

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM, East End School, 170 Oneida Avenue, 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
Bianka 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 Representative Yanqing Liang and Radha Patel approximately 80 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of April 19, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes April 19, 2017.

Financial Report

There was none.

Comments from the Public

Jim McGovern read several questions regarding the proposed school budget for 2017-2018.

Jana Rodgers commented on administrative costs and out of district students attending North Plainfield.

Michelle Brown commented on residency issues and summer program.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Yanqing Liang reported that the beginning of May is usually a hectic time for AP students, AP exams will be taking place for the first two weeks of the month.

The spring Blood Drive hosted by the Interact Club in partnership with the American Red Cross was held last Friday in the gymnasium. The club collected 53 pints of blood, saving up to 159 lives. The music department had a field trip to Virginia Beach, students from

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band and chorus participated in the Busch Gardens Music festival. The choir earned an “outstanding” title, and was also ranked 4th.

We are slowly approaching prom, which is an exciting time for the seniors. Prom will be taking place next Friday the 12th the theme this year is Rio Festivale. In honor of teacher's appreciation week, the National Honor Society prepared little goodie bags for teachers and personalized notes to thank them for what they have done.

Highlight on the achievement of two seniors. Victoria Kisling and Amaiana Sajjad are not only two extraordinary students with an interest in journalism, they are also interns for the TAPinto NP newspaper. They have been interning since October, and have consistently written articles for the newspaper every month. Having this opportunity comes with a lot of responsibility, as many in the past had not been able to keep up with the deadlines. However, Victoria and Amaiana have been consistent with their work and will be rewarded at the end of May, as their internship ends.

As we slowly come to the end of the school year and graduation, I want to ensure the Board of Education that we are selecting an exemplar student to represent NPHS as the junior representative for next year, Radha will move to the senior representative after Yanqing Liang graduates. This year has been a competitive year, with 7 applicants from the class of 2019. We have selected a new member out of the candidates, we are confident in the student's ability to represent the school.

Student Representative: Radha Patel reported that spring sports are coming to an end in May. The varsity softball team won their game against Bound Brook this previous Friday with a score of 8 to 1. The JV softball team has continued their winning streak this season by beating Mount St. Mary's with a score of 12 to 5. The girls and boys track teams won their meet against Immaculate and Manville yesterday.

In other sports related news, the annual powder puff game is being held at the end of May hosted by the senior class. It will be fun to see if my class, the class of 2018 can defeat Yan Qing's class of 2017! The competition will be intense but it will be a wonderful game, especially the halftime where the junior and senior boys will perform their cheerleading halftime routines.

Canuck Cheerleading is hosting their annual tryout clinic next Wednesday and will have tryouts in the upcoming weeks. The mentoring program and student activities applications are due this week and the interview process will begin next week. We held our interviews for student rep for the 2017-2018 school year. The candidates were close but we've chosen the right upcoming junior fit to take on the role.

Presentation

Dr. McLaughlin, Ms. Vella and Mr. Sternberg presented, discussed, and reviewed the 2017-18 School Budget.

Dr. McLaughlin addressed various questions from the public.

Superintendent's Report

Board President Ms. Bond-Nelson and I attended a meeting of the Garden State Coalition of Schools. We had the opportunity to hear from and interact with Assemblywoman Mila

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Jasey, who addressed charter school reform. There continues to be concern among districts among all the districts who were attending about the unbridled growth of charter school enrollment and negative impact of the charter school growth. As a district, we shared our concerns about funds that are taken from our students and programs. Ms. Jasey is supportive and shared attempts she has made in the legislature to place a hold on new charter approvals.

Ms. Bond-Nelson, Mr. Fellin and I attended the Somerset School Board Association meeting on Thursday, April 27th where Mr. Fellin was honored for his status as a certificated board member and Ms. Bond-Nelson was recognized for her twenty-five years of service as a board of education member. As part of the evening's agenda, board members shared positive developments in their districts, which Mr. Fellin presented very effectively on behalf of North Plainfield. Please join me in offering congratulations to both of our board members.

This week, we will be preparing an advisory for parents on the Netflix series *13 Reasons Why*. This show is based on the 2007 best-selling novel of the same name, written by Jay Asher. *13 Reasons Why* is an intense Netflix drama that depicts strong and graphic themes such as suicide, bullying, rape, depression and anxiety in teens. The story behind the series involves a student who has committed suicide and leaves behind cassette tapes for her former classmates to listen to. Each tape details a reason why she killed herself, with a total of 13 reasons. This show is being watched and talked about by many young people across the state and the nation. There is concern among the educational community about how young viewers will interpret the messages in this show. The intent of the advisory is to make parents aware of the show itself and its story line in order that parents may better understand what their children are exposed to.

Recently, our district schools began another year of participation in the Girls on the Run program. This worthwhile program is a national youth development initiative which combines an interactive curriculum along with running to inspire self-respect and healthy lifestyles in pre-teen girls. Facilitated by teacher advisors and volunteer teachers, the coaches and girls seek to develop important strategies and skills to help the girls navigate life experiences. The students will be participating in a 5K race in June, along with many schools from Somerset County. We are appreciative for the ongoing support of the Municipal Alliance to offsetting costs related to this extremely worthwhile program.

As reported in this meeting's High School update, on Monday, April 24th and Wednesday, April 26th, 16 varsity cheerleaders taught gym class at Stony Brook School to the 3rd and 4th graders. The athletes demonstrated the skills needed to cheer, while outlining the importance of being involved in sports and what it means to be on a team. They also highlighted the importance of being stretched and conditioned and how to dress appropriately for any sport activity. Then, the athletes led the students through various conditioning activities and put together performances in their groups. Students demonstrated what they learned and discussed the positive outcomes of the lesson. The High School and Stony Brook students both reported that they loved the lessons and the chance to teach each other and look forward to an opportunity similar to this in the future. The High School athletes were asked to create a lesson plan prior to going to Stony Brook and then were asked to partake in a reflection activity upon return.

The middle school update included a reference to the presentations by Sergeant Tom Rich, a Summit Police Officer and expert on Cyber Safety. On April 5, he made his first presentation in two separate programs to grade 7 and 8 students and on April 24th, he returned to the district for his third presentation to members of the community. His

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engaging presentation provided students, parents and other stakeholders a wealth of information that relate to cyber safety, cyber bullying, online predation, digital citizenship, parental controls/settings, newest apps and social media - all very current and critically important issues.

The North Plainfield School District is gifted by employees who are not only accomplished in the skills of their work but who are also dedicated to the mission of school community.

On the evening of Thursday, April 27th, two of our High School custodians came to the aid of an injured colleague. Mr. Michael Sacco and Mr. Roger Humes re-entered the building after their shifts were completed to investigate the welfare of a colleague. Based on their actions, that staff member is recovering today.

I would like to formally recognize Mr. Sacco and Mr. Humes at a future board meeting for their actions on the evening of April 27th.

Tonight, we would like to acknowledge Ms. Barbara Walker who will retire on July 1st.

Barbara Walker joined the staff at West End School in 2002 after working in private practice and for the East Orange School District. She has been an integral part of the West End School community for the past fifteen years. Barbara has fostered close ties with the school nurses in the district and is highly respected by her colleagues.

To quote Barbara, "It has been an absolute joy to care and advocate for the students at West End School for the past fifteen years."

Thank you for your years of service to the children of North Plainfield.

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 WHEREAS Barbara Walker, school nurse 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 fifteen years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Walker 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 May 3, 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. 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 the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Sheila Stopper, special education teacher at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, 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; that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Nina Pleasant, paraprofessional in the Department of Pupil Services, for reasons of retirement, 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. Branan abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of all **tenured certificated salaried staff** indicated on the attached list at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – Abstain
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 continued employment of all **non-tenured certificated salaried staff** indicated on the attached list at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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 with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of all **Operations Department employees** indicated on the attached list at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of all **tenured and non-tenured secretaries** indicated on the attached list at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin and Mr. Branan abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of all **tenured and non-tenured administrators and supervisors** indicated on the attached list at the salary rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Branan abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of all **paraprofessionals** indicated on the attached list at the hourly rates indicated, and that contracts to employ be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Abstain	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 van drivers indicated at the rate of \$31.51 per hour, and that contracts to employ be issued.

Frank Berardi	Cindy Dilts
Patricia Dunham	Melissa Oliver

Substitute Van Drivers

Steve Masterson	William Palton
Richard Ryllun	Carl Wighardt

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Angelina Lowder, executive assistant to the Business Administrator, effective June 24, 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 the Board of Education approves Robert Lake, social studies teacher at NPHS, to serve an administrative internship at NPHS effective May 22, 2017 through August 3, 2017, with Jerard Stephenson, principal of NPHS, serving as his supervisor.

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 following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between November 2016 and March 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Christine Mattei (English/HS)	Romantic Literature	Southern New Hampshire University	3	\$1,881.00	\$ 940.50
Sara Gagliano (Elem./EE)	Sociolinguistics & Cultural Foundations of ESL	The College of New Jersey	3	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Brandon Cosby as a K-12 district substitute teacher, effective April 3, 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 the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Maggie Dock, director of school counseling for the district, 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; that for the summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the employment of the staff indicated on the attached list to conduct case management, speech therapy sessions, and attend child study team meetings during the summer for up to the hours and at the hourly 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 summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the employment of the staff indicated on the attached list to conduct child study team evaluations, and IEP writing at the 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 grants Kimbralynn Ward, paraprofessional at West End School, an unpaid leave of absence effective May 23, 2017 through May 31, 2017 for personal reasons.

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, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individuals indicated as district substitute security officers, at the rate of \$22.00 per hour.

Schucry Lujan-Flores

James Hurley

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, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Schucry Lujan-Flores as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

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 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 the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Assunta Scotto-D’Abbusco, Italian teacher at NPHS, 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; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Luke Ostrow, music teacher at Stony Brook and Somerset Schools, 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; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Molly Apezzato to serve as a volunteer assistant softball coach at NPHS.

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 Lennox Small, principal at 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; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective May 3, 2017 through May 30, 2017 using accrued sick and vacation days.

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 Vanessa Cabrera, paraprofessional at NPMS, effective May 17, 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 the Board of Education authorizes the attached job descriptions indicated.

ELL Facilitator
District Communications and Outreach Facilitator
School Based Communications and Outreach Facilitator

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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and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

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

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

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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye Bianka Butler – Aye 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 April 27, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
QQQ-16-17 prorated	6/11/02	MID	Piscataway High School	\$75,000.78/yr.

Transportation
\$17,664.40/yr. prorated

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopts the following school district budget for the 2017-2018 school year:

General Fund	\$ 56,893,206.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,562,644.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 1,114,613.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 60,570,463.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$ 30,534,258.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,114,029.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directed the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and submit this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval for advertising as required by law, and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive County Superintendent of Schools has reviewed the submitted 2017-2018 School Year budget and approved it as submitted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby established May 3, 2017 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorized the Superintendent and Board Secretary, having advertised this budget on April 26, 2017, does now adopt this budget as presented, and

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 pursuant to resolution passed January 4, 2017 authorizing the development of the annual Board of Education Meetings Calendar, the Board of Education does now adopt the Board of Education meeting calendar for the 2017-2018 school year per the attached listing of dates and times.

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 enrollment of NPHS as a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Athletic Association to participate in the approved inter-scholastic athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA at the fee of \$2,150.

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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with a public bid for nursing services for the 2017-18 school year:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, nursing services in the district are required to be submitted for proposals in order to be renewed for the 2017-2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, specifications have been developed based on the district needs and requirements related to providing nursing services throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, the district intends to award this service as professional contracted services; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Donald Sternberg the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary, is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to provide specification and receive proposals; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business administrator is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit proposals pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this resolution shall be effective 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 approves the use of Langan Engineering and Environmental Services, Inc. for the purpose of conducting a site and soil investigation, and determination of former heating oil underground storage tanks, believed to have been removed in 1991, formerly located at East End and West End Schools. And to provide all necessary documents and reports for presentation to the NJ Department of Environmental Protection as required, for a price not to exceed \$26,700.00.

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 Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing books for her classroom library at West End School at a total value of \$470.00.

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 story props to develop reading comprehension and English language proficiency during interactive read aloud activities in her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$721.00.

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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 Lauren Bamber to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing materials to create learning packets for district families to use during the summer months at a total value of \$412.60.

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 approving the first renewal year following the original bid year for the purpose of providing food management services for the district, for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2016 the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) awarded Maschio’s Food Service Company a contract for the purpose of providing food management services for the district; 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 Maschio’s Food Service, Inc., having offices at 525 E. Main Street, Chester, NJ 07930, completed One year of service and is compliant and eligible for renewal of services, based on the following;

Management Fee- the Local Education Agency shall pay Maschio’s an annual management fee in the amount of \$23,595.00 (Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars). The management fee shall be payable in monthly installments of \$2,359.50 (Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars and Fifty Cents) per month commencing on September 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Guarantee Return- Maschio’s guarantees a return to North Plainfield Board Of Education (LEA) in the amount of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars). In the event the actual bottom line of the operational report (total revenue from all sources less program costs, including the management fee) is below this amount, Maschio’s shall be responsible for any shortfall with the following conditions as outlined in the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board make the following renewal of contract;

Maschio’s Food Services, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for food services management for the total management fee of \$23,595.00 (Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five Dollars) and a guarantee of \$100,000.00 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to prepare and submit approved addendum to the NJ Department of Education and NJ Department of Agriculture an agreement applicable to this renewal.

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 approve pricing for paid lunch for the 2017-2018 school year pursuant to the Section 205 of the Health, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and federal paid lunch equity calculations tool as follows:

	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>2017-18 Price</u>	<u>Max. Allowable</u>
<u>Elementary</u>			
Paid Breakfast	1.50	1.50	2.00
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	2.60	2.75	3.75
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40
<u>Middle School & High School</u>			
Paid Breakfast	1.75	1.75	MS-2.25 HS-2.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	3.00	3.00	MS-4.00 HS-4.25
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40
Elementary A La Carte Entre = 2.75			
High School A La Carte Entre = 3.00			

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 Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the North Plainfield Board of Education for the 2016-2017 school year intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et. seq, N.J.A.C. Chapter 23, and Federal Uniform Administrative Requirements 2CFR Part200. Accounting and auditing services, advertisements, architect services, payroll processing services, third party administration 403b and 457, athletic reconditioning, athletic rentals, Attendance and Substitute Software, bonds, building repairs, bus transportation, cafeteria equipment, cafeteria services (Food Service Management Company), cleaning, Internet Services, conference, community notification systems, construction services, copier lease, course reimbursements, data/phone lines, dental benefits, electricity, engineering services, equipment - computer hardware, equipment – athletic, equipment – information technology, equipment – musical, facility upgrades and renovations, furniture and fixtures, energy, E-Rate consultant services, garbage collection, ground repairs, gas, health benefits, insurance - property, liability & casualty, HVAC Controls, HVAC Services, insurance broker services, legal services,

maintenance – computer, maintenance repairs, membership dues, natural gas, Network and IT Support, nursing services, occupational therapy, physical therapy services, physician services, postage, prescription benefits, printing, professional services - home instruction, professional services – athletics, purchase services – library, purchased services – security, repair and maintenance, required NJ Department of Treasury Pension Program, School Boards Association, school buses, Security and Fire Alarm.

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 Karen Lewis to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing headphones for her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$286.06.

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 Karen Lewis to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing Bouncy Bands and raw materials to enhance the makerspace in her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$165.35.

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 Carla Percevault-Basile to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of attending *Breathe for Change*, a 16-day professional development program at a total value of \$1,950.00.

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 Heather Morgan to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing natural phenomena to enhance science instruction in her classroom at West End School at a total value of \$637.59.

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 – Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2017 at 4:30 pm.

Communications – Next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

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 updated the board on recent legislation and congratulated Ms. Bond-Nelson on 25 years of service.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

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

New Business

There were none.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella thanked the board for supporting the curriculum and instruction work of the district. This year, the DBQ work is at the next level by committing to the online DBQ. Mr. Rowan scheduled PD for department members in February, teachers can begin to utilize the program. One of the high school social studies teacher made the following comment regarding the implementation of DBQ online for social studies: “My students and I thank you for the DBQ Project Online. A considerable number of students have commented on the added features and user-friendly nature of the online platform. The addition of DBQ Online will greatly enhance our ability to reach our students and assist them with the capacity to do document analysis, extract critical information and construct stronger essays.”

Suzy Sapega has been approved as a NEWSELA certified teacher. As a leader in the Newsela community, she will be eligible to provide in-school training and present at conferences, we are fortunate to have her available to support this important work with our staff. On April 20th, the Somerset Computer Club students, lead by technology teacher and adviser Megan Schutz hosted a Family Code Night where parents and children learned to write computer programs and control robots using Code.org and Lego activities. A special thanks to Christina Moscatello, Janeann Dickerson, Andrew Preble, Marcelle Farhat, Eileen DeMeo, Tatum Stein, Christian Agresto, and Colleen Strickland who volunteered and/or attended the populated event.

Professional development has been identified as a key element to addressing the needs of English Language Learners in North Plainfield. Multiple forms of feedback from staff have indicated that support in providing instruction most suited to the needs of our population is both needed and welcomed. A subcommittee of the BAC came together to formulate a professional development plan that would provide the greatest and most immediate benefits for all of our district faculty. In keeping with our philosophy For North Plainfield, By North Plainfield, this professional development will be created and delivered by our very own staff (administration will be trained and they will partner with the ESL coaches for

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turnkey) who are the experts in our midst. The two-year plan for professional development for all North Plainfield staff will include common professional development which will focus on 3 main areas (this will be on a common PDP and in service days will be dedicated to the topics): WIDA Levels and Language Acquisition, Social & Emotional Needs of ELLs and Strategies for Teaching ELLs in the Content Areas .

On May 15th, The Greater Somerset Administrators of Curriculum and Instruction will host several college/university teacher preparation programs to come to the county office to share an overview of their teacher preparation programs given the new state requirements. The goal of this meeting is to help districts determine how best to work with post-secondary programs to support future educators. Each college will have ten minutes to present their vision for the practicum and the year of student teaching to the group, followed by more individualized conversation.

On Thursday, April 27th, K-4 academic support teachers convened with Ms. Gregory and Ms. Meyer to discuss common expectations for Academic Support in all elementary schools, as well as current configurations for academic support teachers. The conversations centered upon what is working well and what needs refinement, as well as criteria for summer school and academic support. Revisiting school to school practices will allow for consistencies in expectations and, consequently, for a more accurate academic support assessment, overall.

The Summer School Think Tank convened last week to speak about Summer School and how we can maximize student learning and growth within a limited budget. The group spoke about structure and schedule, staffing, criteria and program of study. We have received applicants and will reconvene to review applications and determine the best fit for our K-4 students who qualify. A letter to parents has been drafted and will be sent home in May.

The attendance regulation for 7-12 is being rewritten to include proactive measures and communication with home in order to address attendance concerns before they become chronic. In addition, there will be a component that an ongoing appeals committee will utilize in order to determine how to ensure students are receiving and accountable for their learning when absent for long durations or accumulated periods.

In March, DEAC was a part of a brief training in Learning Walks and how they can be used productively and collaboratively (not in an evaluative sense). Stony Brook received a training and Ms. Kobylarz opened the school to our initial round of a “Ghost Walk, an environmental walk through seven volunteer classrooms without any students”. DEAC categorized noticing’s into the following categories: Learning Culture, Classroom Arrangement and Procedures. In May we will focus on wonderings and highlighting noticing’s and look forward to sharing the outcomes with SBS. ScIP Committees can use this with their schools and choose topics of their choice (with or without students in classrooms).

Ms. Basile has been accepted with a partial scholarship in Breathe for Change, an organization created by educators for educators that focuses on supporting educators’ well-being through yoga, mindfulness, and team building activities. This intense 16 day summer program in NYC teaches educators how yoga, mindfulness and social and emotional awareness and learning can be implemented into the classroom supporting students, staff and the community. Her intentions are to extend current practice and to bring many of

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these lessons into her classroom to support her students by giving them tools for self-care and peer support.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Teacher Recognition Program – June 6, West End School

Adjournment

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 17, 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 11:00 P.M. executive session for approximately 60 minutes and no action will be taken upon return to public session.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 11:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg