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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, September 20, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, 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 – Absent
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 9 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

None.

Minutes Approval

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

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

Financial Report

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated August 31, 2018 in the amount of \$4,787,198.72.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen 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 July 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 – Absent
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

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

Comments from the Public

Ms. Alexis Sobel commented on classroom temperatures.

Mr. Jim McGovern commented on classroom temperatures.

Student Representative Report

Good evening,

It is great to see you all again. I hope you all enjoyed your summer because I know I definitely appreciated the few months off. On a side note, it is hard to believe I am now a senior, but the time has finally come. I am overjoyed yet nervous for my last year at NPHS. This year as you all know I will be joining you as the senior representative and Marta will be the junior representative.

Prior to the beginning of school, on August 30th, the mentors hosted the annual freshmen orientation, where they welcomed the class of 2022 into the high school. They did an outstanding job getting the freshmen excited for high school as well as giving them a tour of the school. The class of 2022 has transitioned nicely thanks to the mentors and the smooth scheduling process.

The school year is off to a great start with everyone reuniting with their friends and readjusting to the school flow. Last Thursday the mentors met with their mentees and discussed short terms and long term goals. They discussed the importance of making goals and they shared realistic school or life related goals. The mentors got a chance to engage with their mentees and learn more about them. The following day the mentors and freshmen had freshman field day. They spent half the day bonding over fun activities and games on upper Krausche field. Despite the weather, the freshmen matched the energy of their mentors and in my opinion it was definitely a memorable and fun time.

Also, last Friday the dance teacher, Ms. Visintainer, held auditions for Canuck Dance Company. She taught short dance phrases and welcomed all high schoolers with open arms.

In addition, college visits have begun for all seniors and juniors. There has also been a lot of meetings such as student council, interact, and language meetings in order for the advisors and members to get organized and plan for the upcoming school year. The Senior Council is currently planning homecoming as well as ideas for hallway decoration, where they plan to take first place.

Student representative: Marta Hernandez Mejia

Good Evening everyone,

It is a great pleasure being here with you today after all these months, and being able to represent my school as the junior representative. Let me just say that it is a great honor being here and being the junior representative this year because it an opportunity that very few are given. It has felt as if just a few months ago I started freshman year, and now I'm one year away from graduating. I am slightly nervous for junior year with everything going around me from SATs to college visits, but also extremely excited for the new memories I will create with my fellow friends and teachers.

When it comes to sports, our school tends to be extremely involved. The varsity boys soccer team played Cranford last Saturday on our home Turf. Sadly they lost 5 nothing, but the soccer boys were able to hold their ground and Danny Gonzales did an excellent job covering 7 shots on goal. The JV varsity boys also played Cranford, and lost 2 nothing, but worked hard until the the very end. The varsity girls soccer team played Voorhees today, losing 4-1 with a goal from Mya Salgado, the girls were able to fight and remain high spirited throughout the entire game. Last Thursday the girls tennis team went to Rutgers Prep and did their best, despite losing 4-1, but I'm sure they will win their next match.

Last Friday the Varsity Football team went to Cranford, losing 50-0 but remained optimistic through the entire game. The JV football team also had a home game last Friday against Cranford, losing 12-48, but were able to hold their ground and keep fighting until the very last minute. The girls field hockey team played Somerville on Thursday on our home field, but lost 4 nothing, despite that they proved to everyone that they were capable of

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holding their heads high during difficult moments. Last but not least is Cross Country, who did an excellent job in their last meet in Ocean County Park where they were able to learn something new and gain a new experience from it. Ryan Smith broke a school record for the 5K completing it all in 16 minutes and 37 seconds, while Ian Smith placed 7 out of over 200 students in the 2 mile freshmen race. I know that this is only the beginning of something great at North Plainfield High School.

Thank you.

Presentation

Ms. Armento and Ms. Sung presented to the Board updated PARCC testing results and noted various positive changes and highlights.

Ms. Vella discussed with the Board the new High School graduation requirements being considered at the State level.

Ms. Vella presented to the Board the AP program including rationale for AP courses and current status.

Superintendent's Report

Faculty Members Earn Tenure: I am pleased to announce that 22 members of our faculty acquired tenure at the start of this school year. Their skill and professionalism earned them this milestone. Please join me in congratulating them.

Cara Colabelli	Maria Koukouras	Joanna Oliver
Gabriela Colon	Megan Kredatus	Andrea Rodgers
Caitlin D'Armiento	Kathleen Landadio	Erena Russo
Katie Fedele	Jennifer Mariani	Elisa Salvemini
John Giardina	Matthew Mergen	Heather Shealy
Shara Gilchrist-Hamilton	Meghan Musumecchi	Lindsay Thompson
Madeline Gill	Heather Navarro	Erin Weinberger
Kaitlen Jaffe		

Update on High School Flood and Resulting Water Damage: To date, all of the twelve classrooms affected by the August flood have been remediated and are in full use by our students and faculty. We are satisfied with the rapid and thorough response of Servpro, who conducted the initial cleaning, and Rapid Response, who completed the demolition and new construction. I applaud Don Sternberg for seamlessly managing this entire process.

Substance Abuse Education: Middle School counselor Kari Jeliffe and health teacher Corinne Laurie will attend a one-day training session this fall on *We're Not Buying It! 2.0*, an evidence based prevention program focusing on drug prevention and bullying. The training and curriculum are offered free of charge by the Somerset County Office of Operations and Planning through the annual Municipal Alliances Against Substance Use grant. This program will be implemented to middle school students as a prevention tool to reduce early first use of alcohol, marijuana, and prescription and over-the-counter medications, as well as bullying behavior.

At the high school level, the early stages of research and planning have begun for a program created by the Manchester (NJ) Police Department titled *Not Even Once* which focuses on the recent epidemic of opiate use and teens. The interactive program will be a collaborative effort among the North Plainfield Police Department, JFK Medical Center Paramedics, and our staff to inform students about the dangers of opiates and marijuana and to give them the tools to make better decisions.

Update on Recess Bill: The NJ Attorney General's Office has provided clarification on the newly enacted Recess Bill. Because the act did not go into effect until August 10, 2018, school districts are not required to comply with it until the 2019-2020 school year. The confusion was centered upon the school year beginning on July 1, 2018 and the bill reading "upcoming school year."

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year:

- School districts must provide a daily recess period of at least 20 minutes for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.
- The recess period shall be held outdoors, if feasible.
- School districts are not required to provide a recess period on shortened school days (e.g., delayed opening, early dismissal).
- The recess period cannot be used to meet physical education course requirements.
- Students cannot be denied recess for any reason, except as a consequence of a violation of the district's code of student conduct, or based upon the advice of a medical professional, school nurse, or the provisions of a student's IEP and/or 504 Plan.
- When recess is denied as a consequence for a violation of the district's code of student conduct, the student must be provided with restorative justice activities, and recess may not be denied more than twice per week.

NPSD, a Resource for the SGO Tracking Tool: The New Jersey Department of Education has contacted our district for advice on how to use the SGO Tracking Tool as a Google document. (We are in year two of implementation.) Several local and state DOE employees are speaking with Giancarlo Colosimo about the conversion and will be visiting North Plainfield to meet with a team and learn about our implementation process.

Update on Preschool Goal: The preschool goal is coming along and the rationale/job descriptions for the newly recommended positions are underway. These will be shared with the Board during the first October Board meeting. The positions are fully funded through the PEEA grant.

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

Genesis Lesson Planner Training: Genesis Lesson Planner was introduced this summer as a collaborative effort between Dan Kushner, Charles Rowan, Darrell Taylor and Giancarlo Colosimo to take advantage of functionality naturally included within the Genesis program. The team met with teachers to understand their needs and carried out planning meetings with Genesis developers to understand the full potential of the program. Moving lesson planning away from OnCourse to Genesis afforded the district a savings of \$16,000/yr. while also allowing teachers to link lesson plans to the grade book module, also in Genesis.

Training efforts to guide teacher transition to this new platform began over the summer with one-hour sessions included in the Summer PD Academy offerings. As a major component to convocation and the first in-service, staff were given a choice schedule which included a variety of lesson planner training options. With the new year underway, Google coaches have been employed as part of the *For North Plainfield, By North Plainfield* after-school PD to provide 6 different one-hour training opportunities. Megan Schutz and Kelli Beard, as lead Google coaches, are coordinating with elementary principals to provide on-site training at grade level meetings and to provide a physical presence in each school to support teacher assimilation to this new platform.

Literacy Coaching: With the implementation of a new Reading Benchmark Assessment, Fountas and Pinnell, Kate Bishop (K-2nd grade) and Melanie Brown (3rd-5th grade) will continue their work with K-5 teachers centered around this new reading assessment. Elementary classroom teachers, Special Education teachers, and ESL teachers were provided with a half-day training on September 5 to introduce the Benchmark Assessment System. Literacy coaches were in North Plainfield in the weeks immediately following that training and are currently norming with teachers in order to ensure accuracy in this new process. From here, teachers will begin to understand how to use this new data, including, how to form guided reading groups, methods to intervene with readers, and how to craft instruction around readers' strengths and weaknesses. Literacy coaching efforts over the course of the year will be dedicated to the impact of Fountas and Pinnell's new assessment system on classroom instruction and our student readers.

STEM Grant Update: The Title 1 - STEM and Arts Integration Grant is a pilot program from the New Jersey Department of Education to provide students with an increased opportunity for hands-on, student-centered activities while further developing students' learning and mastery of essential skills. The planning team at North Plainfield, comprised of department and building administration working alongside teachers, has proposed an after-school program where students learn and practice skills in engineering through fun, real-world activities that utilize sculpture, design, performance, and music to connect STEM and the Arts. The proposal will target 3rd and 4th graders from East End and run 3 days per week from January through June and will include field trips to local museums and culminate with an intensive summer session in the month of July.

Character Education: Representatives from West End School will travel to Washington, D.C. in early October to accept the National School of Character Award. West End School joins Somerset School and the High School in achieving this prestigious honor. The award is an expression of the districts continued efforts to infuse character education into our district norms.

**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. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS Cecilia Griffiths, paraprofessional in the North Plainfield School District, notified the Board of Education on September 5, 2018 and was accepted as retiring effective October 1, 2018, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Griffiths 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 September 20, 2018, and be it further

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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. Griffiths.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves all district certified employees to provide home instruction, at the rate \$52.24 per hour, on an as needed basis.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Absent
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, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Paramjit Kaur, paraprofessional at NPHS, effective August 27, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individuals indicated as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Juliet Johnson

Melissa Tales

Robert Cherasaro

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to employ Kim Mayers as a paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Lawrence Emert, paraprofessional at NPMS, effective September 19, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as indicated.

Name	From (hours per day)	To (hours per day)	Effective
Gloria Garcia	SB – 4.00	SB – 4.50	9/6/18
Veronica Ortega	EE – 3.50	EE – 4.00	9/6/18
Irene Kakas	SS – 3.50	MS – 3.50	9/6/18
Geraldine Burns	SS – 3.50	MS – 3.50	9/6/18
Antonina Chwialkowski	WE – 2.00	WE – 3.00	9/6/18
Nickolas Psillos	SS – 4.00	SS – 3.75	9/14/18

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Peter Ahlert, maintenance employee for the district, for reasons of retirement, effective December 1, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Brenda Lopez as K-12 a district substitute paraprofessional.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 individual indicated for curriculum revisions, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Curriculum	Name	Hours Not to Exceed
English LA - Grade 7	Adriana Pequeno	5

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and August 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 co-curricular supervisory positions at NPHS, at the stipends noted.

Activity	Name	Stipend/Rate
Band Front Advisor	Susan Shapteban	\$5,303.00
Production Director	Zachary Love	\$5,315.00
Drama/Speech Advisor	Zachary Love	\$6,808.00
Junior Class Advisor*	Brian Bigden	\$1,093.00
Junior Class Advisor*	Erin Keenan	\$1,093.00
SIT/SAT/Detention	Kyle Skrivanek	\$28.35/hour
SIT/SAT/Detention	Nancy Reyes	\$28.35/hour

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 guide and salary of Jennifer Kittle, English teacher at NPHS, from the BA Guide to, effective September 1, 2018, MA Guide/Step 6-7 (7) at the annual salary of \$63,030, to reflect her attainment of a Master’s degree.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 Melanie Kelliher as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 21, 2018, Melanie Kelliher shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 3.50 hours per day. (This position was previously Board approved.)

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 Phyllis Fineberg as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 21, 2018, Phyllis Fineberg shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 3 and will be paid the rate of \$18.43 per hour, for 2.75 hours per day. (This position is new.)

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 – Absent
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Mullen 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 Tina Gurrere-Shallo **from** instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School **to** non-instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School, at the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day, effective September 6, 2018. (Ms. Gurrere-Shallo has replaced June O'Neill.)

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 as a district chaperones, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Guido Carrano

Gordon Cain

Garry Noel

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 Pricila Espinoza as a non-instructional paraprofessional at NPHS for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 21, 2018, Pricila Espinoza shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 4.25 hours per day. (Ms. Espinoza will replace Andrea Torres.)

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 #4494, paraprofessional at NPHS, a leave of absence effective September 6, 2018, using 11 sick days and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence, through October 12, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 Mario Restrepo as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 21, 2018, Mario Restrepo shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 3.50 hours per day. (This position is new.)

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the submission of the North Plainfield School District’s “School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*,” as per the attached report.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 individuals indicated as exchange students at NPHS, effective October 3, 2018 through November 6, 2018.

Lucy Bauermann

Annika Hippe

Florence Salazar

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the funds necessary to allow C-18-19, classified student at Lehman School, to receive bedside home instruction from a teacher at Lehman School effective July 2, 2018 until released by his physician, at a cost of \$45.00 per hour for up to 10 hours per week, not to exceed 25 hours.

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

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Mullen 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 August 31, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 September 20, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves and adopts the North Plainfield Student Activity Manual.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves and adopts the updated North Plainfield Purchasing Manual.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes and approves attendance at the NJ School Boards Annual Convention to be held October 23-25, 2018 in Atlantic City for the individuals identified per the attached list, not to exceed a total cost of \$6,466.80.

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

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

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

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves change order numbers for the Roof Replacement Project at East End School, West End School, and NP High School as follows:

- COR-001-Remove and install new High School Roof Section under warrantee; \$37,925.00
- COR-002-Remove Existing framing and substrate install new framing at EE School; \$10,500.00
- COR-003- Remove Existing framing and substrate install new framing at WE School; \$10,500.00
- COR-004- EE School and WE School water infiltration damage performed by district; -\$4079.45
- COR-005- District incurred overtime for project supervision performed by district employees; -\$926.91

The net amount of change orders totaling \$53,918.64 (Fifty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents) minus the remaining project allowance of \$11,081.36 (Eleven Thousand Eighty-One Dollars and Thirty-Six Cents) to be deducted from the contract sum. The cost of the project will now be as follows:

Original Installation cost.....	\$ 665,178.00
Total Original Allowance.....	<u>\$ 65,000.00</u>
Project Total Cost.....	\$ 600,178.00
Change Net of Change Orders.....	<u>\$ 53,918.64</u>
Adjusted Total Installation Cost.....	\$ 654,096.64

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Karl Gordon to receive a donation in the amount of \$1,675.00 from Fabricland for the purchase of t-shirts and sweatshirts for the boys' and girls' soccer teams at NPHS.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Absent
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 September 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM.

Curriculum – Ms. Sung provided an overview of topics discussed at the last meeting. Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2018 at 4:45 PM.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for October 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM.

Negotiations(NPEA) – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Completed.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin updated the Board on recent legislation and various issues.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Sternberg discussed the new Student Activity Account Manual and new procedures for handling cash related to those accounts.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Pacheco mentioned issues with Genesis and language issues.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Adjournment

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 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 and a half an hour.

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

