

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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This is a true and certified copy of the minutes of the North Plainfield Board of Education approving the recommendation of February 1, 2012 as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and approved by a roll call vote of 6 to 1 that:

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

**WHEREAS**, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

**WHEREAS**, The North Plainfield Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, The North Plainfield Board of Education believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of school board members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, The North Plainfield Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the nonpartisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the North Plainfield Board of Education changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2013; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the North Plainfield Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That this resolution be transmitted to the Somerset County Clerk; the Somerset County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the North Plainfield Borough municipal clerk and School Board Secretary; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

Thomas Allen – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – No  
Thomas Kasper – Aye

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



Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary