

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Tuesday, December 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain, North Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Bond-Nelson, Board President called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye*
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Vella, Superintendent of Schools; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Joanne Sung, Assistant Superintendent, Student Representatives Jasmine Muhando and Marta Hernandez Mejia and approximately 18 members of the staff and public.

*Ms. Mullen arrived at 8:20 PM and was present for all votes on recommendations from the Superintendent of Schools.

Introduction of New Staff

None.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of December 5, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of December 5, 2018.

Financial Report

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated November 30, 2018 in the amount of \$6,050,626.95.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Absent
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of October 2018, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Absent
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Comments from the Public

None.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening, it is a pleasure to see you all tonight. Many exciting events have occurred since the last time we met.

Last week the National Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony for the new members. It was a celebratory moment for the junior and senior inductees as they were rewarded for their hard work and involvement in the high school.

Last Thursday the mentors met with their mentees and discussed the true meaning of family. They stressed how the stereotypical belief of blood being thicker than water or a house divided cannot stand is inaccurate. They also talked about how family can be anyone from your teammates to your coworkers, as long as they are loyal and supportive of you.

Last Friday the Drama Club held the annual Film Festival. Nico Pucciarelli and Jackson Droege's film Lamp Shade won the first place trophy. Overall, all the films were excellent and very enjoyable.

Auditions for the Spring Musical, The Addams Family, took place last Friday. The cast list came out yesterday and there is a lot of old and many new actors with a lot of talent. The cast is ready to put in the long hours and hard work for their show in March, and I can't wait to see it.

Last week the seniors also went to a Scholarship Clearinghouse assembly where we learned about the many opportunities we have to earn free money. It was a very informative and encouraging assembly. They stressed how everyone has an equal chance of receiving money and they encouraged my peers and I to apply to as many as possible.

Lastly, this week is spirit week. So far we have had pajama day, twin day, and ugly sweater day. There has been a large number of participants and I am pleased to say that this has been the best spirit week yet.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Student Representative: Marta Hernandez

Hello everyone, I am delighted to be here with you guys today,

Since the last time we meet most of the teams have begun to compete against the other schools. The cheerleading team had a competition last Saturday and finished first in the cheer/dance division. The boys basketball team also had an away game yesterday against Warren Hills. They might have lost, but I'm positive that the boys did their best. The girls varsity team also had a home game yesterday against Watchung Hills. They lost 6 to 58, but the girls kept their heads up high throughout the entire game and didn't let the score discourage them. The boys wrestling team are currently having their first match today in the high school gym. They are competing against Manville, and hopefully the boys will have a successful match. The indoor track and field had a meet last Saturday, at the John Bennett Indoor Sports Complex in Toms River, NJ and it was an excellent meet. Both the boys and girls worked really hard for this meet and kept a positive attitude through the entire thing. Daniel Duncan placed 3rd in the 55m dash and Jaycob Durango placed 5th in shot put. And before I finish, I want to wish everyone a happy holidays and a happy New Year's.

Thank you.

Presentation

Ms. Vella and Mr. McKeen discussed and reviewed the Violence & Vandalism Report along with the HIB Report for 2018-2019

Ms. Fields and Mr. Kushner discussed and reviewed the STEM Academies currently being run in district and how it has developed and expanded.

Superintendent's Report

Canuck Mentors Annual Retreat: Jennifer Kittle and Christine Mattei, our faculty advisors, asked that I share this message with your regarding the December 5th Canuck Mentors' trip.

*We wanted to take a moment to extend our heartfelt thanks for supporting our recent trip to the Fairview YMCA with the Canuck Mentors. We also wanted to share some highlights from the trip. While there, students spent their time in the outdoors, participating in a ridge hike over the Delaware gap, archery, a rock climbing challenge, critical thinking challenges, and endless hours on the ASE leadership training course that forces them to not only work together, but think outside of the box to form solutions for problems that can be frustrating or overwhelming. Through all of this, not only did it become apparent that new friendships were being formed; we realized that there was one consistent commentary to be made: our students **never quit**. Even in the face of physical and emotional stress, our students bonded together and refused to give up on any game or activity that the guide or teachers threw at them, consistently proving that they were willing to face down any challenge presented with integrity and determination. What arose from these actions was a respect for each other, as well as respect from the camp facilitators. These students proved that they are part of a school that often strives to overcome obstacles, and everyone depends on a comfortable reliance of one another to achieve any goal set forth. This moment away from the constant presence of social media, and other school stressors, allowed our students to reflect on not only where they are going, but what has inspired them up to this point. These skills prove, year after year, to be vital as our mentors graduate and face college and life after high school and we are often delighted to hear about how the seniors continue to utilize their mentor training at the post-secondary level. "Inspiring, riveting, life-changing, eye-opening, centering" were some of the words students used to sum up their experiences on the Mentor Retreat. They couldn't have had this rewarding experience without all your support and commitment to seeing the trip through for the students.*

Sincerely,

Jennifer & Christine

National Honor Society Induction: On Tuesday, Ms. Sung and I had the honor of attending the NPHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony. The current members read bios and graciously welcomed the 25 newly inducted members. Mr. Risoli and Dr. Stephenson welcomed families, and the students led a memorable evening.

High School Internship with RWJ: Thanks to the hard work of Nancy Reyes, College and Career Counselor at NPHS, we are the first public high school in Somerset County to secure an internship at RWJ Barnabas Health/University Hospital (Somerville). Our contract with RWJ is for three to five years, and places one student at the hospital each year in the area of their choice. This year, the internship is a job shadow with a doctor specializing in pathology.

Further Updates on Career Mentorship Program: North Plainfield High School currently has eight students placed in mentorships with the following local businesses:

Habitat for Humanity

Faith Family Health Center

Fabric Collections

Unity Bank (paid internship)

Kiddie Academy

Max Challenge of Watchung

Fabricland

The High School's counseling office continues to explore new relationships with the possibility of mentorship opportunities next school year with Valley Bank, Titus Surveying & Engineering, The Jewish Federation, ADT and Mayan Marketing.

ASVAB Results for Seniors: On December 10th, our students had a second opportunity to sit for the ASVAB test. On that testing date, another 9 of our high school seniors in need of a graduation requirement passed ASVAB. We have a total of 56 students in need of an appeal, as one has withdrawn since taking the test.

Instant Decision Day College Acceptances: Please join me in congratulating our seniors who have received college acceptances during our recent Instant Decision Days sponsored by the High School Counseling Office.

Fairleigh Dickinson

Kayla Arguello	Diego Fuenes	Abraham Monrroy
Hazel Cruz	Christian Guzman	Diana Orozco
Sabriya Zafar	Rana Hosny	Rassha Yumiguano

Each accepted student listed received a scholarship between \$10,000 and \$32,000.

Felician University

Ny'Asia Gardiner	Danny Gonzales	Jenna Smagalla
Rana Hosny	Laura Pineros	
Joshua Josias	Veronica Rosa Veras	

Each accepted student listed received an annual scholarship between \$9,500 and \$13,500.

New Jersey City University

Kayla Brewer	Stacey Granizo	Joseliny Molina
Diego Fuenes	Maeva Guevara	Katherine Motta
Ny'Asia Gardiner	Jenifer Hidalgo	Laura Pineros
Danny Gonzalez	Xiomara Nunez	Kenneth Romero
Daniela Gonzalez	Rana Hosny	Danisha Tiban

New York Institute of Technology

Rana Hosny	Joshua Josias
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Rider University

Joseph Cobo	Rana Hosny	Veronica Rosas-Veras
Arisbel Guaman	Motta, Katherine	Xiomara Nunez
Jennifer Hernandez	Diana Orozco	Alveiry Zarate
Jenifer Hidalgo	Laura Pineros	

Each accepted student listed received an annual scholarship between \$19,000 and \$26,000.

Saint Peter's University

Kierra Adams
 Kayla Arguello
 Brandon Murrillo
 Laura Pineros
 Jason Rodriguez
 Chris Plncay
 Jarett Reye

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Each accepted student listed received an annual scholarship between \$15,000 and \$24,000.

New Extracurricular Offerings at NPMS: The Middle School has added two new extracurricular offerings this school year. The Drama Club, advised by Judith Desimone and Madison Czismadia, and an after school dance program, under the direction of Stephanie Maus. Both clubs are in their introductory phases, and are coordinating with their High School counterparts on events for the end of the school year. The Drama Club will put on a short play in April, and the Dance Club will be highlighted in the end of the High School dance recital.

East End School Expansion Project: At Wednesday's Board meeting, I am recommending that the Board authorize Don Sternberg, our Business Administrator, and Parette Somjen Architects to proceed with obtaining NJDOE approval for the East End School expansion project. Having previously met with the Finance and Facilities Committee and reviewing proposed capital projects, we received preliminary approval from the Committee to proceed. As such, one of the major projects is the addition of three classrooms at East End School. This additional space will allow for continued expansion of the Preschool program and the addition of an Autistic program. Both of which are necessary for myriad reasons, least of which is the effort to bring students back to the District. The project will be funded using both budgeted capital outlay and accumulated capital reserve (amount is contingent of State aid). The timeline is to begin construction in June 2019 and to complete the entire project by February 2020. Once the Board approves the Business Administrator and architect to begin the process of getting NJDOE approval for the project, we would go out to bid in March and award the project in May (pending budget approval).

Letter to District Families Outlining New Security Measures for January 2019: I will read the letter to the community regarding new school security measures that I shared with you last Friday.

Rutgers University Initiative: Dr. Josue Falaise from the Rutgers University Graduate School of Education met with a stakeholder team from our administrative team this week to discuss culturally responsive classrooms and our work with students. We are excited to invite our team of principals to join us at a morning keynote session at Rutgers. Dr. Baruti "Principal" will lead a discussion titled, "Closing the Attitude Gap: How to Fire up Your Students to Strive for Success."

Joint Venture with UCC: A flyer is being sent this week for the Union County College Parent ESL course that we are proud to offer as a District. I am working with Mike Kerwin from the Somerset County Business Partnership to seek community funding opportunities to broaden these learning experiences for our parent community. As we learn more, I will share with the board.

Data-Equity: We are working on various sets of equity data as an administrative team over the course of the next several months. I am including the first set of data in your folders.

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

QSAC Preparation: Administrators from the NPSD joined county administrators in a QSAC review with Peter Mazzagatti. The session provided a review of the new QSAC Personnel DPR's for all districts with particular focus on those areas that experienced the greatest changes: I&P, Personnel, Operations, Fiscal and Governance, Personnel.

As a matter of course, a QSAC Preschool Health and Safety Checklist and Preschool Providers Facilities checklist has also been completed internally.

Junior Achievement: A team of NP administrators met with representative from NJ Junior Achievement to tour the JA Education Center and see program offerings in action. The JA program is one of many opportunities being explored to provide students a better understanding of how the real world operates and connect what is learned in the classroom to the outside world.

**Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel**

It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process including S-414/3381 documentation.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; WHEREAS Ms. Kathleen Mullen, Board of Education Member in the North Plainfield School District, will complete her service as a member of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS for seventeen years she has served the district, students, and community of North Plainfield with distinction; and

WHEREAS she has displayed unflagging dedication to education and the academic achievement of all North Plainfield students, and has developed long-term personal relationships with administrators, staff, students, and families, serving them all with compassion and empathy; and

WHEREAS she endured multiple referenda and altered schedules to improve the physical environment for the education of all North Plainfield students, having helped to guide the district and community through the difficulties of meeting the needs of a growing and changing population considering the best interests and safety of all North Plainfield staff and students; and

WHEREAS she has promoted the North Plainfield School District continually and vigorously through her organizational memberships and professional affiliations, bringing recognition and positive regard for both the district and community; and

WHEREAS for the betterment of the district and student achievement, she has served as a member of the Board of Education committees on Curriculum, Policy, Negotiations, Board/Staff, Personnel and the Somerset County Educational Services Commission; and

WHEREAS she has proven to be a true role model through her integrity, loyalty, and devotion to the students of the North Plainfield School District; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education extend to Ms. Kathleen Mullen its deeply felt gratitude and appreciation for all the years of service she has given the community and especially the North Plainfield School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be placed in the official minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on December 20, 2018; and

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, with a very heavy heart and wishes for all the best that life has to offer in her future endeavors, may we have a MOTION that the Board of Education recognizes the contributions of Ms. Mullen and offers sincere thanks and appreciation on behalf of the entire North Plainfield School District.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS Susan Garatino, academic support teacher in the North Plainfield School District, notified the Board of Education on October 3, 2018 and was accepted as retiring effective January 1, 2019, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately twenty-six years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Garatino its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on December 19, 2018, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Garatino.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of James Darby as a part-time security officer for the District for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective December 20, 2018, James Darby shall be paid the rate of \$22.00 per hour, on an as needed basis.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to the positions specified, at the stipends/rates noted.

Name	Position	School	Effective	Stipend/Rate
Madison Csizmadia	Google Coach	District	1/2/19	\$28.35/hour
Kaitlin Valentine	Google Coach	District	1/2/19	\$28.35/hour
Constanza Fernandez	After School ELL Test Examiner	District	12/20/18	\$28.35/hour
Milly Villatoro	Extended Day Instructor	WE	1/3/19	\$28.35/hour

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education grants employee #6007, paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program, an unpaid leave of absence effective January 2, 2019 through May 31, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education grants employee #5629, paraprofessional at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence effective January 22, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the leave of absence for employee #6026, teacher at Somerset School, **from** March 3, 2019 through June 30, 2019 **to** March 18, 2019 through June 30, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated for curriculum revisions, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Name	School	Curriculum	New or Revision	Total Hours
Kelli Beard	HS	World History Honors	New	25
Christopher Eshleman	MS	PE Grade 7	Revision	25
Christopher Eshleman	MS	PE Grade 8	Revision	25
Michael Mulry	HS	US History I Honors	New	25

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the transfer of Karen Lewis **from** teacher at East End School **to** teacher at Somerset School, effective March 1, 2019. There is no change in salary. (Ms. Lewis will replace Janet Darwin.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the teachers indicated to temporarily teach a sixth period class, effective January 2, 2019, at the rates noted.

Name	School	Class	Per Diem Rate	Not to Exceed
Cheryl Lechtanski	HS	AP Biology	\$64.95	\$3,572.25
Kathleen Rowe	HS	AP Biology	\$62.45	\$3,434.75
Shara Gilchrist-Hamilton	HS	AP Biology	\$56.31	\$3,097.05
Annette Bicksler	HS	Environmental Science	\$59.96	\$3,297.80

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignment of the listed paraprofessional as indicated.

Name	From (hours per day)	To (hours per day)	Effective
Blanca Farias	WE – 2.00 (non-instructional)	WE – 2.00 (non-instructional) WE – 1.00 (instructional)	12/20/18

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education grants employee #4408, teacher at NPMS, a leave of absence using accrued sick days effective January 2, 2019 through February 1, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with a report regarding HIB incident #

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and the investigation which was conducted following this complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to this matter as well as the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the result of the investigation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent’s recommendation on HIB case #

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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated November 30, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated December 19, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen Architects to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with approval and submission as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, the East End School and District programming needs require expansion of classroom space to support necessary preschool and special education programing (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan as several projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the availability of classroom facilities within the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the district intends to fund this project as “Other Capital Project” through the district Capital Project Fund and the “Capital Reserve Fund” utilizing available funds in both accounts via the 2019-2020 school budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Board must now take all actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the project, including the submittal of an application and related schematic drawing, amending of the LRFP in lieu of current language; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that upon approval for the project from the Department of Education, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves and authorizes educationally related field trips per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves reimbursement to the following employee for unused vacation days and/or carried over days based on last day of service per the negotiated agreement and/or employment contract:

Name	Last Day of Service	Days	Amount
Peter Ahlert	November 30, 2018	8.84	\$2,219.72

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to accept the New Jersey Alliance for Social, Emotional, and Character Development (NJASECD) grant to provide funding for NPHS and Somerset School to act as mentor schools to two New Jersey schools with similar demographics at a total value of \$4,000, to be divided evenly.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Dodd moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves for first reading the following new policies:

- 3542.3 Procurement Procedures for Child Nutrition Programs
- 4111.2/4211.2 Domestic Violence
- 5142.2 Physical Restraint

that the Board of Education approves the following policies as revised:

- 5141.21 Administering Medication
- 5145.7 Gender Identity and Expression

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Correspondence

None.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 4:45 PM.

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting scheduled for a date in February to be determined.

Policy Meeting – Adoption of policies scheduled for February 27, 2019.

Negotiations(NPEA) – Next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019.

Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Nothing.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed recent legislation including school bus safety.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for January 14, 2019 when the topic will be best practices on communications.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen updated the Board on issues discussed at the last meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Vella discussed a rationale and need for possible capital project for the 2019-2020 school budget and East End classroom expansion.

Ms. Dodd discussed and reviewed the Board approved new policies as follows:

First Reading:

3542.3 Procurement Procedures for Child Nutrition Programs

4111.2/4211.2 Domestic Violence

5142.2 Physical Restraint

As Revised:

5141.21 Administering Medication

5145.7 Gender Identity and Expression

Comments from the Public

None.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Adjournment

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one half an hour.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

December 19, 2018

