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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on February 1, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. Branan 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:

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent, Student Representative Yanqing Liang and Radha Patel approximately 7 members of the staff and public.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that Pursuant to NJSA 18:12-15 and the recommendation of the Somerset County Interim Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints Mr. Thomas Allen to fill the vacancy of Board Member of the North Plainfield Board of Education, effective February 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Mr. Sternberg administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Thomas Allen who then took his seat as a member of the Board.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Allen abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of January 18, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Allen abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes January 18, 2017.

Financial Report

There are none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Yanqing Liang reported on the performing arts department, Canuck Dance company students showcased a performance at the Winter Dance concert, titled “An Introduction to...” The event consisted of phenomenal dances featuring the dedication and time that students set fourth during the year. The Tri M music honor society will be singing valentines on behalf of Valentine's Day. Students can send a

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valentine's message, which will be sung by a Tri-M member. The members are also planning an induction ceremony for later this month. This weekend, sophomore choir member, Elisa Peregrina, performed on behalf of NPHS as a part of the Central Jersey Regions Choir. This year's choir department is full of talented singers whom have received a place in the all-state choirs and the all-eastern choir. Drama students participated in the STANJ competition this Saturday.

The annual Volleycheese tournament was held two weeks ago, the winning team was "The Fly Guys", who have held their title for the last two years. The team's players are juniors and seniors, "The Fly Guys" faced off with "The Knights" in the last round, securing their victory. The tournament demonstrated student's ability to work together and enjoy themselves at an event.

The AAPPL Biliteracy test is being offered to students who are fluent in Spanish or French. The Italian Honor Society are planning a dinner night for its members. The goal of the gathering is to honor members for their service and bond together as a group. The conclusion of the second marking period marks the midpoint of the school year. The class of 2017 is in the midst of a bittersweet feeling as the year slowly draws to an end.

Student Representative: Radha Patel reported that winter sports is in the last portion of their season. The varsity track team had a meet this previous weekend in which many runners and throwers received their personal records. The varsity cheer team took home several first place wins these past couple of weekends. The boys' basketball team has been very successful this season. The girls' varsity basketball senior night will be held on February 8th at 7:00 pm. In addition, some spring sports such as softball and baseball have started their pre-season.

The second round of SAT prep class have begun. Students arrive at 6:00 pm and class ends at 8:30 pm, subjects covered are English and Math. Most of the juniors taking the class offered by the school and other outside courses plan to take the SAT this spring. The seniors have applied to colleges and acceptances are being announced every morning during the High School announcements. Many students are receiving scholarships and grants.

Presentation

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Mr. Roger Jinks who provided an overview of the recent QSAC review, and his observations and impressions of the district based on his site visits to two schools.

Ms. Jennifer Osborne, Board Attorney provided an overview and historical perspective of HIB processes and procedures currently being utilized in the district.

Superintendent's Report

We are proud to share that Somerset School received word last Wednesday that it was named as a State School of Character. We are extremely proud to see Somerset affirmed for the great work of character that occurs throughout the school and throughout the year. A meeting of our district Character Education Committee held last Tuesday, points to a continued energy around this work, a true incorporation of character education into curriculum, instruction and classroom learning, and a desire to strive toward next levels of character education in all of our schools. Presently, two schools are planning to submit Promising Practices for recognition consideration.

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On Wednesday of last week the College Achieve Charter School appeared before the North Plainfield Planning Board presenting its intention to expand the school's physical capacity to accommodate 500 students up from the 200 it presently can house. Despite many concerns presented about traffic, parking and especially safety, the planning board was limited in its ability to take any action because legally as a public school it can proceed without planning board approval. It should be noted that the school must seek reauthorization of the charter in four years' time. When that occurs I believe it would be important to reach out to the community about such concerns and incorporate those into the district's response.

As you aware from Mr. Jinks' conversation and will hear in more detail through tonight's curriculum report, the NJDOE through its county office made a QSAC visit to North Plainfield today. I would like to recognize Ms. Vella and her team for the significant preparation that preceded this visit. This preparation, in line with the expectations of the visiting QSAC team, allowed a true and accurate look at our district, its teachers and students. We were very proud to share information and facilitate visits to our schools and classrooms so the impressive performance in our district could be attested to.

I would like to highlight two elementary events, one at East End School and one from Stony Brook School from our school updates to the board of education:

East End reported on the continuation of the Starlab portable planetarium during the week of January 23rd. Immersing the students in scientific inquiry, the planetarium was visited by all students, grades K through fourth. Students were taught to develop explanations of the various star systems they viewed using observations to understand the solar system's locations and movement. The tradition of Starlab at our elementary schools continues to be a wonderful way to engage our students and pique their scientific curiosity.

At Stony Brook School, Ms. Kobylarz shared a field trip designed to make a real world connection of the studies on inventions. The fourth grade Gifted and Talented Inspiration class visited the Thomas Edison National Historic Park on December 1st. During the visit the students were led through the library, machine shops, office, and chemistry lab of this great inventor. As a follow up activity, the students had the opportunity to engage in a design challenge of their own. Groups were given a set of building materials and an assignment that filled a need. Each set of students quickly completed their task and soon we had a playground, mousetrap, amusement park ride, and robot under construction. Both events highlight the real world applications of STEM that our youngest students are engaged in. We are committed to developing the areas of science, technology and engineering among our youngest students and continuing to nurture those areas as our students move through their educational experience.

Tonight, we would like to celebrate Ms. Laura Chamberlain who has touched the lives of so many students and staff members in our district. Laura Chamberlain began her career in North Plainfield in 1993 as a part-time Basic Skills teacher at West End School. She taught language arts and mathematics for kindergarten through grade five. Eventually, Basic Skills became Academic Support and a full time position for Laura. In 2002, Laura became a classroom teacher for grade 5 at West End School. She continued in that position when 5th grade moved to Somerset School in 2004. After several years of having her own classroom, Laura returned to Academic Support, focusing on language arts.

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In addition to teaching, Laura has been active in the district in many ways. She was an advisor to the Student Council both at West End and Somerset Schools. She served on the I&RS team and the Liaison Committee. Currently, Laura is her building's representative for the Health and Safety Committee, and she is a member of the Lesson Plan Committee. Thank you for your twenty-three years of service. Your dedication has truly created an impact in our school district and has touched the lives of the myriad students you have taught.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel

It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that WHEREAS Laura Chamberlain, academic support teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective July 1, 2017, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Chamberlain 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 February 1, 2017, 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. Chamberlain.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Dan Morgan, maintenance employee for the district, for reasons of retirement, effective October 23, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Nora Leary, special education teacher at the NPHS Bridge program, an unpaid leave of absence effective January 19, 2017 through February 10, 2017 for medical reasons.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

Michael Given

Brian O'Neil

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that employee #6266, teacher, be terminated for good cause, effective March 17, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that employee #6252, teacher, be terminated for good cause, effective March 20, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between August and December 2016.

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Teresa Diller (Elementary/WE)	Teaching Reading to Exceptional Children	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
	Word Study Phonics, Spelling, Vocab	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
Christine Mattei (English/HS)	Multi-Ethnic Literature	Southern New Hampshire University	3	\$1,881.00	\$ 940.50
Edison Torres (Asst. Principal/MS)	Curriculum Analysis	East Stroudsburg University	3	\$1,449.00	\$ 724.50
	Internship: Administration & Leadership	East Stroudsburg University	3	\$1,449.00	\$ 724.50

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the recommendation to appoint Cara Colabelli as boys' and girls' track coach at NPMS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Stefanie Myers as boys' and girls' track coach at NPMS at the stipend of \$4,097. (Ms. Myers will replace Cara Colabelli.)

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the recommendation to appoint Jason Lilly as assistant boys' varsity track coach at NPHS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Cara Colabelli as assistant boys' varsity track coach at NPHS at the stipend of \$6,060. (Ms. Colabelli will replace Jason Lilly.)

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Agueda Flores, student at Raritan Valley Community College, to observe Sara Gagliano, academic support teacher at West End School, for twenty hours.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignments of the paraprofessionals indicated, effective January 30, 2017.

Name	From	To
Harry Hooker	WE/23.75 hours per week	EE/22.50 hours per week
Irene Kakas	WE/16.25 hours per week	MS/17.50 hours per week
Alison Griffiths	WE/17.50 hours per week	WE/22.50 hours per week

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the individuals indicated to teach the additional classes listed at NPHS, effective February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, for the prorated additional annual salaries noted.

Name	Class	Prorated Add'l Annual Salary
Cristina Gonzalez	Port of Entry Social Studies	\$4,878.33
Lauren Paich	Port of ESL	\$5,262.50

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment increment and adjustment increment of employee #4722 be withheld for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018; now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education affirms and approves the withholding of employee #4722's employment increment and adjustment increment for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 as recommended by the Superintendent. The salary of employee #4722 for the 2017-2018 school year shall remain the same as her salary for the 2016-2017 school year, which is \$77,480.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Kelley Albanese as an elementary teacher at Somerset School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 1, 2017, Kelley Albanese shall be placed on BA/Step 1-2 (1) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,540. (Ms. Albanese will replace Mary Castro.)

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the Canuck Dance Company Club as an extracurricular activity at NPHS.

Further, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Rebecca Visintainer as a volunteer advisor to the Canuck Dance Company Club.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Gabriela Colon for up to three hours of facilitation and preparation time for a Biliteracy meeting, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, and that Title I Funds will be utilized.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mark Ciccotelli as head football coach at NPHS, effective January 30, 2017.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mark Ciccotelli as a program assistant at the NPHS Bridge Program, effective February 14, 2017.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Janet Darvin, elementary teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective February 9, 2017, using accrued sick days, through March 23, 2017 or until released by her physician.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Keren Fonseca, academic support teacher at West End School, a leave of absence effective January 23, 2017, using available accrued sick days, and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence until released by her physician.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Gina Ahearn as an instructional paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 2, 2017, Gina Ahearn shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.19 per hour, for 4.0 hours per

day. (Ms. Ahearn will replace Kelley Albanese.)

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Gwenda Baab, paraprofessional at East End School, effective February 15, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated for curriculum revisions, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, not to exceed the hours listed.

Curriculum	Not to Exceed	Staff Member
Sociology	10 hours	Robert Lake
Law, Crime & Punishment	10 hours	Neil Thompson

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Schwarz, paraprofessional at East End School, effective February 16, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

Student Name	College	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Gloria Jimenez	Montclair State University	Resource (DPS)/ MS	Spring 2017	Neal Dalton

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Teresa Thompson, mathematics teacher at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Candice Mabry as a mathematics teacher at NPMS for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 3, 2017 or upon earliest release, Candice Mabry shall be placed on MA+30/Step 14 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$70,950. (Ms. Mabry will replace Stephen Tsai.)

Further, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Candice Mabry, mathematics teacher at NPMS, to teach an additional mathematics class, effective April 5, 2017, for the prorated additional annual salary of \$2,956.25.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; 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 results 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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David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that the Board of Education approves the funds necessary to exceed the amount budgeted for Preferred Home Healthcare by \$30,000.00 to meet the nursing needs of students placed in out of district schools.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective February 3, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
NNNN-16-17	1/12/02	AUT	Crossroads School	\$69,360.00/yr. prorated

Further, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective February 6, 2017. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
NNNN-16-17	1/12/02	AUT	NuView Academy	\$62,160.00/yr. prorated
			Occupational Therapy	\$61.50/session (2 sessions/week)

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that WHEREAS, the Board of Education received nonpublic technology aid in the amount of \$4,160 and nonpublic security aid in the amount of \$8000.00 from the State of New Jersey in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey directed the North Plainfield Board of Education to pass the nonpublic funds directly to the nonpublic schools residing in the district in the 2016/2017 school year; and

WHEREAS, Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten personnel, NJ Classical Academy personnel, and Sundance School personnel along with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission consultant reviewed the proposed technology and security

expenditures with the Business Administrator from North Plainfield Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires that the local Board of Education authorize the specific nonpublic expenditures for each of these grant awards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education authorize the following nonpublic expenditures:

Nonpublic Security

<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
NJ Classical Academy	Quest Electric	\$880.00	Video door phone, hallway light, outlet

Nonpublic Technology

<u>Nonpublic School</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Giving Nest Preschool & Kindergarten	Dell Inc.	\$207.01	Chromebook & headphones
NJ Classical Academy	Best Buy	\$349.58	Laptop and software
Sundance School	Dell Inc.	\$1,605.32	Dell computers

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Mr. Allen abstaining; that the Board of Education authorizes Francesca Cardona to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing manipulative letters, numbers, counting objects, dry erase pockets, and markers for district families’ home use at a total value of \$566.05.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – Next meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2017 at 4:30 pm.
 Communications – Next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm.
 Curriculum – Next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 5:15 pm.
 Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.
 Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for February 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
 Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.
 NJSBA – Mr. Fellin updated the board on recent legislation.
 SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2017.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed issues related to Ed Service Commission including use of naran and budget issues.

Old Business

Mr. Sternberg provided an update on lead water testing program in the district.

New Business

There was none.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported that February 17th will be a day of professional learning in North Plainfield. District Achievement Coaches will share their final training installment, culminating in the completion of three coaching goals established and initiated last spring. Elementary teachers will have sessions with Barb Golub to continue their work with reading instruction and the secondary teachers will spend a half-day on departmental work.

NJTRAx is completed and submitted to the Department of Education. We have received a higher score than last year, with planned improvements to the network, Mr. Taylor predicts a perfect score for next year. The ratings are based upon technology readiness, device readiness and network readiness.

RVCC is visiting Cisco classes at North Plainfield High School on Tuesday, January 31st and will be reviewing curricular materials for the program, as well as classroom environment. This should be the final step in confirming the articulation agreement for the CTE program. Mr. Taylor has created a tutorial for parents centered on how to access various components of Genesis, including progress reports. This is done with screenshots and instructions with the intention of being user-friendly and accessible.

North Plainfield High School will offer AP Computer Science Principles in 2017-2018 which will replace Advanced Computer Science and be open to all students who meet the minimum requirements. The curriculum, syllabus, and professional development will be provided by Code.org, a national, non-profit leader in K-12 computer science education. Students will be prepared to take the College Board Advanced Placement exam at the conclusion of the course.

Our Data Team has been working hard to paint a picture of our metrics with the intention to demonstrate sustained, substantive progress on the varied student-outcome indicators we have internally, as well as standardized metrics. We have the aim of continued and rigorous improvement and want to demonstrate progress in a meaningful way. The district's academic data strategy is closely aligned with growth-based metrics and we want to demonstrate growth in all students.

Giovanna Hansen, a representative from the US Army, will be working with us on opportunities offered through the US Army. Mr. Kushner and Ms. Vella will have meet with two Army representatives from NJSBA to assess in the secondary curriculum and infuse resources and career explorations throughout the year (supported by the Army).

We are working closely with the North Plainfield Borough to continue our partnership regarding district residency and housing. A meeting was held and procedures were

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revisited and established to ensure smooth and reciprocal communication for any housing concerns that stem from our registration process.

The presentation on January 25th to the Somerset County Business Partnership was a success and we anticipate some future meetings with companies and nonprofit organizations. Once we garner commitments, we will move forward with finalizing the structure for students. The SCBP has committed to the partnership and will move toward a press release for this exciting and meaningful endeavor.

We will be hosting a Google Level I certification professional development for staff and administration on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. The number of coaches needed will be contingent on the number of staff members that register. North Plainfield had the opportunity to host a QSAC visit on February 1, 2017 with three representatives from the New Jersey Department of Education.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Merrill welcomed Mr. Allen to the Board and commented on the selection of the new football coach.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Character Education – April 5

Maker Space – March 1

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 15, 2017 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.

Resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:20 P.M. executive session for for approximately 20 minutes.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg