

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:30 PM, West End School, 447 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Bond-Nelson 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  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – 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 Representatives Yanqing Liang, Radha Patel and Jasmine Muhando approximately 98 members of the staff and public.

### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of May 17, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes May 17, 2017.

### **Financial Report**

There was none.

### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. McGovern expressed appreciation for reinstating the American Sign Language Program and asked about communication to process.

Mr. Brennan commented on his not being renewed for employment.

### **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative: Yanqing Liang reported that the new representative for the 2017-18 school year, Miss Jasmine Muhando will attend the board meeting this evening. The application and interview process was competitive, Jasmine stood out from the other six candidates as the most poised and qualified for the role of student representative.

The spring choral concert was held last Thursday. It was a wonderful event the four choirs showcased songs they have rehearsed during the second half of the year. A notable performance was the song “La Lluvia”, which was sung by a small group of senior girls that have been part of Ms. Six’s vocal workshop four years ago. Seniors were then awarded

certificates or plaques for their year(s) in choir. This past Friday was the theatre showcase, where drama students performed a fun and entertaining show. The band spring concert will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The TriM Music Honor Society held their second annual Elementary Workshop last Saturday. The members taught groups of North Plainfield choral and band students from Somerset and elementary schools. They had three hours to go over and teach music, and by noon, the kids put on a mini concert for their family. It was a very successful event, and definitely wonderful to see young kids share the passion of music.

Students of the ELL classes conducted a service activity project in which student designed. They collected feminine and hygiene products and packaged them. They then distributed to women in homeless shelters who are in need.

In addition to the selection of the new student representative, the mentors also went through a careful interview process to elect a new generation of passionate mentors with the drive and enthusiasm to help. The student activity council also interviewed for new members. Between the new group and last year's group, there is definitely a growth in club size. Ms. Wickerhauser's AP Biology class went to Somerset School last Friday to teach three periods of science classes. With student-planned lessons ranging from photosynthesis to water density, the student teachers had just as much fun as the students.

Seniors are excited to soon to be graduating. Monday was their senior picnic held at Forest Lodge. Last Thursday was the senior service day, where the class of 2017 spent time around town.

Student Representative: Radha Patel reported that the previous Wednesday was Powderpuff between the junior class and senior class. It was a great event to be a part of and watch. The junior class defeated the senior class with a score of 14-6. Overall, the game really helped promote school spirit and brought the classes closer together.

Another very exciting event that took place this previous Friday the annual Military Ball. All of the ROTC cadets, officers and their dates were looking forward to the event and it was exquisitely carried out. The boys were dressed in their sharp uniforms and the ladies were dressed in long dresses. The ceremonies were wonderful, the food was delicious, and the music was great! Everyone was dancing and having a blast, celebrating the final days of the 2016-2017 school year.

Yesterday was the annual career day held for the juniors from periods 2 to 5. The students rotated to two different sessions for a career cluster of their choice. It was a great event for the juniors, they were able to see potential careers they might be interested in going into in the future.

The girls varsity softball team, they only had two losses this season, the girls won every single other game and made it all the way to the second round of states. Winning the second state's game the girls became first in their conference.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando thanked the board of education for allowing her to represent the class of 2019. Jasmine Muhando is 16 years old, and is involved in after school activities and sport.

**Presentation**

Dr. McLaughlin and Ms. Prestamo conducted a ceremony and presented Teacher of the year for each school.

Dr. McLaughlin recognized Mr. Sacco and Mr. Humes for their involvement in finding and helping an injured coworker during an evening work shift at the High School.

**Superintendent's Report**

IDEA Allocations were received this week. Mr. Sternberg shared that we received about \$300 less than last year. Essentially we are working with the same allocation, which is consistent with our budget development.

This evening I am very happy to recommend to the board the appointment of Mr. Jaime as the new Principal of North Plainfield Middle School. Mr. Jaime has made significant contributions in his role as assistant principal at Somerset School and played key leadership roles in the development of Somerset as a State and National School of Character as well as his work toward the Biliteracy Academy. I would like to thank all those who contributed thoughts, ideas, time and deliberation to this process. We are confident that Mr. Jaime and the North Plainfield Middle School will have a very bright future in the years to come.

There are some significant changes proposed for QSAC that would go into effect for the 2018-2019 school year. There are correlations between QSAC, our performance reports and NJESSA. One important element is that scoring for QSAC will be changed in regard to curriculum so that one incomplete area will not remove all the district's points. The QSAC proposal is still in a public response phase and there is a high likelihood of further changes before it is finalized. I will continue to share information relative to QSAC as it becomes available.

This Wednesday and Friday will be the 4th and 5th "at large" parent forums for the year. Additionally, I will be meeting with community members whose children attend The Giving Nest. Ms. Vella and I will be meeting with parents at Growing Tree on Monday to speak about the Biliteracy Academy. These opportunities to have true conversations with parents, have been an enormous benefit this year. It has truly helped to guide our work, knowledgeable of what is critically important to our community and at the same time parents have expressed a great deal of appreciation for the information about our schools. This will definitely be a continued area of attention in the upcoming year.

On Monday, May 22nd, East End School held a remembrance ceremony in honor of Donna Gillen, who served as a kindergarten paraprofessional for 17 years and passed away in July 2016. Ms. Gillen's family generously donated \$800 to East End School for the purchase of books for the library and kindergarten classes in her memory. The 70+ books were on display for the ceremony and included many of Donna's favorites. On hand for the ceremony were Ms. Gillen's husband, children, family members and many of the East End staff. As Mr. Ferguson stated, it is our sincere hope that her legacy will live on through her memory and the many wonderful books her family has donated.

As a follow up to some of the concerns that have been shared regarding the unauthorized use of our football field, after hours security at Upper Krausche Field has been implemented as of May 22nd to further address trespassing.

On June 14<sup>th</sup> the annual D.A.R.E. Graduation for Grade 5 students will take place at 2:00 pm in the Community Room at Somerset School. Invitations have been provided to the board for that special event.

At 10:30 am on June 20<sup>th</sup> in the High School gym, NPMS will conduct its moving up ceremony. All board members are invited and welcome to attend.

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; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Kimberly Tisdale as secretary to the principal at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2017, Kimberly Tisdale shall be placed on Secretary III/Step 6 and will be paid the annual salary of \$54,545. (Ms. Tisdale will replace Jennifer Perrine.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – 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 Kari Jelliffe as a temporary school counselor at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017, Kari Jelliffe shall be placed on MA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$62,430. (Ms. Jelliffe will temporarily replace Nicole Divenuta.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – 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 Vanessa Dehart as a mathematics teacher at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Vanessa Dehart shall be placed on MA/Step 1 and will be paid the annual salary of \$62,430. (Ms. Dehart will replace Teresa Thompson.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

David Branan – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Last Day of Service</b>	<b>Days</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Matthew Rennie	May 12, 2017	14.67	\$2,725.25

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Tatiana Neri as a school nurse at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Tatiana Neri shall be placed on MA/Step 2-3 (3) and will be paid the annual salary of \$62,630. (Ms. Neri will replace Barbara Walker.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and May 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education rescinds the recommendation to appoint Kathleen Porter as a substitute teacher for summer school.

Further, that the Board of Education approves the employment of Wendy McClellan as a substitute teacher for summer school between June 23, 2017 and July 28, 2017, for four hours per day at a rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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; with Mr. Branan and Mr. Fellin abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Donald Sternberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Abstain  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; with Mr. Branan and Mr. Fellin abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Abstain  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of the following individuals as Residence/Attendance Officers at the rate of \$22.00 per hour for up to 29 hours, and that contracts to employ be issued.

Edward Sugalski

James Hurley

Schucry Lujan-Flores

William Disla

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Carl Gaebel as a Security Officer at the rate of \$22.00 per hour for up to 29 hours, and that a contract to employ be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Dr. Michael Kelly, as school physician at the rate of \$14,000 and that a contract to employ will be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Annette Wells, as school treasurer at the rate of \$9,406.44 and that a contract to employ will be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated on the attached list to work for the Special Education Extended School Year Program, at the hours and rates indicated.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the unpaid leave of absence for Kimbralynn Ward, paraprofessional at West End School, **from** May 23, 2017 through May 31, 2017 **to** May 23, 2017 through June 5, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to serve as facilitators at the district's *Kindergarten Experience*, for up to three hours per person, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Nancy Lubreski

Kelly Schmitz

Ines Simoes

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 accepts the resignation of Patrick Wallace, Italian teacher at NPHS and NPMS, effective July 1, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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; with Mr. Fellin abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated to share in 2017-2018 school-based planning, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour. Total shared hours per school not to exceed 50 hours.

East End	Stony Brook	West End	Somerset
1. Joanna Oliver	1. Kelly Feeney	1. Wendy McClellan	1. Bettina Bergamo
2. Ashley Nelson	2. Leslie Castillo	2. Julie Lafferty	2. Melissa Hunton
3. Jamie Petraglia	3. Gretchen Jacot	3. Teresa Knauer	
4. Meagan McFadden	4. Sharon Switek	4. Michelle dos Santos	
5. Kari Jelliffe	5. Eram Tun	5. Christopher Sepesi	
6. Lynnelle Thomas	6. Katie Fedele	6. Kourtney Gisonna	
	7. Michele Motichka	7. Heather Morgan	
	8. Cynthia Crawford		

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated to facilitate *Google Training* for in-district teachers, as needed, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Thomas Bailey  
 Rita DaFonseca  
 Kristen Didyoung  
 Robert Meringolo  
 Ann Ryan  
 Christopher Sepesi

Kelli Beard  
 Heather Daley  
 Kathleen Landadio  
 Christina Moscatello  
 Suzanne Sapega  
 Regina Silverii

Tracy Buaron  
 Mario Della Fortuna  
 Philip Lensi  
 Michael Mulry  
 Megan Schutz  
 Jessica Wuerthner

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated on the attached list as facilitators, at the noted stipend rate.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated on the attached list for summer curriculum revisions, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the individual indicated as a student teacher in the district.

Student Name	College	School/ Assignment	Dates	Cooperating Teacher
Luke Basile	Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts	#1: HS/Choir	#1: 9/5/17-10/20/17	#1: Amy Six
		#2: EE/ Choir/ General Music	#2: 10/23/17-12/15/17	#2: Kaitlin Valentine

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff for registration, at the rates indicated.

Position	Hourly Rate	Staff Member
Nurse	\$41.00	Beth DeAngelis
Nurse	\$41.00	Patricia Glen
Nurse	\$41.00	Doreen Humiston
ELL Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Erika Gambuti
ELL Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara
ELL Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Debra Soriano

Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Stefanie Martin
Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara
Assessment Proctor	\$28.35	Michelle Onofri

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

Student Name	College	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Melissa Paczos	Drexel University	MS/Resource HS/Resource	Fall 2017	Heather Daley Erin Scott

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the guide and salary of Jennifer Buckley, temporary school counselor at NPHS, from the MA+30 Guide to, effective March 10, 2017, MA Guide/Step 3-4 (3) at the prorated salary rate of \$61,740, to reflect her degree status.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Luis Jaime as principal at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Luis Jaime will be paid the annual salary rate of \$121,935, effective July 1, 2017. (Mr. Jaime will replace Lennox Small.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Jacquelyn Fields as director of guidance for the district for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this shall be effective July 1, 2017. There is no change in salary. (Ms. Fields will replace Maggie Dock.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Edison Torres as an assistant principal at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this shall be effective July 1, 2017. There is no change in salary. (Mr. Torres will replace Jacquelyn Fields.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the leave of absence for Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal at Somerset School, from May 3, 2017 through May 30, 2017 to May 3, 2017 through June 19, 2017 or until released by his physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 #

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(HIB is substantiated with respect to students #200730, #200441, #190728.

HIB was not substantiated with respect to students #200278, #200390, #200355.)

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and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

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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(HIB is substantiated with respect to students #200730, #200441, #190728.

HIB was not substantiated with respect to students #200278, #200390, #200355.)

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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the professionals and agencies indicated on the attached list to provide as-needed services to district classified students at the rates and annual amounts as indicated.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Douglass Developmental Center by \$1,400.00 to provide behavioral support to a student within the district and conduct parent training.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of Somerset County Educational Services Commission to provide home instruction to students as needed, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour, not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves EBS to provide occupational and physical therapy services to students during the Special Education Extended School Year Program (June 23, 2017 through July 28, 2017), as well as conduct occupational and physical therapy evaluations as needed from June 23, 2017 through August 31, 2017, at the rate of \$76.53 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective May 31, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
IIII-16-17	6/18/02	OHI	Hunterdon Preparatory School	\$53,403.00/yr. prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Assistant Superintendent of Schools to submit the NJQSAC District Improvement Plan for the 2017-2018 school year based on the 2016-2017 NJQSAC review.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

## **FINANCE, PURCHASING AND AGREEMENTS**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education is awarding the following bid for the purpose of providing districtwide nursing services;

**WHEREAS**, on May 23, 2017, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of the district wide nursing servies; and

**WHEREAS**, Three vendors submitted a bid for consideration at the bid opening; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Board’s Business Administrator, has evaluated the bids received and the Board has determined to award the contract for the services; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board has determined that ***Delta-T Group Inc., having offices at One Woodbridge Center Suite 512, Woodbridge, NJ 07095***, is the lowest responsible and responsive bidder to provide nursing services, with an hourly rate for RN at \$40.00 (Forty Dollars) per hour and LPN at \$32.00 (Thirty Two Dollars) per hour; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board make the following award of contract to Delta-T Group, who is hereby awarded the contract for the service, based on the hourly rates indicated.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this award is subject to ***Delta-T Group, Inc.*** executing the Owner/Contractor Agreement for the service, and providing

Performance/Payment Bonds and an Insurance Certificate(s) evidencing coverages in accordance with the service specifications (“Contract Documents”); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 is awarding the following first renewal for the purpose of providing trash removal services throughout the district:

**WHEREAS**, That the Board of Education in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-42 and based upon the recommendation of Mr. Donald Sternberg School Business Administrator and Mr. Milton Mathis Director of Operations, that Kohler Waste Services, Inc. has provided services to the school district in an effective and efficient manner, do now recommend the renewal of a contract with;

***Kohler Waste Services, Inc.***, having offices at ***333 Hollywood Avenue, Gillette, New Jersey 07933***, was the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the Service, with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$31,000.00 (Thirty One Thousand Dollars), plus an optional first renewal (year two) amount of \$31,000.00 (Thirty One Thousand Dollars) and an optional second renewal amount (year three) of \$31,000.00 (Thirty One Thousand Dollars) for a total three year combined bid of \$93,000.00 (Ninety Three Thousand Dollars),

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board makes the following first renewal of contract for the 2017-2018 school year:

**Kohler Waste Services, Inc.** is hereby renewal of the contract for the Project, for the total renewal sum of **\$31,000.00 (Thirty One Thousand Dollars)**.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in Stony Brook School class room # 8, and East End School class room # 9, for the 2017-18 school year.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, New Road Schools is a non-profit NJ Department of Education approved Private School for Students with Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the School District of North Plainfield has contracted to send to New Road Schools certain students with disabilities who reside in the District; and

WHEREAS, New Road Schools provides meals that meet the nutritional requirement of the Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and

WHEREAS, New Road Schools will apply for and receive funding for meals in accordance with the income eligibility criteria established by Child Nutrition Program as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, New Road Schools does not charge students for the cost of meals,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the North Plainfield Board of Education acknowledge the foregoing actions and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-18.5 (20)(iii) authorize New Road Schools to include the cost of meals provided within the annual tuition rated charged to students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Tracy Buaron to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing a Chromebook charging cart for her classroom at Somerset School at a total value of \$572.72.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Tracy Buaron to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing four floor chairs for her classroom at Somerset School at a total value of \$278.71.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 accepts and approves the application and associated funds for Individuals With Disabilities Act (IDEA) and authorize the Business Administrator and Director of Pupil services to submit for funding as follows:

Basic	\$834,633.00
Preschool	\$ 18,458.00

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing multicultural dolls and magnetic path building pieces for her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$387.49.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

### **Correspondence**

There were none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed recent legislation on delegate's assembly resolutions.

SCSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed meeting on special education.

SCESC – Next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2017.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

Ms. Bond-Nelson requested a Special Meeting June 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm to do the Superintendents evaluation.

Ms. Dodd discussed yearbooks.

### **Current Events in Education**

Ms. Vella reported that the NPHS is offering an opportunity for high school students interested in attending one of the Nation's 5 Federal Service Academies. On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Leonard Lance (NJ-07) will be holding his annual Service Academy Fair at Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC) in Branchburg, New Jersey. This

opportunity will not only allow potential academy applicants the ability to directly interact with representatives of all five of the service academies, but they will also be able to meet with representatives of the Congressman's staff to better understand the application process.

The College & Career Team of the North Plainfield High School hosted our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring College & Career Fair on May 24, 2017. Thirty-two colleges, universities, technical/vocational schools and military branches were represented. During the fair, 11<sup>th</sup> grade students were able to ask questions about the various programs, including financial aid opportunities, and possible career paths that would be available to them.

ESSA allocations have recently been received by the federal government, and NJDOE is working on district allocations. Our hope is to receive allocations by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The NJ Biology Competency Testing and NJASK Science 4 & 8 testing was recently completed and returned to the NJDOE.

KRA testing was completed last week and we enjoyed the opportunity to welcome so many of our incoming kindergarten students. During testing, we held parent meetings and shared information about kindergarten and the Biliteracy Academy. We are happy to share that we already have about 30 registrants as a result of the informal meetings with students new to North Plainfield. We are looking forward to our conversations with families this week in the preschools, as well as the Kindergarten Experience on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

On June 1, 2017, a representative from ETS (Educational Testing Services) came to North Plainfield High School to conduct a test center administration security audit for the June 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT with Ms. Armento. The purpose of the site visit was to ensure that the facility and test book security procedures meet the standards set for all test centers. In addition to discussing various program and security procedures, the representative also audited all test books and packing lists with Ms. Armento. The visit lasted about 40 minutes.

DEAC continued the examination of Environmental (Ghost) Walks at the May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, where we shared and discussed our noticing and wonderings from one environmental area. A format was provided for DEAC members to bring back to school ScIP committees in order to conduct their own walks once staff and ScIP members are trained. We are looking forward to attending the June EES ScIP meeting this upcoming year.

Dr. McLaughlin, and several ESL teachers and Ms. Vella attended the NJTESOL conference last week. As conference participants they were able to hear relevant and informative keynote speakers, select from one hundred workshops and presentations and investigate a variety of topics covering theory and application for bilingual/ESL classrooms. Presenters covered the latest information on state and national initiatives and the team was able to participate in professional meetings and network with colleagues. Many North Plainfield teachers served as guides on Friday.

The AP meeting was held this week with the students registered for AP courses next year. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the benefits of taking an AP course and what is involved in being an AP student. The AP contract and payment schedule were reviewed as well as the summer assignment. The students will be meeting with their respective teachers this week to review the assignments for each course.

**Comments from the Public**

There was none.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org))  
Teacher Recognition Program – June 6, West End School

**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, June 20, 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 the executive session will last one 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.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Sternberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg