of tax-exempt School Bonds, Series 2007 dated February 1, 2007 (the “2007 School Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the current tax-exempt interest rate environment may enable it to realize going-forward debt service savings for property taxpayers residing in the School District through the issuance by the Board of Refunding School Bonds (the “Refunding School Bonds”) to refund (i) all or a portion of the \$15,770,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2006 Refunding School Bonds maturing on or after July 15, 2017 (the “2006 Refunded Bonds”), and (ii) all or a portion of the \$1,330,000 aggregate principal amount of the outstanding 2007 School Bonds maturing on or after February 1, 2018 (the “2007 Refunded Bonds”, and together with the “2006 Refunded Bonds”, the “Refunded Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, in efforts to realize such taxpayer savings, the Board now desires to adopt and enact a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,635,000, in one or more series of Bonds, the net proceeds of which shall be used to refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with their terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board introduced a refunding school bond ordinance (the “Refunding Bond Ordinance”) on first reading by resolution of the Board on February 18, 2016, and

WHEREAS, on the date hereof, the Board has held a public hearing on the Refunding Bond Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to issue and sell such Refunding School Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Board now desires to finally adopt the Refunding Bond Ordinance and to authorize certain actions in connection with the sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Refunding Bond Ordinance is hereby adopted and shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 2. The Refunding School Bonds are hereby authorized to be sold to, and Roosevelt & Cross, Incorporated, New York, New York is hereby appointed as underwriter (the “Underwriter”), upon the terms set forth in its proposal.

SECTION 3. There is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, subject to the limitations contained herein and in consultation with Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, Bond Counsel to the Board (“Bond Counsel”) and Phoenix Advisors, LLC , as financial advisor (the “Financial Advisor”) the power with respect to the Refunding School Bonds to determine and carry out the following:

a) the sale of the Refunding School Bonds at private sale, provided that the purchase price paid by the purchaser thereof shall not be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the principal amount of the Refunding School Bonds so sold;

b) the principal amount of Refunding School Bonds to be issued, provided that (i) such amount shall not exceed \$17,635,000, and (ii) such amount shall not exceed the amount necessary to pay the costs of issuance associated with the Refunding School Bonds and to fund the deposit to the escrow fund as set forth in the Escrow Deposit Agreement (as defined herein) in an amount that, when invested, will be sufficient to provide for the timely payments required for the Refunded Bonds;

c) the maturity dates and the principal amount of each maturity or sinking fund redemption amount of the Refunding School Bonds, provided that no Refunding School Bonds refunding the Refunded Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the Refunded Bonds;

d) the interest payment dates and the interest rates on the Refunding School Bonds, provided that the true interest cost on the Refunding School Bonds shall produce a present value debt service savings of at least three percent (3%) of the principal amount of the Refunded Bonds;

e) the denomination or denominations of and the manner of numbering and lettering the Refunding School Bonds, provided that all Refunding School Bonds of like maturity shall be identical in all respects, except as to denominations, amounts, numbers and letters;

f) provisions for the sale or exchange of the Refunding School Bonds and for the delivery thereof;

g) the form of the Refunding School Bonds shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, with such additions, deletions and omissions as may be necessary for the Board to market the Refunding School Bonds in accordance with the requirements of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, (“DTC”) and the Purchase Contract (as defined herein);

h) the direction for the application and investment of the proceeds of the Refunding School Bonds;

i) the terms of redemption of the Refunding School Bonds; and

j) any other provisions deemed advisable by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary not in conflict with the provisions hereof.

In addition, the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5, including that within 10 days of the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall file a report with the Local Finance Board within the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs setting forth (a) a comparison of the Refunding School Bonds’ debt service and the Refunded Bonds’ debt service which comparison shall set forth the present value savings achieved by the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (b) a summary of the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds; (c) an itemized accounting of all costs of issuance in connection with the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds and (d) a certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary that (i) all of the conditions of section (b) of N.J.A.C. 5:30- 2.5 have been met and (ii) this resolution authorizing the issuance of the Refunding School Bonds, adopted pursuant 18A:24-61.5(b), was approved by a two-thirds vote of the full membership of the Board.

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall execute a certificate evidencing the determinations or other actions taken pursuant to the authority granted hereunder, and any such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of the actions or determinations of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as to the matters stated therein.

SECTION 4. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute by manual or facsimile signature the Refunding School Bonds in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 5. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Bond Purchase Contract (the "Purchase Contract") for the Refunding School Bonds, to be dated the date of sale of such Refunding School Bonds and to be executed by the Underwriter. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Purchase Contract.

SECTION 6. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to apply and qualify for the issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance and to approve a Commitment for Municipal Bond Insurance (the "Commitment") setting forth the terms and conditions (including premium charges) upon which a bond insurer proposes to issue its bond insurance policy covering the Refunding School Bonds. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Commitment.

SECTION 7. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor, is hereby authorized and directed to approve the Escrow Deposit Agreement (the "Escrow Deposit Agreement") with an escrow agent (the "Escrow Agent") to be selected by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds, to be dated the date of the closing on the Refunding School Bonds. The President and Vice President of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Escrow Deposit Agreement in the name of the Board and the corporate seal (or facsimile thereof) shall be thereunto affixed, imprinted, engraved or otherwise reproduced thereon. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and to the affixing of said seal to the Escrow Deposit Agreement. The Underwriter is hereby authorized to act as the agent and representative of the Board for the purpose of subscribing for the purchase of United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series to be held by the Escrow Agent. In the alternative, if United States Treasury Securities – State and Local Government Series are not available, the Financial Advisor or the Underwriter is hereby authorized to seek bids for the acquisition of United States Treasury Securities – Open Market Securities.

SECTION 8. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to select a verification agent (the "Verification Agent"), if required, in consultation with Bond Counsel and the Financial Advisor, with respect to the Refunded Bonds. The Verification Agent shall prepare the verification report required to verify the sufficiency of the escrowed monies to refund the Refunded Bonds.

SECTION 9. It is hereby delegated to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the authority to "deem final" (as defined under the Rule (as hereinafter defined)) a Preliminary Official Statement (the "Preliminary Official Statement") and such official is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a certificate to the Underwriter evidencing the same. The preparation and distribution by the Board, in consultation with Bond Counsel, and counsel to the Underwriter, if any, of a Preliminary Official Statement for the Refunding School Bonds to be used in connection with the marketing of such Refunding School Bonds, is hereby approved and any previous actions undertaken by various representatives and officers of the Board with respect thereto are hereby ratified and confirmed. Upon the sale of the Refunding School Bonds to the Underwriter, the Preliminary Official Statement shall be so modified by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, to reflect the effect of the pricing of the Refunding School Bonds and the Purchase Contract and any other revision not inconsistent with the substance thereof deemed necessary or advisable by Bond Counsel, and said Preliminary Official Statement as so modified shall constitute the final Official Statement (the "Official Statement"). The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized and directed on behalf of the Board to execute and deliver said Official Statement.

SECTION 10. The Board hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate (the "Certificate") which will set forth the obligation of the Board to file budgetary, financial and operating data on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events deemed material in accordance with the provision of the Rule. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver this Certificate evidencing the Board's undertaking with respect to the Rule. Notwithstanding the foregoing, failure of the Board to comply with the Certificate shall not be considered a default on the Refunding School Bonds; however, any Bondholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandamus or specific performance to cause the Board to comply with its obligations hereunder.

SECTION 11. The President, Vice President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary or any other appropriate officer or representative of the Board, are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this resolution, the Purchase Contract, the Escrow Deposit Agreement and the Commitment, and for the authorization, sale and issuance of the Refunding School Bonds. The execution by such officials and officers of any such documents, with changes, insertions or omissions approved by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, in consultation with Bond Counsel, as hereinabove provided, shall be conclusive and no further ratification or other action by the Board shall be required with respect thereto.

SECTION 12. The Board hereby covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under Section 103(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") of the interest on the Refunding School Bonds.

SECTION 13. All other resolutions adopted in connection with the Refunding School Bonds and inconsistent herewith are hereby rescinded to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 14. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

EXHIBIT A

Payment of this obligation is secured under the provisions of the "New Jersey School Bond Reserve Act" in accordance with which an amount equal to 1% of the aggregate outstanding bonded indebtedness (but not to exceed the moneys available in the fund), of New Jersey counties, municipalities and school districts for school purposes as of September 15 of each year, is held within the State Fund for the Support of Free Public Schools as a school bond reserve pledged by law to secure payments of principal and interest due on such bonds in the event of the inability of the issuer to make payment.

**REGISTERED
NUMBER R-«number»**

**PRINCIPAL SUM
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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BRANCHBURG
IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

REFUNDING SCHOOL BOND, SERIES 2016

<u>DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM</u>	<u>CUSIP NUMBER</u>
April __, 2016	JULY 15 «date»	«rate»%	«cusip»

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCHBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (the "Board" when referring to the governing body and the "School District" when referring to the territorial boundaries governed by the Board) hereby acknowledges itself indebted and for value received promises to pay to CEDE & CO., as nominee of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), which will act as Securities Depository (the "Securities Depository"), on the MATURITY DATE specified above, the PRINCIPAL SUM, and to pay interest on such sum from the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE of this Bond until it matures at the RATE OF INTEREST PER ANNUM specified above on the 15th day of

January and July in each year until maturity or earlier redemption, commencing on July 15, 2016. Principal of and interest on this Bond will be paid to the Securities Depository by the Board or its duly appointed paying agent and will be credited to the participants of DTC, as listed on the records of DTC, as of each January 1 and July 1 next preceding the date of such payments (the "Record Dates" for such payments).

This Bond is not transferable as to principal or interest except to an authorized nominee of DTC. DTC shall be responsible for maintaining the book-entry system for recording the interests of its participants or the transfers of the interests among its participants. The participants are responsible for maintaining records regarding the beneficial ownership interests in the Bonds on behalf of individual purchasers.

The Bonds of this issue maturing prior to July 15, 20__ are not subject to redemption prior to their stated maturities. The Bonds of this issue maturing on or after July 15, 20__ are redeemable at the option of the Board in whole or in part on any date on or after July 15, 20__ upon notice as required herein at one hundred percent (100%) of the principal amount being redeemed (the "Redemption Price"), plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

Notice of Redemption ("Notice of Redemption") shall be given by mailing at least thirty (30) days but not more than sixty (60) days before the date fixed for redemption by first class mail in a sealed envelope with postage prepaid to the registered owners of such Bonds at their respective addresses as they last appear on the registration books kept for that purpose by the Board or a duly appointed Bond Registrar. So long as DTC (or any successor thereto) acts as Securities Depository for the Bonds, Notice of Redemption shall be sent to such Securities Depository and shall not be sent to the beneficial owners of the Bonds. Any failure of the Securities Depository to advise any of its participants or any failure of any participant to notify any beneficial owner of any Notice of Redemption shall not affect the validity of the redemption proceedings. If the Board determines to redeem a portion of the Bonds prior to maturity, such Bonds to be redeemed shall be selected by the Board; the Bonds to be redeemed having the same maturity shall be selected by the Securities Depository in accordance with its regulations.

If Notice of Redemption has been given as provided herein, the Bonds or the portion thereof called for redemption shall be due and payable on the date fixed for redemption at the redemption price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. Interest shall cease to accrue on the Bonds after the date fixed for redemption.

This Bond is one of an authorized issue of Bonds and is issued pursuant to: (i) title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 et seq.); (ii) a refunding bond ordinance enacted and adopted by the Board on March 3, 2016; and (iii) a resolution adopted by the Board on March 3, 2016 (the "Authorization Proceedings"). The full faith and credit of the School District are hereby irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on this Bond according to its terms.

It is hereby certified and recited that all conditions, acts and things required by the Constitution or the statutes of the State of New Jersey to exist, to have happened or to have been performed precedent to or in the issuance of this Bond exist, have happened and have been performed and that the issue of Bonds of which this is one, together with all other indebtedness of the School District, is within every debt and other limit prescribed by such Constitution or statutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRANCBURG IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY has caused this Bond to be executed in its name by the manual or facsimile signature of its President, its corporate seal to be hereunto imprinted or affixed, this Bond and the seal to be attested by the manual signature of its Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and this Bond to be dated the DATE OF ORIGINAL ISSUE as specified above.

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRACHBURG IN
THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY**

(SEAL)

By: [FORM, NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED]
ZOLTAN AMBRUS,
Board President

ATTEST:

By: [FORM, NO SIGNATURE REQUIRED]
THERESA LINSKEY,
Board Secretary

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Robyn Abramo congratulated Rokiah Barry of Stony Brook Elementary School and Suzanne Updegrove of Branchburg Central Middle School who won the Magic 98.3 "Teachers Who Make Magic" award.

Ms. Abramo asked for clarification of Item C on the Board agenda.

Ms. Amy Ramsden spoke about math testing and PARCC testing.

XIII. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Noto spoke about the following highlights of the Somerville Board of Education meeting:

- Somerville Board of Education received a \$77,000 reduction in state aid;
- The mixer for Branchburg's and Somerville's 8th grade students which was held on February 22, 2016;
- Dr. Timothy Purnell read a poem at the Somerville Board of Education meeting regarding the retirement of George Mellors, Engineering and ISO Instructor;
- Coach Joseph D'Alessandro was voted the Skyland Conference Coach of the Year, and was inducted into the Somerville High School Hall of Fame on November 9, 2015; and
- Arthur J. Atkins, 11th grade Council representative, gave a report about the students and the school he represents.

Mrs. Palmieri spoke about the following PTO events:

- The PTO Executive Board is working on plans for next year;
- The Gertrude Hawks fundraiser orders have been submitted, but online orders will still be accepted until March 19, 2016;
- The Learn2Earn fundraiser will end on March 15, 2016; and
- Mrs. Palmieri thanked all the volunteers and participant for helping the PTO.

Ms. Gensel said the Branchburg Education Foundation met on February 29, 2016. They discussed the Pocketbook Bingo fundraiser which will be held on Friday, April 29, 2016 at Raritan Valley Community College.

Mr. Ambrus said the Board met with the township committee regarding building a sidewalk on the Old York School property, and the use of the side parking lot for their court days.

XIV. BOARD FORUM

Mrs. Palmieri thanked Mrs. Gorski, Branchburg Central Middle School Guidance Counselor, for putting together the 8th grade mixer for the Branchburg and Somerville 8th grade students.

Mrs. Noto spoke about the Somerville training facility, containing a Shop-Rite grocery store, for students who would like to participate in the customer service environment.

Mrs. Joyce said the Policy Committee met on March 2, 2016 where they spoke about adopting a policy to implement the use of chromebooks and classroom technology for the Board of Education meetings.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the technology conference she attended earlier that day.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Fabriczi, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Theresa Linskey".

Theresa Linskey
Board Secretary/Business Administrator