

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain 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 8 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 3, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes May 3, 2017.

Financial Report

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote that; the Board of Education approves the list of bills and payrolls dated April 30, 2017 in the amount of \$5,746,189.98.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote that; the Board of Education accepts the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of February 2017, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

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

Comments from the Public

Nancy Lubreski read a statement regarding reduction in guidance staff.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Yanqing Liang reported that Ms. Wickerhauser's AP Biology class and Ms. Letchantski's Biomedical class took a field trip to summit medical center to learn about prominent fields in medicine. They were lectured by six speakers, ranging from allergists to PA's, and even had hands on experience learning how to inject saline into an orange and suture bananas.

Tomorrow, the concert choir led by Mrs. Six will be attending a choral festival at Rutgers University, where they will be judge and critiqued. Last year, the festival was very successful for the concert choir and they anticipate the same success this year. Teen arts occurred earlier in the day and many performing groups went to RVCC to perform in front of a panel of judges. The groups that attended include the show choir and dance classes. Interact Club's success this year in its blood drive earned them a \$750 scholarship, which is to be split between three senior members. They also sent four sophomore girls to a leadership camp two weekends ago, which was a wonderful experience for the students to gain insight on taking charge.

The NPHS football team served as volunteers for 6th graders yesterday for the Somerset school field day. The senior prom, held last friday in the Westin, was a phenomenal event. The students were dressed in their best, and enjoyed dancing, eating and celebrating their hard work. The new representative, we will be introduced at the next board meeting.

Student Representative: Radha Patel reported that spring sports are coming to an end. The boy's tennis team got to the second round in the counties tournament. They were especially excited to finish off the season strong. The winter guard team went to Wildwood two weeks ago for the annual TIA Indoor Championship competition. They scored well enough in the prelims to move onto the final round. The girls and boys track teams are currently facing their final meets. The girls JV softball team is still running strong with an undefeated season, go lady canucks! The boy's baseball teams are finishing their season strong with only a few games left to wrap up the 2016-2017 season.

The annual Child Development Pre-School graduation was held two weeks ago. It was a marvelous event to recognize the young children's first step into their life of education. The celebration was wonderful as each preschooler was individually recognized along with receiving a diploma, reciting nursery rhymes, and enjoying the snack buffet at the end of graduation. It was pleasant to see the families of the preschoolers so proud of their little ones.

AP students had the opportunity to take exams that they have prepared for during the year, students will receive their scores in July.

Presentation

There was none.

Superintendent's Report

We are incredibly proud of Somerset School, informed last week that they are a National School of Character. We have been informed that North Plainfield is the first school district in Somerset County to have two National Schools of Character. On Friday, we will have the great pleasure of seeing Somerset School receive their State School of Character award at Rider University. Congratulations Somerset School.

We are also honored and proud to be recognized for Promising Practices at three of our schools.

East End School – Peer Tutoring Program

Through an application process, students in grades 3 and 4 were chosen as peer tutors for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders (primarily ELL and I&RS students). The 3rd and 4th grade tutors relinquish 2 recess periods each week in order to tutor the younger students in their classrooms.

West End School – Leader Readers

Leader Readers is a cross-grade literacy/mentoring program that builds reading skills, relationships and character while promoting leadership in character education themed meetings of older and younger students. 3rd and 4th graders partner read with students in Kindergarten and grade 1, using books that center on the district's core values.

West End School – Community is Unity

This community outreach program provides diverse opportunities for West End School to work and build partnerships on many levels with the school's families. Activities include cultural celebrations which honor diversity, character education presentations, and teacher-presented curriculum nights.

High School – ROTC Mentoring Program

Once a week, members of the NJROTC at the High School work with at-risk 5th and 6th graders at Somerset School. Through weekly activities in the Somerset School gym and time spent together in one-on-one conversations, the high school students develop mentoring relationships with the intermediate students.

Along with Ms. Onofri and Ms. Perdomo-O'Hara, meetings are occurring with our preschool parents to share information and invite inquiries about our school district. We are particularly interested in sharing information with the parents of those students posed to begin their student careers in North Plainfield and inquire of them what their expectations and hopes are for the learning experience of their children.

Recently, Ms. Prestamo, Ms. Vella and I met with Dean Pittman of Kean University to examine our continued student teaching relationship. As Kean is the state's leader in graduating teachers, we are anxious to build this relationship. We have been invited to consider a closer relationship as a professional development school and will be investigating those possibilities. Should that appear to be of benefit to the district we will dialogue further with the district's curriculum committee in an upcoming meeting.

The Greater Somerset Administrators of Curriculum and Instruction hosted a Monday meeting with several leading colleges and universities examining what student teaching relationships will entail according to the new requirements put forward by the NJDOE. In addition to a full year of student teaching, there are several other areas of change that

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districts and higher education must work on together. We are fortunate that the GSCCC put together this forum since so many of the colleges and universities are approaching this issue in slightly different ways. This forum provided an opportunity to examine what approach fits our district in the best manner and as a by-product would point to those colleges and universities whose student teachers we would host.

The annual Genocide and Holocaust Exhibit was hosted on Monday by North Plainfield Middle School. This exhibit is truly one that is unique to North Plainfield, is ever-evolving, and is a great source of pride, highlighting the Holocaust and today's issues of Genocide as critical points our students must keep in the forefront of their consciousness.

The TAP dinner is scheduled for this Thursday evening at Johnson & Johnson and always provides powerful testament to the skills and potential of our students. The district's partnership with Johnson & Johnson is one that we seek to keep strong and expand to other industry partners as well in the spirit of our CTE direction.

Tonight, I would like to acknowledge Ms. Sheila Stopper, a special education teacher at Somerset School, who will retire on July 1st.

After taking a 10-year hiatus from teaching to stay home to raise her 2 sons, Sheila Stopper was hired in 1994 as an in-class support teacher at East End School. Sheila was one of our first in-class support teachers to be hired in the district. She fondly remembers being assigned to a student that she followed from 2nd grade to 5th grade, all the while working with many great teachers who helped her immeasurably. When the construction of Somerset School was completed in 2004, Sheila was transferred there and taught 5th and 6th grade Resource and ICR classes. She has remained at Somerset School ever since.

I asked Ms. Stopper to share a small reminiscence about her time in our district. I will quote her here. "Along my journey, I have worked with so many wonderful children, teachers, staff, and administrators. I can say without question that I loved being a Special Education teacher in my hometown of North Plainfield."

Thank you, Sheila. You will truly be missed.

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 Sheila Stopper, special education teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective July 1, 2017, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Stopper 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 17, 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. Stopper.

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 Nina Pleasant, paraprofessional 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 eighteen years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Pleasant 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 17, 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. Pleasant.

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 Matthew Rennie, custodian at Harrison School and NPHS, effective May 12, 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 Cindy Dilts, driver for the district, an intermittent unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act effective May 8, 2017 through June 30, 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 following staff be

reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and May 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Christian Agresto (Social Studies/SSS)	Sociolinguistics & Cultural Foundations of ESL	The College of New Jersey	3	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
Caitlin D'Armiento (Elem./SSS)	Sociolinguistics & Cultural Foundations of ESL	The College of New Jersey	3	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
Kristen Ebbrecht (Sp. Ed./MS)	Statistical Methods I	Rutgers University	3	\$2,268.50	\$1,134.25
	NJ Special Ed Law	Rutgers University	3	\$2,268.50	\$1,134.25
Michael Mulry (Social Studies/HS)	US Const. Law	American Public University	3	\$1,100.00	\$ 550.00
Teresa Diller (Elem./WE)	Teaching Writing K-12	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
	Literacy Assessment	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50

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 individuals indicated as translators in the district at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Leslie Castillo
 Lizet Zuniga

Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara
 Martha Tejada-Schultz

Zoraida Otero
 Leah Glicksman

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 Doris Halley 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education corrects the salary rates of the tenured certificated salaried staff indicated on the attached list to the salary 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 approves the appointment of Karen Bissett as a district chaperone at the rate of \$28.35 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 substitute van drivers indicated at the rate of \$31.51 per hour.

Timothy Brennan

Amanda Perez

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 Robert Lake as temporary student liaison at Somerset School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this shall be effective May 9, 2017 through June 30, 2017. There is no change in salary.

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 to teach summer school between June 23, 2017 and July 28, 2017, for four hours per day at a rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Elizabeth Cirillo
Susan Garatino
Heather Morgan

Suzanne Dahlinger
Kourtney Gisonna
Mary West

Kelli Dunston
Alexis Holbrook

Substitute Teachers:

Keren Fonseca
Stefanie Martin

Elsy Castillo
Kathleen Porter

Susan Kagan
Brian Bigden

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 Katherine McDonald, elementary teacher at East End School, from the BA Guide to, effective June 1, 2017, MA Guide/Step 10 at the salary rate of \$63,150 prorated, to reflect her attainment of a Master's Degree.

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 donation of 7 sick days from employee #5796 to employee #5732.

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 Saida Clarke as an English teacher at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Saida Clarke shall be placed on BA/Step 15 and will be paid the annual salary of \$67,580. (Ms. Clarke will replace Jennifer Mariani.)

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 Tammy Scott to provide Foundations planning and training, as needed, at the rate of \$28.35 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

A motion was made by Ms. Butler, seconded by Mr. Fellin, and unanimously passed by roll call vote that resolutions A17 & A18 be voted on separately.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Milly Villatoro as a biliteracy kindergarten teacher at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Milly Villatoro shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the annual salary of \$59,430. (Ms. Villatoro will replace Patricia Russell.)

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Joanna Valdez as a biliteracy kindergarten teacher at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Joanna Valdez shall be placed on BA/Step 4-5 (4) and will be paid the annual salary of \$59,830. (Ms. Valdez will replace Kelly Schmitz.)

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

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

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 Kevin Slattery as executive secretary to the business administrator/board secretary for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Kevin Slattery will be paid the annual salary rate of \$60,000 prorated, effective June 1, 2017 or upon earliest release. (Mr. Slattery will replace Angelina Lowder.)

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 and 2017-2018 school years and the summer of 2017, the Board of Education approves the individuals indicated as ESL coaches for in-district training, as needed, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Annette Bicksler
Kate Moore

Gabriela Colon
Soyoun Ouh

Erika Gambuti

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 recommendation to appoint William Saccardi as a team leader at NPMS.

Further, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kimberly Annette to serve as a team leader at NPMS for the 2016-2017 school year at the stipend of \$550. (Ms. Annette will replace William Saccardi.)

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 James Horan to serve as an accompanist for the NPHS choral concerts, at a rate of \$150 per concert, for an amount not to exceed \$300.

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 donation of 25 sick days from employee #4569 to employee #5369.

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 all **paraprofessionals** indicated on the attached list at the hourly 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. – Abstain
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 transfer of Guido Carrano from daytime custodian at NPHS to daytime custodian at Harrison School and NPHS, effective May 22, 2017. (Mr. Carrano is replacing Matthew Rennie.)

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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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 Occupational Therapy Services:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, Occupational Therapy 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 occupational therapy 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 of Education authorizes Jessica Perdomo-O’Hara to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing a touch screen computer to provide interactive visual support to English language learners in her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$1,138.48.

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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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 a computer case, charger and adapter for the classroom laptop computer, and an easel for large book instruction in her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$173.11.

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 Superintendent of Schools to submit the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 Grant Application for FY 2018 as indicated.

Project Number: PERK2018
Name of eligible recipient: NPSD
Amount of allocation: \$32,078.00

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 Board of Education is awarding the following bid for the purpose of providing districtwide landscaping services;
WHEREAS, on May 11, 2017, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of the district wide landscaping services; and

WHEREAS, Two 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 *D’Onofrio & Son, Inc., having offices at 47 Van Ness Terrace, Maplewood, NJ 07040*, is the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the Project, with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$57,600 (Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars), plus two annual renewals for the 2018-19 and the 2019-20 school years both at \$57,600 (Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board make the following award of contract to D’Onofrio & Son, Inc., who is hereby awarded the contract for the service, for the total base bid sum of \$57,600 (Fifty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Dollars).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is subject to D’Onofrio & Son, 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
 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 following field trip:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
06/09/17	Dorney Park	NPMS	\$1,584.00	Contracted Bus

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 donation of ten obsolete and end-of-life laptop computers to the North Plainfield Recreation Department for use in conjunction with registration, per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianca 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 to be determined week of June 12, 2017.
- 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 provided an overview of recent issues and legislative proposals and various meetings.
- SCSBA – Mr. Fellin discussed the next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2017.
- SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed the next meeting.

Old Business

Mr. Sternberg provided an update on the lead water testing program in the district. All sampling has been completed and we are awaiting the test results.

New Business

Ms. Bond-Nelson conducted a review and discussion of the recently completed Board Self Evaluation.

Ms. Bond-Nelson confirmed date for Superintendent's evaluation June 20, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the following policies as revised:

6163.1 Media Center/Library
6164.4 Child Study Team
6171 Special Instructional Programs
6173 Home Instruction

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

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

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported Mr. Kushner and Ms. Vella drafted a 5-year plan on the Perkins Grant submission. The grant monies will allow us to offer a TSA and SkillsUSA club for middle and high school students. In addition, we will provide any student enrolled in any of the 3 CTE programs additional support in language arts and mathematics. The Technology Student Association (TSA) is a national organization of students engaged in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel. We hope to be awarded approximately \$32,000 from our approved CTE Program of Study to expand opportunities for our students.

Summer Academy letters have been mailed to families and materials are being reviewed by Supervisors. We are pleased with the planning and look forward to a meaningful and enjoyable experience for students. We are appreciative that the board is supportive of continuing the Summer Academy. The Biliteracy Academy brochure is complete. We will distribute to each staff member and provide the information to families during the KRA testing/parent meetings, Kindergarten Experience and the information session. In addition, the brochure will be available in various district locations. We have also created a Biliteracy Academy tab on our district website. Ms. Onofri is working with the preschool directors from Holy Cross and Growing Tree to plan the preschool information session for incoming preschool students. Both directors have agreed to participate in the session and Holy Cross has offered to purchase the book Summer Wonders for each student that participates.

A meeting was held with Ms. Sefchik to review planning for the 3 year Bilingual Plan we must submit to the NJDOE on June 30th. We are currently in a data collection phase and Ms. Sefchik is organizing artifacts to support our plan. On May 17th, North Plainfield School District will be recognized during the State Board of Education Special Recognition Ceremony. The following staff members will attend: Ms. Vella, Ms. Rosen and Ms. Feeney to represent the district. This yearly program spotlights outstanding achievements by schools and individual students as well as the Achievement Coaching work done by North Plainfield.

For this year's NPHS musical production of the Music Man, the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Program sent four evaluators to critique our production. The adjudicators gave the drama department valuable feedback, including many incredible compliments of our

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students' work. The shining elements of the production included Aurelia Polly's performance as the Mayor's Wife, with the evaluators comparing her to a young Kristen Wiig. Jasmine Lattimore and Christopher Monroy also received acclaimed reviews. The evaluators also complimented our costume and lighting design, and overall, thoroughly enjoyed their night at the theater.

The NJDOE will host live webinars in June to provide school districts with updates on 2017-18 school-year transitions to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The webinar series is designed to ensure New Jersey school districts are aware of how the changes to the federal law could impact the federal funds that school districts receive and how those funds may be used to address student needs.

Comments from the Public

Mr. Mc Govern commented on the school budget presentation.

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 and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at West End 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. 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 10:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg