

## **SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NOTES—JUNE-2011**

### ITEMS DISCUSSED

ESY School Year Update—rooms have been identified at Indian Hill, all furniture has been removed and replaced with the appropriate furniture from Village School. All materials are also in place as is any special equipment, such as chairs and / or assistive technology.

Instructional Focus for the 2011-2012 School Year—the district will continue to stress our Team Teaching approach. Focus will be on more collaboration between our Special Education teachers and General education teachers in our in class support program. Professional Development will be ongoing and in collaboration with Monmouth University.

Readers Workshop—Focus will also be on Readers Workshop. The special education staff will receive training on how to modify for individual students.

Related Specials—Teachers of specials will continue to receive training on how to address the individual needs of special education students. The districts behavior specialist will also collaborate with staff on behavioral strategies and techniques.

Transition Autism Committee Update—This committee was formed to pave the way for our autistic population that moves up to the next school level.

Professional Development is provided to the targeted staff, the curriculum has been enhanced to include life skills and pre-vocational training. The purpose of this committee is to try to successfully meet the needs of our autistic population and to continue to keep our students in district.

Annual Yearly Progress—the department will continue to focus on test taking skills and strategies. Test prep materials have been purchased. Progress will be monitored thru the use of Study Island.

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