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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Tuesday, January 16, 2019 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
Michelle Robertson - 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 60 members of the staff and public.

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 January 2, 2019.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of January 2, 2019.

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 December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$5,786,122.16.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
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 November 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
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Comments from the Public

Ms. Theresa Fuller read a statement regarding negotiations.

Ms. Stefanie Myers read a statement regarding negotiations.

Ms. Bond-Nelson read a statement detailing the current status of negotiations with the NPEA and the Board's position on various issues related to the process.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good Evening, it is a pleasure seeing you all tonight.

I hope the New Year is treating you well as it has been off to a great start. Last Saturday Jennifer Mendoza, Maria Gonzalez, Abraham Monrroy, Chris Monrroy, Sebastian Mendes, James McGovern, Darwin Lopez, and Camille Paduganao performed at the Central Jersey Region Honor Band. The band is made up of students from 30 high schools across central Jersey. They were very excited to have been selected and they truly cherished the experience. Four students from the drama department also got the opportunity to compete at the same competition and were judged on their performance.

Yesterday the CTE program as well as dance 3 went on tour around North Plainfield. They gave the students from West End, Stony Brook, and East End School a sneak peak of the Winter Concert. Personally, I would say it was a huge success because we received a lot of positive feedback. The children really enjoyed the dances and they were able to learn a little bit more about the Little Rock Nine, segregation, and integration.

The NPHS Dance Department is performing their artistic expression of integration at Little Rock, Arkansas Central High School on Friday, January 25th at 7pm in the Auditorium. The general admission is \$3 and student admission is \$2. I hope you all save the date because it will definitely be worth your time.

Lastly, tomorrow, the mentors will be discussing conflict resolution with their mentees. They will be giving them scenarios and teaching them how to avoid confrontation. Thank you.

Student Representative: Marta Hernandez

Good evening everyone, I am delighted to be here for the first meeting of the New Year.

The winter sports are about half way through their season. During winter break all the teams were hard a work so that they could continue to improve as athletes. The wrestling team had the Somerset County Tournament on Saturday at Hillsborough High School. The team placed 12th out of 13 teams, but kept their heads up high throughout this challenging match. Today they will be facing Pingry and hopefully they will be able to defeat them.

Yesterday the boys varsity basketball team had an away game against Warren Hills and lost 55-46. Despite losing only by a difference of nine points, the boys gave it their all and fought until the very end. Tomorrow they will be facing New Providence, and they are hoping to be victorious.

The girls varsity basketball team also had a game yesterday at home against Watchung Hills. They might have also lost 11 to 54 but they kept their heads up throughout the entire game and kept a positive attitude.

During winter break the track team competed at Somerset County Relays and they also competed twice at Ocean Breeze during the Holiday Festival and Freedom Games. At Somerset County's the boys 4x200m relay placed 2nd, their 4x400m relay placed 5th, and there distance medley relay placed 6th. Also in shot put Jaycob Adoptante placed 2nd. The girls placed 2nd in the 4x51.5m shuttle hurdles and 5th in the 4x400m relay. At the Holiday Festival Daniel Duncan placed 2nd in the 55m dash and ran his personal best of 6.58 seconds. He also placed 6th in the 400m dash. Sydney Muhando placed 2nd in the girls 55m hurdles and ran her personal best of 8.79 seconds. Lastly at the Freedom Games Daniel Duncan placed 2nd in the 55m dash.

Thank You all for your time.

Presentation

Ms. Reeves presented the members of the NPHS Band and recognized them for their accomplishments and awards.

Superintendent's Report

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.

Daniela Gonzalez
Arisbel Guaman
Paco Guanatagsi
Genesis Guox
Christian Guzman

Evelyn Hernandez
Jenifer Hidalgo
Rana Hosny
Laura Pineros
Jason Rodriguez

Danisha Tiban
Bayshiel Ujageer
Audrey Urmaza
Sabriya Zafar

- West End Teacher Facilitates at Conference: Kelli Dunston, dual language kindergarten teacher at West End School, recently acted as a facilitator at the Rutgers University Center for Literacy Development's Annual Conference on Reading and Writing. Kelli worked closely with presenters Chris Lehman, Director of The Educator Collaborative, and Dr. Mary Ellen Vogt, co-creator of the SIOP model and Reading Hall of Fame recipient. As a follow up to this program, Kelli was invited to publish an article on the value of literacy in the Center's newsletter (Winter 2019 Edition).
- NJDOE Assessment Outreach: Several administrators from the District will participate in the NJDOE's Phase II Assessment Outreach Practitioner Working Groups during various dates in January and February. We will be joined by 400 educators, school and district leaders, data administrators and support staff from throughout the state as we participate in this endeavor. The goal of these working groups is to build upon the NJDOE's draft framework for the next generation of statewide assessments that was established with the insights gained from conversations in Phase I, and to support the development and procurement of the next generation assessment for the 2020-2021 school year. Our task is to focus on assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics for grades 3-8 and high school, and to evaluate characteristics such as data and reporting, technology, types and formats, implementation and rollout, and support of all learners.

Michele Armento has been selected for the *Data and Reporting Working Group*, and I, along with Joanne Sung, Janine Gregory and Lauren Meyer, have been invited to join the *Implementation and Rollout Working Group*.

- High School Life Skills Program: We are currently performing site visits at several local high schools to ascertain more about their Life Skills Programs, particularly their curriculum and physical layout.
- NJDOE Guidance for Kindergarten: The NJDOE recently released a guidance document recommending districts revisit their kindergarten entrance policy. Our district uses an October 15th cut-off date and the NJDOE recommends to stay true to October 1st. Our Policy Committee will review this document. [NJDOE K Guidance](#)
- Community Black History Month Celebration: On Sunday, February 17th, the 2019 North Plainfield Community Black History Month Celebration will be held at NPHS. This will be North Plainfield's third community celebration of black history. This year's

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theme is Overcoming Adversity, Celebrating Diversity. The program will feature various renditions of dance, song, and spoken word, all in a positive and uplifting tone.

Councilwoman Miller extends the invitation for this dynamic event to the Board. Please consider attending. (See attached.)

- **Backpack Program Returns:** Thanya Mendez and Frank DaSilva met with Elder Gwynda Grunlund of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. The church is interested in re-establishing the backpack weekend food program for middle and high school students identified as in need of food assistance by Ms. Mendez and middle and high school counselors. (At this point in time, 25 students will participate.) Non-perishables are delivered to these students each Friday to assist with weekend food needs. The backpack program is expected to begin on February 1st.

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

STEM Academies Brochure:

- In anticipation of the launch of the STEM Academies in the 2019-2020 school year, the Science Department and Guidance Department are in the process of creating the STEM Academies brochure and application documents. Mr. Kushner, STEM Department supervisor, is working along with his colleagues to identify strategies to maximize the impact and effectiveness of student communication to best inspire student understanding and interest in STEM Academies.

Grant Submissions: Reallocated Title I, Part A Carryover Funds (Non-Competitive Grant Opportunities

- **STEM Grant**
The science and math department supervisors are collaborating on the submission of the STEM Curriculum Grant to expand student access and opportunities to participate in state-of-the-art Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education in New Jersey. The goal of the grant is to provide students with authentic and engaging learning opportunities in which they use the content and practices of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics to construct evidence-based explanations for how a phenomenon occurs or to solve a human need. STEM allows for the integrity of learning the individual disciplinary concepts while simultaneously developing students' creativity and problem-solving skills, critical thinking skills, communication skills, and their ability to collaborate. The grant opportunity provides for a maximum total of \$175,000 and is being submitted with the primary focus on Grade 1 through Grade 8.
- **(SEL) Social and Emotional Learning Grant:** District administration along with Middle School and Bridge Program administrators have been working to submit the district application for the SEL Grant. Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions. Current research suggests that the development of academic knowledge and SEL competencies are inextricably linked and the two elements mutually reinforce one another.

Grant funding will be utilized to offer middle school staff, students, and community, professional development opportunities that address building SEL understanding, building family engagement, and creating a bank of specific interventions and

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strategies that can be used during adult-to-student and student-to-student interactions. The grant opportunity provides for a maximum of \$250,000.

Students 2 Science:

In an effort to continually enhance STEM education opportunities available to NP students and advance science and math achievement, North Plainfield applied for a new partnership opportunity with international pharmaceutical company, Sanofi, and their new outreach initiative, Students 2 Science.

On January 11th, the district was informed that North Plainfield has been selected to participate in the Sanofi Student 2 Science Pilot Program for Somerset County Public Schools for Grades 6-12. Sanofi will provide 14 virtual lab experiences in science classes for Grades 6-12, as well as provide middle and high school students an opportunity to meet and complete science activities with real world scientists from Sanofi's Somerset branch.

Math Pilot Update:

- A new document with frequently asked questions has been uploaded to the mathematics department website [Click Here for FAQ document](#). This document was made to address parent questions.

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 with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that WHEREAS Susan Kagan, elementary teacher in the North Plainfield School District, notified the Board of Education on October 3, 2018 and was accepted as retiring effective February 1, 2019, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Kagan 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 January 16, 2019, 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. Kagan.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

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Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that WHEREAS Anabela Oliveira, special education teacher in the North Plainfield School District, notified the Board of Education on January 2, 2019 and was accepted as retiring effective April 1, 2018, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Oliveira 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 January 16, 2019, 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. Oliveira.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Monica Juarbe, paraprofessional at NPMS, effective January 7, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby places employee #5997 on an administrative leave, with pay, effective December 13, 2018 through January 4, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Madison Csizmadia as a special education teacher at NPMS for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 3, 2019, Madison Csizmadia shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,430, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Csizmadia will replace Anabela Oliveira.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of James McGovern as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 17, 2019, James McGovern shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 2 and will be paid the rate of \$17.89 per hour, for 3.50 hours per day. (Mr. McGovern will replace Melanie Kelliher.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; 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
Thanya Mendez	Nurse Chaperone	District	1/10/19	\$42.87/hour
Doreen Humiston	Nurse Chaperone	District	1/10/19	\$59.67/hour
Desiree Lopez	Chaperone	District	1/17/19	\$28.35/hour
Theresa Fuller	Curriculum Writing (AP US History – Revision)	NPHS	1/17/19	\$49.74/hour (not to exceed 25 hours)
Rachel Valovcin	Assistant Production Director	NPHS	1/17/19	\$2,154.00
Sal Esposito	Assistant Baseball Coach	NPHS	1/17/19	Volunteer

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that the Board of Education approves Kristen Ebbrecht, special education teacher at NPMS, to serve an LDTC internship effective January 23, 2019 through April 29, 2019, with Dorothy Kahaner, LDTC at NPHS, serving as her supervisor.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; That for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves Elba Velazquez to teach a sixth period ESL class at NPHS, for the prorated additional annual salary of \$13,488.33, effective January 17, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Abstain
 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 Priscila Weber, as Assistant Principal at Somerset School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Priscila Weber shall be paid the prorated annual salary of \$110,000, effective March 15, 2019 or upon earliest release. (Ms. Weber will replace Maura Harrington.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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
Nydiadra Rivers	HS – 3.75	EE – 3.75	1/14/19

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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 Joseph Krouse as a per diem interim Assistant Principal at Somerset School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Joseph Krouse shall be paid the rate of \$412.00 per day, for up to five days per week, effective January 24, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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 reports regarding HIB incidents #

and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

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WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent’s recommendations regarding the results of the investigations; and

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

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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 the funds necessary to exceed the amount budgeted for Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC by \$10,000.00 to meet the behavioral needs of students in the District. This is funded through the PEEA grant.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 funds necessary to allow SSSSS-18-19, classified student at Celebrate the Children, to be assigned a 1:1 aide, effective January 17, 2019 through June 30, 2019, at a cost of \$27,000.00/year prorated.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective December 17, 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
ZZZ-18-19	3/16/02	ED	New Point Behavioral (based in Trinitas Hospital)	\$54,230/yr. prorated

Further, that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective December 17, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
ZZZ-18-19	3/16/02	ED	Lamberts Mill Academy	\$54,230/yr. prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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
Michelle Robertson - 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 January 16, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 the Board committee assignments effective as of January 2, 2019, per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 authorizes Meghan Reeves to accept the donation of a tango master class given by Ekaterina Bronshetyn of the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University to cast members of the NPHS spring musical, valued at \$500.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 the attached Memorandum of Understanding between North Plainfield High School and Rutgers University School of Health Professions for the Health Science Careers Program at North Plainfield High School.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - 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 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
Maura Harrington	January 25, 2019	19.67	\$8,162.85

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the STEM Grant, at a total value of \$175,000.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the Social and Emotional Learning Grant, at a total value of \$250,000.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - 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
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Michelle Robertson - Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Correspondence

None.

Committee and Delegate Report

- Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Communications – Next meeting scheduled for February 27, 2019 at 6:30 PM.
- Curriculum – Next meeting date and time to be determined.
- Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.
- Policy Meeting – Adoption of policies scheduled for February 27, 2019 at 5:30 PM.
- Negotiations(NPEA) – Next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2019.
- Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Nothing.
- NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed recent legislation signed by the Governor.
- SCSBA – Mr. Fellin discussed topics reviewed at the most recent meeting. Next meeting to be held April 3, 2019 at Watchung Hills Regional High School.
- SCESC – Next meeting scheduled for February 6, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned the Board Self Evaluation was available for completion and will be open until February 5, 2019.

Comments from the Public

Two members of the public commented on negotiations.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar [2018-2019 Special Presentations Calendar](#)

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, February 6, 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 by roll call vote; to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:35 PM for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. No action will be taken upon return to Public Session.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Michelle Robertson - Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:58 PM at which time, no action was taken.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

