

NORTHFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Northfield Community School, Vocal Music Room, 6:30 PM

Meeting Called to Order by the Board of Education President, Steve Wynne at 6:30 pm.

Roll Call

Mr. Barnhart	Present
Mr. Bruno	Present
Mrs. Delcher	Present
Mrs. Levitt	Present
Mr. Milhous	Present
Dr. Syed	Present
Mrs. White	Present
Ms. Woodhouse	Present
Mr. Wynne	Present

Superintendent
Dr. Fipp

Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Linda Albright

Solicitor
Andy Brown, Esq.

Additional Administrators in Attendance
Mrs. Vaccaro
Mr. Robbins

Silent Moment
A silent moment was observed.

Salute to the Flag
A Salute to the Flag was conducted.

Announcement

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act", Northfield Board of Education at 3:00 p.m. on January 9, 2014 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 2000 New Road, Northfield, New Jersey and at 9:00 a.m. on January 9, 2014 mailed to The Press of Atlantic City and to The Current of Egg Harbor Township and to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Northfield a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

THE NORTHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION USES A "CONSENT AGENDA" PROCEDURE.

1. Executive Session

Motion to adopt the following resolution – BE IT RESOLVED by the Northfield Board of Education that, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 et seq.) it shall enter into Executive Session to discuss and review pending litigation, and other matters of attorney client privilege. The information discussed can be disclosed to the public only upon formal written request to the board secretary at the next work, special or regular meeting to determine if the time and circumstances would be appropriate to disclose the information discussed. At the conclusion of this session the Board of Education will reconvene the regular portion of the meeting and action may, or may not, be taken.

Let the minutes reflect that the Board of Education entered into executive session at 6:32 pm.

Let the minutes reflect that the Board of Education returned to regular session at 6:58 pm.

A Motion was made by Stephanie Woodhouse, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 1. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

A Motion was made by Angelic Delcher, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to return to open session. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

2. Presentation

A. Recognition of our 2014-15 Teachers of the Year: Kristen Polak and Susan Hinman.

Dr. Fipp presented and recognized Susan Hinman as Teacher of the Year for the Elementary School. Dr. Fipp introduced her family. Mrs. Hinman has been with the NCS for 13 years and has 23 years of experience as teacher. She is extremely skilled and caring. Dr. Fipp presented and recognized Kristen Polak as Teacher of the Year for the Middle School. Dr. Fipp introduced her family. Mrs. Polak has been a teacher for 23 years. Mrs. Polak loves her students and works hard to make her classroom exciting and interesting, all students as well as parents and coworkers love her. Dr. Fipp thanked both teachers and congratulated them.

B. Introduction of New Jersey Performance Report (New Report Card)

Dr. Fipp introduced the New Jersey School Performance Report, previously known as the School Report Card Report, in a power point presentation. Dr. Fipp pointed out the NJ School Performance Report comes with an interpretation guide and it is packed with information, and while it seeks to bring more information to educators and stakeholders about the performance of schools, it does not seek to distill the performance of schools into a single metric, a single score, or a simplified conclusion. Dr. Fipp reviewed and explained the data in detail comparing the 2011-12 and 20012-13 school years for both the Elementary School and Middle School.

3. Open to the Public (Public Comment may be limited to three minutes per person per issue.)

- **Elizabeth Miller, Lynne Martino.** Teachers at NCS, are still working, always caring. Teachers deserve a fair contract, please settle.
- **Benjamin Podolnick,** 104 Julie Drive, informed the Board that his son is directly and negatively affected by Algebra issue and now needs a tutor. Mr. Podolnick asked when did BOE first find out that there is a problem and when was a letter sent out. Mr. Wynne read a prepared statement, in which he outlined the timeline of the issue and the measures taken to correct the problem. The problem was identified February 2nd, actions to fix it were taken starting February 6, Dr. Fipp met with parents in early March, a solution was presented at that meeting and many of the requests met. The goal of that first effort was to restore operations as quickly as possible and to make sure the kids were learning what they needed to learn. This was the first part of correcting the issue. The second part is to take a hard look of the underlying causes, to make a deep analysis of the problem, where it originated, what process breakdown might have occurred, whether it is a process problem, or an execution problem, or both, where responsibility lies, where accountability lies, and when all the pieces are identified, a path forward with improved process will be formulated and that is the approach the BOE is taking. The Public is permitted to express opinions and facts. Mr. Wynne asked the Public to share all facts in order to better understand and investigate the problem and assign accountability and responsibility. Mr. Podolnick referenced an email from MRHS stating that the accelerated math program will not work; asked if MRHS approves of what is done as of right now. Dr. Fipp pointed out that there were assertions in that email from Dr. Baruffi that she will look into, but in her research not all the info in that email are the facts that she has uncovered. Mr. Podolnick expressed his opinion that

what is being offered is not a fix for all students and a summer program might be needed. Dr. Fipp explained that an assessment was used to determine enrollment in 8th Grade Math and Algebra I for each student; added a summer program will be offered and it is currently being worked on. Mr. Podolnick thanked the teachers for doing an outstanding job, added they deserve a contract.

- **Megan Sher**, 224 Roosevelt Ave, expressed her disappointment in the NBOE and school administration for making poor decisions like eliminating the Curriculum Coordinator position, as well as spending money on test preparation instead of focusing on curriculum. Mrs. Sher expressed concern that the decision not to replace the retiring nurse will be a disaster; added the decision to cut 2 BSI teachers will also directly affect students' progress. Mr. Wynne pointed out that savings in retirements are accounted for, as well as the discontinuing of Global; added we meet state requirements for a nurse which is a school nurse per district.
- **Christine Ruth**, 20 West Rosedale Ave, said the confidence in the leadership of our school district is low, the leadership is not shared and there is a lack of transparency; added it is wrong not to listen to parents. Mrs. Ruth expressed her opinion that staff and parents should be included in choosing curriculum coordinator; added she has trust in teachers and they deserve a fair contract.

4. Curriculum

A. Curriculum Committee Report (Mrs. White)

Mrs. White reviewed items currently discussed at the recent meeting. Highlights included:

- ~ Math curriculum
- ~ MAP Scores
- ~ Revised 2013-14 school calendar
- ~ Master schedule consultant ETTC

B. February Monthly Reports

- Mr. Robbins
- Mrs. Vaccaro
- Ms. Hehre
- Mr. Mease
- Mr. Phommathep

Mrs. Vaccaro informed that two Emergency Procedures were conducted in February: February 4, 2014 Fire Drill 1:32-1:48 pm, and February 6, 2014 Lockdown 1:35-1:55 pm.

- C. Motion to approve the 4th grade class trip to Philadelphia Art Museum on April 29, 2014.
- D. Motion to approve the 2014 Summer SACC program per the attached.
- E. Motion to approve the 4th Annual Day of Play on April 11, 2014 from 2:50 to 4:00 pm.
- F. Motion to approve the attached Community Education Summer Theater Program for 2014.
- G. Motion to approve the Student Council NJASC awards assembly trip at Six Flags Great Adventure on May 15, 2014. Trip is partially funded by Student Council, as well as student payment not exceeding \$20.00.
- H. Motion to approve the 8th grade class trip to Washington, DC on June 6, 2014.
- I. Motion to approve the attached Guidance Program Models for grades K to 4 and grades 5 to 8.

- J. Motion to approve a trip to Atlantic City Country Club on Friday, March 28, 2014. Elementary school class to be determined.
- K. Motion to re-approve the Grade 8 Math Curriculum per the attached.

Discussion: Mr. Milhous asked what the attendance for the after school Algebra I program is. Mr. Robbins responded the attendance is 5 to 10 students. Mr. Milhous asked what has changed in the curriculum. Dr. Fipp responded that the classes have been separated to Algebra I and Grade 8 Math. Mr. Milhous asked if MRHS has looked and agreed with this plan, Dr. Fipp explained that teachers will make recommendations where students are placed as it has always been done.

A Motion was made by Karyn White, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 4.K. The Motion Passed by a vote of 7 Aye and 2 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Levitt, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne. Board Members voting Nay: Delcher, Milhous.

- L. Motion to approve the Algebra I curriculum map, curriculum unit and pacing guides per the attached.

Discussion: Mrs. White thanked Mrs. Ruth for taking the time to prepare a statement, agreed that parents should attend meetings and be involved.

A Motion was made by Karyn White, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 4.L. The Motion Passed by a vote of 7 Aye and 2 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Levitt, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne. Board Members voting Nay: Delcher, Milhous.

A Motion was made by Karyn White, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve items 4.C., 4.D., 4.E., 4.F., 4.G., 4.H., 4.I., and 4.J. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

5. Personnel

- A. Personnel Committee Report (Mr. Wynne)

There was no meeting held.

- B. Motion to accept the retirement notification from Judith Donato as part time aide effective June 30, 2014.

Discussion: Dr. Fipp expressed her regrets. Judy Donato is a lovely woman who has worked with students for many years with love and patience. She will be missed.

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 5.B. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

- C. Motion to approve the posting and/or advertising for a part time aide for the 2014-15 school year. (This position replaces Mrs. Donato who is retiring).

- D. Motion to approve the leave of absence request from Elizabeth Gideon effective March 14, 2014. Ms. Gideon will be absent ~~indefinitely~~ **“through June 30, 2014”**.

Discussion: Mr. Milhous asked is there a reason why the leave of absence will be “indefinite”. Mr. Milhous does not feel comfortable to vote on it. Dr. Fipp explained that at this time we do not have a date. Mr. Brown proposed the motion to be amended to replace “indefinite” with “through June 30, 2014”.

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 5.D. as amended. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

- E. Motion to approve the posting for a part time long term substitute replacement aide effective immediately. This person will replace Ms. Gideon while she is on leave.
- F. Motion to accept the resignation of Christina Sotak as part time long term substitute replacement aide effective March 31, 2014.
- G. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the attached list of Camp Invention Staff for the 2013-14 school year.
- H. Motion to approve the posting for a Grade 8 Math/Algebra I curriculum writer for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of *\$40 per hour for a total of \$400. * Stipend to be adjusted, if necessary, upon ratification and approval of the negotiated agreement by the Association and Board of Education.
- I. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Nick Corley as the Grade 8 Math/Algebra I curriculum writer for the 2013-14 school year at a stipend of *\$40 per hour for a total of \$400. * Stipend to be adjusted, if necessary, upon ratification and approval of the negotiated agreement by the Association and Board of Education.
- J. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Meredith McCabe as long term substitute replacement teacher effective April 28, 2014 through the last day of school June, 2014 at a per diem rate of \$145.00* for the first 60 days and then at the rate of BA, Step 1 of the 2012-13 salary guide (no benefits). * Salary to be adjusted, if necessary, upon ratification and approval of the negotiated agreement by the Association and Board of Education. (Ms. McCabe will be covering for Mrs. Ryan while she is on leave of absence).
- K. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, for Meredith McCabe to shadow Mrs. Ryan during the week of April 14, 2014 before Mrs. Ryan goes on leave of absence. Ms. McCabe will be compensated at the substitute per diem rate for those days.

Discussion: Mr. Milhous asked if the leave of absence was previously approved. Dr. Fipp answered yes, it is a maternity leave and was approved at a previous board meeting.

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 5.K. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

- L. Motion to approve the attached list of substitutes for the 2013-14 school year.
- M. Motion to approve the attached list of volunteers for the 2013-14 school year.
- N. Motion to rescind the Motion at the February 24, 2014 meeting to appoint Samantha Curry as part time teacher; highly qualified in middle school mathematics; for approximately 20 hours per week, no benefits. Ms. Curry will be compensated based on Step 1, BA (part time, no benefits) of the 2012-13 salary guide at a rate of \$131.39 per day. This position to begin the week of March 3, 2014 through the last day of school June, 2014. This position is partially funded by NCLB 2014 funds.
- O. Motion to approve, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Samantha Curry as part time teacher; highly qualified in middle school mathematics; for approximately 27.5 hours per week. Ms. Curry will be compensated based on Step 1, BA (part time) of the 2012-13 salary guide at a rate of \$181.65 per day. This position to begin the week of March 3, 2014 through the last day of school June, 2014. This position is partially funded by NCLB 2014 funds.

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve items 5.C., 5.E., 5.F., 5.G., 5.H., 5.I., 5.J., 5.L., 5.M., 5.N., and 5.O. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

6. Facilities

A. Facilities Committee Report (Mr. Barnhart)

Mr. Barnhart reviewed items discussed at the recent meeting. Highlights included:

- ~ RFP's for bond counsel
- ~ RFP's for financial planner
- ~ Route 9 Sidewalk update

7. Finance

A. Finance Committee report (Dr. Syed)

Dr. Syed reviewed items discussed at the recent meeting. Highlights included:

- ~ Transfers, BSR and Treasurer's Report
- ~ Budget Public Hearing – Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm
- ~ Joint Transportation Agreement with Greater Egg Harbor Regional School
- ~ FY14 NCLB Grant Amendment

B. Pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.12(c)4, we certify that as of February 28, 2014, and having received the certification of the Business Administrator, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-12 (c) (3), that the total of encumbrances and expenditures for each line item do not exceed the line item appropriation, and, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.12(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

C. Motion to approve the Board Secretary's Report for January 31, 2014, Fund 10 only, and Board Secretary's Report for February 28, 2014.

D. Motion to approve the Cash Reconciliation (Treasurer's) report for February 28, 2014

E. Motion to approve the attached list of Transfers for February 28, 2014.

F. Motion to approve the Bill's List in the amount of \$376,042.73.

G. Motion to appoint Fleishman-Daniels Law Offices, LLC, as Bond Counsel at a rate of \$16,500.00 under the terms of the proposed agreement.

H. Motion to approve Phoenix Advisors, LLC, as Financial Planner at a flat rate of \$11,500.00 under the terms of the proposed agreement.

I. Motion to rescind the Motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:00 pm, approved at the February 24, 2014 meeting.

J. Motion to approve the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm. (This is immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.)

Discussion: Dr. Syed wanted to bring to everyone's attention the date change.

A Motion was made by Zubair Syed, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 7.J. The Motion Passed by a vote of 8 Aye and 1 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne. Board Member voting Nay: Bruno.

- K. Motion to approve the Joint Transportation Agreement with Greater Egg Harbor Regional School District for the School Year Transportation, Route YL-A, to YALE School Atlantic in the amount of \$9,197.10, from September 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.
- L. Motion to approve the agreement with Verizon Wireless in the amount of \$99.98 per month, New Jersey State Contract #A82583, eligible for E-rate reimbursement, for cell phone service for two District cell phones, the Superintendent and the Maintenance Supervisor. (This replaces Sprint Nextel Service of \$123.14).
- M. Motion to approve the authorization of submission of the FY14 NCLB Grant Amendment Application and accept the grant modification for these funds upon the subsequent approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the FY2014 NCLB amendment application.
- N. Motion to approve the attached list of professional development for staff.

A Motion was made by Zubair Syed, and seconded by Angelic Delcher, to approve items 7.B., 7.C., 7.D., 7.E., 7.F., 7.G., 7.H., 7.I., 7.K., 7.L., 7.M., and 7.N. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

8. Policy

- A. Policy Committee report (Mrs. Levitt)

There was no meeting held.

- B. Motion to approve the following revised job description:

- Athletic Director changed to Coordinator of Athletics.

Discussion: Mr. Wynne asked what changes were made in the new job description. Mrs. Levitt explained that now there is no Supervisor Certification required and this will lead to having more applicants for this position.

A Motion was made by Deborah Levitt, and seconded by Karyn White, to approve item 8.B. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

9. Shared Services

- A. Shared Services Committee Report (Mr. Milhous)

Mr. Milhous informed the Board that there was a Shared Services Meeting with the City of Northfield. Various topics were discussed including possible sharing opportunities in tech and other services, police coverage at the drop off and pick up areas, Mrs. Levitt's concerns about the primary elections were addressed; added was a very productive meeting. Mr. Wynne brought to everyone's attention that the owner of the empty strip of land behind ACE Hardware and Tilton Movie Theater has applied for a variance to build 200 one bedroom units with a loft and 100 two bedroom units which will affect the enrollment for the NCS as well as the City.

10. Information

- A. PTO Update (Mrs. White & Dr. Fipp)

- Field Days – upcoming

- Book Fair – upcoming
 - New email newsletter
- B. NEF Update (Mr. Milhous)
- Carnival was a big success, raised almost \$4,000
 - Dave’s Day was this weekend, also very successful
 - 5K Run is May 18, still working on getting sponsors
- C. Sports Booster Update (Mr. Robbins)
- NIT Both our teams finished second, Thank you to all participants and volunteers, as well as Dr. Heary who put in many hours to make it a success
 - T & F will start next week
 - Awards night - upcoming
- D. Motion to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2013, January 6, 2014, and January 27, 2014.
- E. Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes from February 24, 2014.

A Motion was made by Deborah Levitt, and seconded by Angelic Delcher, to approve items 10.D. and 10.E. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

11. Other Business

- A. Motion to approve the following PTO fundraisers for the 2013-14 school year:
- Castaway Cove Wristband Day (May 10, 2014 – rain date May 11, 2014)
 - Buy One Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair (May 21, 2014 – May 23, 2014).

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to approve item 11.A. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

12. Open to the Public

- **Jennifer Vandyke**, 27 Henry Drive, has two daughters in NCS and is extremely happy with teachers and school, added she would love to see a contract for them. Mrs. Vandyke asked why the math courses are Algebra I and Grade 8 Math. She felt the courses need to be named Algebra I and Pre-Algebra. Dr. Fipp explained the course Grade 8 Math is coded Pre-Algebra for state reporting purposes and adhering strictly to state requirements, as this is the most fitting description of the curriculum taught.
- **Peggy Robins**, 100 Cara Court, thanked Dr. Fipp for the pacing guide, but there are a few questions she would like answered, which she will send to Dr. Fipp. Mrs. Robins added her family moved to Northfield in 2001 because of school, both her children love the NCS. Now as her second son is getting ready to move to High School, he is worried about his education.
- **Max Hurst**, 1629 Zion Road, thanked the NBOE for their work and dedication. Mr. Hurst pointed out that an OPRA request should not take more than 7 business days to be fulfilled. The fact that SJTP cannot handle the request in a timely manner does not alleviate any responsibility that the Custodian of Records has to respond to any forthcoming OPRA requests within the specified timelines. 28 days to answer an OPRA request is unacceptable. This issue needs to be

fixed, as the Business Administrator is liable.

- **Kristen Polak**, Teacher NMS, is always caring, always working. Mrs. Polak wanted to clarify that there is a scheduled meeting on March 31 and we hope a settlement will be reached.
- **Lynne Martino**, 1905 Bay Drive, resident of Northfield for 30 years, asked what the policy is on flyers and materials going home with students, is there a cap of how many flyers are sent home per month and what is the process. Dr. Fipp answered no, there is no cap. Mrs. Martino asked if there is a reason for us, not be able to distribute a flyer for the Mainland Baseball Camp held in the summer. Dr. Fipp explained that in order for NCS to distribute a flyer, a formal request has to be filled and submitted and once approved, flyers will be distributed.
- **Sunny McCarthy**, 2002 Bay Drive, wanted to clarify that the city project to add units behind the ACE Hardware on Tilton Road, is for 17 buildings, or 216 units total and expressed concern over the proposed development. Mrs. McCarthy added she supports the teachers and hopes that a settlement is reached soon.
- **Megan Sher**, 224 Roosevelt Ave, asked Mrs. White why she said she does not want a teacher to run for BOE. Mrs. White answered, we already have 2 teachers on the Board and she only hopes to get more residents to have interest and apply for the Board seats.
- **Kathy Sher**, 6 Haining Place, expressed concern about the NBOE transparency. As stated the Math issue originated in February, 2014, but an email from Dr. Baruffi to Dr. Fipp and Glenn Robbins clearly outlines the issue. There is correspondence from June 2012 pointing out that the 7th grade Math Curriculum needs to be worked on and the school needs to be prepared to teach Algebra I to the eight graders. Mrs. Sher asked where the communication broke down. Dr. Fipp explained that this year Algebra I and Math 8 Grade courses will be offered. Mrs. Sher pointed out that according the emails, Algebra I should have been offered this year. Dr. Fipp explained that she interpreted the emails as having Geometry and Grade 8 Math.
- **Teresa Lee**, 407 Albert Ave, expressed her concern about the involvement of the BOE members and oversight on curriculum matters, and suggested the committee should include more educators as well as parents, which will give the opportunity of participation of more diversified stakeholders and make a well-rounded committee. Mrs. White explained that the curriculum committee is not in place to decide what the curriculum should be, but to provide oversight, ask questions, ask why particular decisions are made. The decisions what the curriculum should be is made by the School Administration. Mr. Wynne quoted NJSBA: “The Board is required by State law to approve courses of study, including all textbooks and materials. The Board should ask its Administrators to demonstrate how these curriculum materials will help students to achieve the state core curriculum content standards. The Board establishes what will be taught and where will be taught, to whom it will be taught and with what materials. Administrators and teachers manage the carry out of all instructional tasks. The decision making authority is vested in the Board and not the individual members...”
- **Antoinette Hedrich**, 2510 Shore Road, expressed strong disagreement with the decision to eliminate a nurse, but hire a 5th administrator taking into consideration the NCS enrollment. Mrs. Hedrich added educated decisions are made every month at the faculty curriculum meetings, but sometimes teachers are told, the committee wants to do it a different way.
- **Mark Bruno**, Board Member, wanted to be on record, that he was confused and mistakenly voted “Nay” to 7.J. Public Hearing.

13. Executive Session

Motion to adopt the following resolution – WHEREAS, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in Executive Session under certain limited circumstances; and WHEREAS, said law requires the Board of Education to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an Executive Session; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education is scheduled to hold meeting on April 28, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Northfield Community School Music Room; and WHEREAS, the Board of Education intends to discuss matters in Executive Session at this meeting; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Northfield City Board of Education expects to discuss personnel negotiations, and matters covered by attorney client privilege during the aforementioned Executive Session; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public portion of the Northfield Board of Education meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m.

A Motion was made by Steve Wynne, and seconded by Angelic Delcher, to approve item 13. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

14. Announcement

Budget Public Hearing, Monday, April 28, 2014 at 6:00 pm, Cafetorium.

Next Regular BOE Meeting, Monday, April 28, 2014, Cafetorium, 6:30 PM.

14. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Angelic Delcher, and seconded by Deborah Levitt, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. The Motion Passed by a vote of 9 Aye and 0 Nay. Board Members voting Aye: Barnhart, Bruno, Delcher, Levitt, Milhous, Syed, White, Woodhouse, Wynne.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Albright,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary