

Branchburg Township School District

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2016

Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting – 8:00 p.m.

Board of Education Office

Board Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 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, Jack Dempsey (arrived 6:57 p.m.), Kristen Fabriczi, Theresa Joyce, Carmela Noto, Cathy Palmieri, and Keerti Purohit.

The following member was absent: Olga Phelps

Also present were: Superintendent of Schools Rebecca Gensel, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Theresa Linskey and no members of the public.

II. CALL TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cutler, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to convene at 6:39 p.m. to discuss personnel, H.I.B., and legal issues.

On a motion by Mrs. Palmieri, seconded by Mr. Cutler, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn executive session at 7:54 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Cutler, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to reconvene to public session at 8:06 p.m. with 20 members of the public.

III. The Secretary called the roll.

IV. The assembly saluted the flag.

V. Statement of Adequate Notice

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Gensel, Mr. Barbosa, Mr. Ross, Mr. Altmire and Mrs. Shober did a presentation on the Branchburg Township School District 2016-2017 Goals.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

VIII. GOVERNANCE

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri that Item VIII.A., be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item VIII.A. was unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mr. Ambrus spoke about non-public bussing.

Mrs. Palmieri spoke about the following items:

- Facebook and Twitter; and
- The next Community Relations Committee meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

A. Acceptance of Grant Funds					
Grantor	Grant Name	Requester	Location	Check #	Amount
Youth Service America	Service Learning Opportunities	Matthew Barbosa	BCMS	13625	\$5,000.00

IX. POLICY

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

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

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the following items:

- The proposed policy for remote participation for Board meetings; and
- The changes to the First Reading policies.

A. Policy First Reading		
Policy #	Title	Discussion
2431	Athletic Competition	Replacement
5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	Replacement

B. Policy Second Reading		
Policy #	Title	Discussion
3244	In Service Training	Abolished
8601	Student Supervision after School Dismissal	Revised

X. EDUCATION

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items X.A. through X.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Items X.A. through X.C. were unanimously approved by Roll Call with Mrs. Fabriczi abstaining on Item B.

Motion by Mrs. Fabriczi, seconded by Mrs. Palmieri that Item X.D. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

On call of the vote, Item X.D. was unanimously approved by Roll Call.

Mrs. Palmieri said the next Education Committee meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Mrs. Joyce said the list of field trips on the agenda are “possible” field trips for the school year that may or may not take place. She said the possible field trips list gets approved every year.

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/Parkin g/ Mileage	Total
Designing Problem –Based Authentic Learning Units IDE Virtual Learning Community	Wendy Michels 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/3/16 through 11/11/16	\$795.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$795.00
Designing Problem –Based Authentic Learning Units IDE Virtual Learning Community	Lucyna Plaza 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/3/16 through 11/11/16	\$795.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$795.00

Conference/ Workshop	Employee/Account Number	Date(s)	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals/ Exp.	Tolls/Parking/ Mileage	Total
Cloud Infusion: Making Technology Count in the Quest for Student Achievement IDE Virtual Learning Community	Susanne Updegrave 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/3/16 through 11/11/16	\$795.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$795.00
New Jersey Council for Social Studies Piscataway, NJ	Richard DeSantis 11-000-223-580-04-144	10/25/16	\$80.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$80.00
New Jersey Council for Social Studies Piscataway, NJ	Michael Simko 11-000-223-580-04-144	10/25/16	\$80.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$80.00
Stronge Administrator Training Piscataway, NJ	Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144	9/20/16 9/22/16 9/28/16	\$447.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$447.00
Stronge Administrator Training Piscataway, NJ	Matthew Ross 11-000-240-580-02-000	9/20/16 9/22/16 9/28/16	\$447.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$447.00
Guided Math Conference New Brunswick, NJ	Jocelyn Muzychko 20-270-200-500-02-649	12/5/16 through 12/6/16	\$399.00	N/A	N/A	\$14.50	\$413.50
Guided Math Conference Somerset, NJ	Erica Patente 20-270-200-500-02-649	12/5/16 through 12/6/16	\$399.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$399.00
New Jersey School Boards Workshop Convention Atlantic City, NJ	Gail Inkrote 11-000-252-580-09-145	10/25/16 through 10/26/16	N/A	\$97.00	\$96.00	\$62.00	\$255.00
New Jersey School Boards Workshop Convention Atlantic City, NJ	Erica Patente 11-000-252-580-09-145	10/25/16 through 10/26/16	N/A	\$97.00	\$96.00	N/A	\$193.00
Rutgers 49 th Annual Conference on Reading and Writing New Brunswick, NJ	Robert Katz 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/28/16	\$180.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$180.00
Rutgers 49 th Annual Conference on Reading and Writing New Brunswick, NJ	Melissa Omelio 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/28/16	\$180.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$180.00
Identifying Struggling Readers and Providing Research Based Interventions Somerset, NJ	Elvira Atrio 11-000-223-580-05-144	10/14/16	\$230.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$230.00
Identifying Struggling Readers and Providing Research Based Interventions Somerset, NJ	Amy Garner 20-270-200-500-02-649	10/14/16	\$190.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$190.00
String Orchestra Conductor Symposium Randolph, NJ	Jonathan Birchead 11-000-223-580-04-144	11/5/16	\$65.00	N/A	N/A	\$29.76	\$94.76
Employee Evaluation Management Westbury, NY	Cynthia Buckley 11-000-230-580-01-303	11/2/16 through 11/3/16	\$525.00	\$140.00	N/A	\$80.00	\$745.00
Section 504 and I&RS Overview Parlin, NJ	Alexandra Gallo 11-000-219-580-03-001	11/17/16	\$75.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$75.00
Mindset Matter in Math New Rochelle, NY	Jennifer Hauser 20-270-200-500-02-649	12/5/16	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	\$41.91	\$240.91
New Jersey Association of School Librarians Fall Conference Long Branch, NJ	Gail Inkrote 11-000-223-580-05-144	11/17/16 through 11/19/16	\$250.00	\$202.00	N/A	N/A	\$452.00
The Special Services Directors Toolkit Monroe, NJ	Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144	11/1/16	\$149.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$149.00
Leading the Co-Teaching Dance Monroe, NJ	Tina Neely 11-000-219-580-03-144	11/17/16	\$149.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$149.00
Introduction to Responsive Classroom for K-8 Educators Pace University, NY	Catherine Rello 11-000-223-580-08-144	12/2/16	\$199.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$199.00
Art Educators of New Jersey Story and Art Long Branch, NJ	Meghan Russo 11-000-223-580-04-144	10/9/16 through 10/10/16	\$260.00	N/A	N/A	\$16.12	\$276.12

Conference/ Workshop	Employee/Account Number	Date(s)	Registration Fee	Hotel	Meals/ Exp.	Tolls/Parking/ Mileage	Total
Challenging Behaviors Preschool to Second Grade New Providence, NJ	Danielle Shober 11-000-240-580-02-000	1/23/17	\$125.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$125.00
New Jersey Technology and Engineering Educators Association Wayne, NJ	Suzanne Updegrove 11-000-252-580-09-145	10/21/16	\$150.00	N/A	N/A	\$28.95	\$178.95
Phonak Pediatrics: Managing the Modern Classroom New York, NJ	Randi Lee Venturini 11-000-219-580-03-001	11/8/16	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$41.62	\$41.62

B. Out-of-District Placements			
Program/Location	Student ID #	Tuition	Effective Dates
The Midland School P.O. Box 5026, North Branch, NJ	1195375220	SY: \$56,437.20	SY: 9/8/16-6/22/17
Morris Union Jointure Commission 340 Central Ave., New Providence, NJ	7411890574	ESY: \$1,400.00 SY: \$11,760.00	ESY: 7/7/16-8/10/16 SY: 9/7/16-6/13/17
YCS- Fort Lee Education Center 284 Broadway, Newark, NJ	3570121259	SY: \$62,433.00	SY: 9/8/16-6/23/17

C. Acceptance of Out-of-District Student			
Sending District	Student ID #	Tuition	Effective Dates
Hillsborough Township School District Hillsborough, NJ	8148312032	Total: \$16,789.00	SY: 9/6/16-6/20/17

D. Approval of 2016-2017 Field Trips

Pursuant to statute N.J.S.A. 6A:23A-5.8(c1) and in accordance with Board Policy #2340 – *Field Trips*, it is recommended that the Board approve the following listing of 2016-2017 Field Trips for students, as noted, the full cost of the trips will be covered by parent fees (transportation, entry fees, and any nurse or other staff member being paid for the trip).

Whiton Elementary School

Grade	Trip
Pre-K	The Bucks County Children’s Museum, New Hope, PA
Pre-K	The Bridgewater Library, Bridgewater, NJ
Kindergarten	Doyle Unami Farm, Hillsborough, NJ
Kindergarten	Pete the Cat Performance, State Theater, Easton, PA
1	Turtle Back Zoo, West Orange, NJ
2	Lakota Wolf Preserve, Columbia, NJ
2	Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm, Stroudsburg, PA
3	DaVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA
3	Camden Aquarium, Camden, NJ
1 and 2	Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ

Stony Brook School

Grade	Trip
4 & 5	Branchburg Central Middle School, Branchburg, NJ
4 & 5	Whiton Elementary School, Neshanic Station, NJ
4 & 5	Barnes and Noble, Bridgewater, NJ
4 & 5	NJPAC, Newark, NJ

Stony Brook School

Grade	Trip
4 & 5	State Theater, New Brunswick, NJ
4 & 5	MAYO Performance Hall, Morristown, NJ
4 & 5	Paper Mill Playhouse, Millburn, NJ
4 & 5	Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ
4 & 5	NJ Music Educators Association, (TBD), NJ
4 & 5	Avalon Assisted Living, Bridgewater, NJ
4	Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
4	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ
4	Waterloo Village, Stanhope, NJ
4	Trenton State House, Old Barracks, & NJ State Museum, Trenton, NJ
4	Churchville Nature Center, Churchville, PA
5	Midland School, Branchburg, NJ
Grade	Trip
5	Ronald McDonald House, New Brunswick, NJ
5	Pennsbury Manor, Morrisville, PA
5	The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA
5	Buehler Science Center, Paramus, NJ
5	Philadelphia Walking Tour, Philadelphia, PA

Branchburg Central Middle School

Grade	Trip
6	Camp Bernie, Port Murray, NJ
6	Bowlmor, Green Brook, NJ
6	Fairview Lakes YMCA, Newton, NJ
6	Penn Museum and US Mint, Philadelphia, PA
7	Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ
7	Strength & Honor Fitness, Somerville, NJ
GATE 7	Princeton Art Museum, Princeton, NJ
GATE 7	Readington Reform Churchyard, Readington, NJ
8	Camp Bernie, Port Murray, NJ
8	Frogbridge, Millstone, NJ
8	Bridges of Somerset County, NJ
8	New York Stock Exchange, Wall Street, NY
8	911 Walking Tour, Wall Street, NY
8/ICE	Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ
6-8	Avery Fischer Hall, New York City, NY
6-8	Branchburg Sports Complex, Branchburg, NJ
6-8	The College of New Jersey, Trenton, NJ
6-8	Dukes Farm, Hillsborough, NJ
6-8	Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ
6-8	Immaculata School, Somerville, NJ
6-8	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, NJ
6-8	Lincoln Center, New York, NY
6-8	Museum of Math, New York, NY
6-8	New Jersey Performing Arts Center, Newark, NJ
6-8	Pete the Cat, State Theater, Easton, PA
6-8	Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
6-8	Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ
6-8	Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ
6-8	Sandy Hook, NJ
6-8	Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
6-8	Somerville High School, Somerville, NJ
6-8	Soup Kitchen, Bound Brook, NJ
6-8	Spain 92, Bridgewater, NJ

Branchburg Central Middle School

Grade	Trip
6-8	State Theater, New Brunswick, NJ
6-8	Stony Brook School, Branchburg, NJ
6-8	The Wallace House, Somerville, NJ
6-8	White Oak Park, Branchburg, NJ
6-8	Whiton School, Neshanic Station, NJ
8 th Grade Nominees	Young Women's Conference, Princeton, NJ
Music Department	Music in the Parks Band Competition, Kutztown and Allentown, PA
Music Department	Jazz Band Festival, Bridgewater, NJ
Teen Artists	State Teen Arts, Ocean County College, Toms River, NJ
Jazz Band	Bridgewater Raritan Jazz Band Festival, Middle School, Bridgewater, NJ
Odyssey Team	County, Regional and State Competition, Central and South Jersey, NJ
LLD	Wegmans, Bridgewater, NJ
LLD & ICE	Somerville Shopping Center, Somerville, NJ

XI. HUMAN RESOURCES

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

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

Mrs. Palmieri said the next Human Resources Committee meeting will be held on October 12, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

A. Revised Maternity Leave			
Name	Location	Type of Leave	Anticipated Date(s)
Elisabeth Hillsinger	Stony Brook	Paid Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence NJ Family Leave Act/FMLA Unpaid Leave	10/17/16 through 12/9/16 12/12/16 through 3/17/17 3/20/17 through 4/17/17
Danielle Lindsay	Stony Brook	Unpaid Leave	From: 12/5/16 through 1/2/17 To: 12/5/16 through 6/30/17

B. Maternity Leave Replacement						
Name	Location	Grade	Step/Level	Salary	Anticipated Date(s)	Discussion
Caitlyn Riga	Whiton	K	1/BA	\$54,295.00 (prorated)	10/18/16 through 3/6/17	Maternity Leave Replacement for Melissa Francescone
Cody Martin	BCMS	6	1/150	\$56,445.00 (prorated)	10/10/16 through 6/30/17	Maternity Leave Replacement for Nicole Kepner

C. Personnel							
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Step	Effective - End Date	Discussion	
Jennifer Hauser	Director of Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and the Arts	District	\$89,610.00	N/A	8/19/16-6/30/17	Alignment to Job Description	
Jocelyn Romano	Director of Special Services .5 Secretary	Board of Education	\$29,444.00 (prorated)	1	10/10/16-6/30/17	Replacement for Trish Duplay	
Donna Eckel	Office Clerk	Transportation	\$15.00 per hour	N/A	10/7/16-6/30/17	Not to exceed 20 hours per week	

*Salary adjustments to be determined upon successful completion of negotiations.

D. Revision of Salary			
Name	Location	Salary	Discussion
Nancy Padula	BCMS	From: \$74,320.00 To: \$76,632.00	Includes \$2,312.00 additional compensation for Child Study Team

**Salary adjustments to be determined upon successful completion of negotiations.*

E. Student Teacher						
Name/College	Name of Action	Certification	Location	Effective Date	End Date	Discussion
Bina Ramesh The College of New Jersey	Student Teacher	Elementary Education Teacher – K-5	Whiton	1/23/2017	5/5/2017	Cooperating Teacher Tara Forsyth

F. 2016-2017 Stipend Positions			
Name	Location	Salary	Position
Ms. Rachael Johnston	Stony Brook	\$630.00	Spring, Fall and Winter Intramural Coach
Mr. Rocco Fornaro	Stony Brook	\$630.00	Spring, Fall and Winter Intramural Coach

**Salary adjustments to be determined upon successful completion of negotiations.*

G. Extra Duty Pay							
Name/Account	Name of Action	Position	Salary	Location	Effective Date	End Date	Discussion
Kelly Boyle 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 24 hours	District	10/10/16	6/20/17	DIY Literacy Book Study
Lauren Knoke 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 24 hours	District	10/10/16	6/20/17	DIY Literacy Book Study
Kelly Boyle 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Using Shared Reading and Interactive Writing to Teach Grammar
Amanda Roper 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Integrating NGSS into Literacy
Melissa Fitzgibbon 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Integrating NGSS into Literacy
Erica Viel 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Behavior Management and De-escalation Techniques
Sarah Landon 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Behavior Management and De-escalation Techniques
Wendy Michels 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 12 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Engaging Students with Classroom Technology
Amanda Roper 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Planning for your Reading Block: Flexible Grouping
Damian Thomas 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Introduction to Nearpod
Katie Bernet 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 12 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	My Progress Pal – Student Tracking
Cristina Pernini 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Odyssey
Cristina Pernini 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Google Classroom
Cristina Pernini 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 3 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	Math Games
Beth Janiec 11-000-223-104-02-210	Teacher Academy Presenter	Teacher	\$41.00 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	District	10/10/16	12/22/16	The Power of Our Words

**Salary adjustments to be determined upon successful completion of negotiations.*

XII. BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mr. Cutler that Items XII.A. through XII.C. be moved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

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

Mr. Ambrus said the Business Committee met on September 26, 2016 and discussed the following items:

- Review of the Stony Brook parking lot project with the architect;
- Eric Schaefer's presentation regarding the overview of the district's network;
- Purchase of a snowblower for Branchburg Central Middle School;
- Upcoming budget;
- Non-public bussing; and
- Window tint project.

A. Bill List

It is recommended that the Board approve the List of Bills for the period September 16, 2016, through October 6, 2016, totaling \$878,725.20, and ratify the Payroll for the period September 16, 2016 through September 30, 2016, totaling \$840,407.37.

B. Approval of Window Tint Project

It is recommended that the Board approve Window Film Depot, Inc., a part of the Middlesex Regional Educational Service Commission Safety & Security Window Film bid and State approved Co-op #65MCESCCPS, contract #MRESC 15/16-08, at a total cost of \$5,074.13, to be paid through Purchase Order, Account #12-000-400-450-04-612, and sufficient funds are available in the 2016-2017 budget.

C. Approval of Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for 2015-2016 through 2017-2018

It is recommended that the Board approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1 for 2015-2016 through 2017-2018.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

XIV. BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Noto said she attended the September 20, 2016 Somerville Board of Education meeting where the following items were discussed:

- The new staff members were introduced to the community;
- Jennifer Dupace, Curriculum Supervisor, gave a presentation on Collaborative Professional Learning Academy;
- Dr. Timothy Purnell discussed the district highlights;
- Bryan Boyce, Somerset County Business Administrator, is now a participant of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials committee;
- The district's schools each did a presentation on what is planned for the new school year;
- On October 13, 2016 Somerville High School is hosting an information session about SAT and ACT testing, and the difference between the two tests;
- Scott Hade spoke about the Costco food donation program to the schools;
- Demographic study and enrollment; and
- The son of Branchburg Board Member Olga Phelps passed a four hour DALF exam which will qualify him to attend Universities in French speaking countries.

Mrs. Palmieri spoke about the following items:

- Family Movie Night for the pre-k, kindergarten and first graders is scheduled for October 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.;
- Spiritwear will be available in about two weeks;
- Yankee Candle fundraiser will begin October 29, 2016; and
- Scholastic Book fairs will be held at Whiton Elementary School and Stony Brook School at the beginning of November and in the middle of November at Branchburg Central Middle School.

Mr. Cutler said he attended the Somerset County Educational Services Commission meeting on October 5, 2016 where the following items were discussed:

- There was a three minute promotion video shown highlighting the different services offered at the Educational Services Commission;
- There will be an open house on October 13, 2016; and
- Bus driver shortage.

Ms. Gensel said the Branchburg Education Foundation dine-out fundraiser will be held on October 21 and 22, 2016.

Mr. Ambrus said he and Mr. Cutler attended the open house meeting at the office of Assemblyman Andrew Zwicker on September 21, 2016 where the following items were discussed:

- Non- public bussing;
- Superintendent pay cap;
- Health benefits; and
- Special Education costs.

XV. BOARD FORUM

Mr. Dempsey discussed the Somerville High School dress code.

Mrs. Joyce distributed the Somerville High School marching band competition program to the Board.

Mrs. Joyce spoke about the New Jersey School Boards Association workshop being held October 25 – 27, 2016.

Mr. Ambrus discussed with the Board the possibility of having some committee meetings in the evening.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no second Executive Session.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Dempsey, seconded by Mrs. Purohit, and carried unanimously, the Board agreed to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Linskey
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary