

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 15, 2017 at 7:00 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 – Absent Notified
David Branan – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Absent Notified

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 2 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 March 1, 2017.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes March 1, 2017.

Financial Report

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated February 28, 2017 in the amount of \$5,837,432.03.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of January 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
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Yanqing Liang reported that we are slowly coming towards the showing of NPHS's spring musical, "The Music Man". The drama and choir departments are diligently rehearsing and running through the performance, in hopes for a spectacular performance next week. The TriM music honor society induction is scheduled to be held on March 29th.

Today, the mentors met with their freshmen, giving them tips on how to manage stress, and also tips on test taking in anticipation of PARCC. Senior mentor leaders are also beginning to evaluate eligible junior mentors who will take on the role of mentor leader for next year.

The third science league competition was held last week. The biology II team, which consists of AP Biology students. The HOPE club is continually collecting plastic water bottles for the Recycle Rally competition. To encourage participation, the HOPE club is launching it in the form of a contest for each homeroom. The homeroom that collects the most will earn a Dunkin Donut breakfast.

Late March and early April seniors will hear back from colleges. It is definitely a stressful waiting period. Next Friday is teacher for a day, which many seniors are excited about. Upon the finalizing of rankings, the top ten students from the class of 2017 have been notified and are deciding upon who to invite to the top ten dinner later this year.

Student Representative: Radha Patel reported that the track teams are working hard in their conditioning stage to get prepared for their first meet. The baseball and softball teams are also conditioning and getting ready for their first scrimmage. Boys tennis is also starting their season by having practices at the east end tennis court.

The art honors society is also working very hard to promote CARD (Caring, Appreciation, Respect and Determination) throughout the school. They are in the midst of decorating one locker in each hallway to display caring, appreciation, respect, and determination. After the lockers are done, they will be displayed for everyone.

In addition, the student activities council is working hard to create small candy bags to give out during the upcoming days of PARCC testing as a gesture to keep the canuck spirit up while going through the testing process.

Presentation

Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sternberg reviewed and discussed the proposed 2017-2018 School Budget.

Superintendent's Report

One of the areas we are almost most proud of in North Plainfield is our arts program. In particular, the spring musical is consistently a highlight of the year. Our Spring musical is The Music Man. It is being performed on March 23rd, 24th and 25th @ 7:30pm.

I was happy to receive a positive response last week to our district's request from the Freeholders regarding expanded transportation services for our students. As you may

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recall, we collaborated with Mayor Giordano on this request since many of our students rely on public transportation and were in need of direct access to RVCC. This expanded service will permit our students to travel directly to RVCC and at the same time opens increased options for travel to workplace sites along the route.

A realtor breakfast was held Friday with 14 area realtors participating. The realtors were shown a PowerPoint highlighting the many strengths of our district. Feedback was also elicited from the participants regarding feedback they receive from prospective clients and realtors were also asked for suggestions that would assist in allowing clients to see all that our schools have to offer. Mayor Giordano was on hand and spoke to the services of the municipality and the strengths of the community. The realtors were extremely appreciative of the opportunity and demonstrated a real desire to promote North Plainfield to their clients. Suggestions from the realtors will be incorporated into the district's ongoing communication efforts and outreach.

I would like to highlight a part of North Plainfield's Middle School report which included a March 2nd event where future members of North Plainfield High School's Class of 2021 attended "Family Night" in the high school cafeteria. The students and parents had an opportunity to hear and meet members of the high school's leadership team and district supervisors. The supervisors provided an overview of the various programs and courses that are offered at the high school. In addition, the current high school students discussed their transition from middle school and their experiences in high school. Taken together with the electives showcase that occurred in February, these efforts demonstrate a real outreach to better inform our parents and students about our course offerings and encourage students toward a plan of study prior that will better inform their four year journey through high school.

As part of an ongoing effort to hear concerns, ideas and respond to questions from our parent community, the third of four scheduled parent forums will occur next Wednesday evening at East End School. Originally scheduled for this evening, the event was moved on account of weather conditions and with the intent to accommodate as many parents as possible who may wish to attend. I look forward to the evening of dialogue and sharing the elements of our conversation with the board following that evening.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Shilpa Palawat as a temporary ESL teacher at West End School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 16, 2017 through June 30, 2017, Shilpa Palawat shall be placed on BA/Step 1-2 (1) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,540. (Ms. Palawat will temporarily replace Gabriela Colon.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the transfer of Christopher Davis from custodian at West End School to custodian/grounds and fields for the district, effective March 16, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Janice Hulik, paraprofessional at East End School, effective March 3, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Lydia Senyk as an instructor for the Extended Day Program at East End School, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between September 2016 and December 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Michael Mulry (Social Studies/HS)	Law & Public Policy	American Public University	3	\$1,100.00	\$ 550.00

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Marina Katseyeanis, student in the Dietetic Technology program at Middlesex County College, to complete an internship in the NPHS cafeteria from March 23, 2017 through May 4, 2017 with Mark Martinowich and Patricia Fragioudakis, employees of Maschio's Food Services.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of 15 sick days from employee #4954 to employee #5367.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as a district chaperones, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Noah Bell

Erena Russo

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of DeJohn Cataldo to serve as substitute boys' head track coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$7,952 prorated, effective March 3, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Philip Lensi to serve as substitute assistant boys' track coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$6,060 prorated, effective March 6, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin 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
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Suci Zavala-Torres, student at Raritan Valley Community College, to observe Patricia Russell, kindergarten teacher at West End School, for twenty hours.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approves reimbursement to the following employee for unused vacation days based on last day of service per the negotiated agreement and/or employment contract:

Name	Last Day of Service	Days	Amount
Michael Cain	March 15, 2017	6.66	\$1,129.14

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Christopher Nichols to serve as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at NPHS.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Katherine Palmer, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, a leave of absence effective March 8, 2017 and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence through April 18, 2017, or until released by her physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Linda Fagan, paraprofessional at NPHS, a leave of absence effective March 24, 2017 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick days until released by her physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Brian O'Neil as a temporary social studies teacher at NPMS for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 4, 2017 through June 30, 2017, Brian O'Neil shall be placed on BA/Step 1-2 (1) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,540. (Mr. O'Neil will temporarily replace Danielle Fauci.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Deanna-Marie Tomasso, student at Quincy College, to observe Gurpreet Kaur, family and consumer sciences teacher at NPHS, for four hours.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Sandra Orejarena as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 16, 2017, Sandra Orejarena shall be placed on paraprofessional Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.19 per hour, for 2.50 hours per day. (Ms. Orejarena will replace Elisabeth Schwarz.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the unpaid leave of absence for Monica Juarbe, paraprofessional at NPHS, from January 13, 2017 through April 7, 2017 to January 13, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of James DiPaolo to serve as head football coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$12,062. (Mr. DiPaolo will replace Mark Ciccotelli.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of 10 sick days from employee #4569 to employee #5277.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PUPIL SERVICES

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin 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

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
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective February 28, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
ZZZ-16-17	2/23/01	MD	Piscataway Regional Day School	\$45,721.00/yr. prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the attached draft calendar as the 2018-2019 school district calendar.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective March 8, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
AAAAA-16-17	1/5/01	ED	Hunterdon Preparatory School	\$53,403.00/yr. prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective March 20, 2017. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
SSSSS-16-17	12/6/05	ED	NuView Academy	\$62,160.00/yr. prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

FINANCE, PURCHASING AND AGREEMENTS

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated February 28, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated March 15, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopts the following preliminary 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 proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction that will enable all students to achieve the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education direct 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establish May 3, 2017 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorize the Superintendent and Board Secretary, upon approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, to advertise this budget on or about April 26, 2017.

BE IT FINIALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education now adopt this budget as presented and that this resolution take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield establishes, that included in the amount determined to be necessary for the general fund and in the corresponding amount to be raised for taxes, is the use of Banked CAP, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-39 in the amount of \$299,945.00 (Two Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this additional revenue is necessary for the payment of charter school tuition anticipated in the budget year, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these funds will not be deferred or incrementally completed in a future budget year, and

BE IT FINIALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education now adopt this authorized additional revenue as presented, and that this resolution take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approves the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Technology as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017-2018; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide technology to all students attending a nonpublic school located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the technology to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon technology which may include equipment, software, professional development and/or maintenance of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enter into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2017-2018 school year, and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District pay the State-approved administrative percentage (5% in 2017-2018) of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to cover the SCESC's cost for administering the program. The SCESC will invoice the District for technology items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program and State-approved administrative percentage of the total amount spent as reimbursement for administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Textbooks as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **WHEREAS**, 18A:58-37-1 et seq., as amended by Chapter 121, Laws of 1984, requires that the state and local community purchase and loan textbooks upon individual request to all students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 grades in nonpublic schools located within the local school district; and,

WHEREAS, no Board of Education is required to expend funds for the purchase and loan of textbooks in excess of the amounts provided in state aid; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the purchasing and processing of nonpublic school textbooks for local public school districts for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District enters into an agreement with SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2017-2018 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq., and as authorized by the District. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District agrees to pay the total amount allocated by the State of New Jersey Nonpublic Textbook Program and a 6% administrative fee not to be paid through State program funds to the SCESC by August 31, 2018 or 30 days after State funding is announced, whichever is first. The 6% administrative fee will be waived if all other nonpublic program services for the District are provided by the SCESC. Any unexpended funds will be refunded to the local district.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nursing Services as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **THIS AGREEMENT** is made the 1st day of July, 2017, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors, acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing auxiliary services and any other service or supply provided under grant guidelines to eligible students attending nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, and the Rules and Regulations governing nursing services to nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible nonpublic schools within its district to assure equal access to specified nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed to contract with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to said legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.
2. The SCESC will provide services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school within the limitations of State funds and according to State guidelines:
 - a. Nursing services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school. The services shall include:

- 1) Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening
- 2) Screening of hearing
- 3) The maintenance of student health records and notification of local or county health officials of any student who has not been properly immunized
- 4) Scoliosis examinations of students between the ages of 10 and 18
- 5) The extension of emergency care provided to public school students to full time nonpublic school students who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to NJAC 6A:16-1.4 and 2.1(a)4. These health services include:

The emergency administration of epinephrine via epipen pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40 12.5;

The care of any student who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school-sponsored functions;

The transportation and supervision of any student determined to be in need of immediate care; and

The notification to parents of any student determined to be in need of immediate medical care.

The nursing services provided to nonpublic schools shall not include instructional services.

3. The SCESC shall purchase nursing supplies for nonpublic schools, if requested, with remaining funds after required nursing services are provided as per the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and with authorization by the Public School District.
4. The SCESC shall contact the nonpublic schools within the district and determine the services they will require within the parameters of the law and limitations of funds.
5. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
6. The Public School District agrees to pay to the SCESC a sum equal to the full funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for nursing services to nonpublic schools within its district pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 226 Laws of 1991. Payment shall be made monthly during the school year and forwarded to SCESC within sixty (60) days after district's receipt of the SCESC's monthly invoice of services provided and supplies purchased. See Attachment A for rate charged for nursing services. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the payment as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Nursing Services Program implementation. In the event a Public School District fails to remit the funds to the SCESC, the SCESC shall have the right to give notice of discontinued services.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals. A certified copy of the Public School Resolution is annexed hereto.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nonpublic Instructional Services – Chapters 192/193 as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **THIS AGREEMENT** is made the 1st day of July, 2017, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, County of Somerset, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing New Jersey's Chapter 192 and Chapter 193 programs to eligible students enrolled full time in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey. Chapter 192 programs provide nonpublic school students with auxiliary services such as compensatory education, English as a second language, and home instruction. Chapter 193 programs provide nonpublic school students with remedial services such as evaluation and determination of eligibility for special education and related services, supplementary instruction, and speech-language services.

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-6, 8, 19.1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193), N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192), and the Rules and Regulations governing auxiliary services to nonpublic schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities within its district; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7; as authorized by the Public School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2017 through and including June 30, 2018.
2. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available.
3. SCESC will provide the Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities.

- a. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - b. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.5. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Service Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed as per State guidelines during the year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.6. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Service Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be given in lieu of regular classroom instruction to an eligible student who is enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school and is unable to attend school for 10 consecutive days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year due to temporary or chronic health condition or need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting. The teacher providing the instruction will be appropriately certified for the subject and grade level in which instruction is given pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).
4. SCESC will provide the auxiliary services in examination and classification to nonpublic school students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will

be conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3(c) by appropriate certified personnel.

Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries.

All nonpublic transportation funding will be allocated according to State guidelines.

5. For the Auxiliary services of Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction and Corrective Speech services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 10% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193, based on the active roster of students, which will be considered the official enrollment, and provided to the Public School District through monthly invoices of services rendered.
6. For the Auxiliary services of Examination and Classification, and Home Instruction described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 100% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year per pupil by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193 when services are rendered. The SCESC will submit monthly billing of services rendered.
7. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapter 192/193 program implementation. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
8. It is the responsibility of the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within ten (10) business days.
9. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within sixty (60) days following receipt of invoices for such services.
10. The Project Completion Report for Chapters 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District by July 30.
11. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.
12. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the distribution, collection, processing and preparation of the Request for Additional Funding Under the Provisions of Chapters 192/193 required by

the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the Laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Business Administrator may act as the local district's agent by filing for Additional Funding Under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the website for submission of the requests.

13. Due to the wide variation in district calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
14. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
15. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:

The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

16. The SCESC will act as the signer of all 407 forms for Chapters 192/193 student services on the behalf of the North Plainfield School District as permitted by the New Jersey Department of Education guidelines, for the July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 school year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that Pursuant to the official action taken at the meeting of the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), held on March 15, 2017, the Board agrees that the Somerset

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County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), administer the district's Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act funds, pursuant to the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Grant Application, on behalf of the District. The Services shall be limited to those permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations.

The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2018.

The District agrees to pay the Commission the monthly amount of the Nonpublic School IDEA proportionate share grant funding in support of the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. The following payment schedule is hereby agreed to: 100% of the monthly services as defined in Attachment A plus any other fees for services allowable by law with prior District approval. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

In the event the District fails to remit the funds according to the schedule indicated above, the Commission retains the right to postpone service under this contract until funds are released.

The parties agree that if the District shall no longer be eligible for funding pursuant to the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, or if such funding shall terminate, either party may terminate this agreement.

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible Somerset County nonpublic schools identified by the District's grant application and as authorized by the District. Also, the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

The Commission will provide an annual report of I.D.E.A. funded services, equipment and/or technology and provide input into the grant process for each school served.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District and the Board of Directors of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission have by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the following special education transportation jointure with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2017-2018 school year:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **WHEREAS**, the North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, and public school students for the 2017-2018 school year to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

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WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of contract costs plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC, payment will be made according to the billing schedule to be provided. Said formula shall be based on the route costs(s) divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on the actual cost. Any balance due back to the district will be made by June.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby approved to enter into a service agreement with the SCESC for said service.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Security as follows:

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that **WHEREAS**, the Nonpublic Security Aid Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2017–2018; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic Security Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for non-public school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide security services, equipment, and technology to the nonpublic schools located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the security to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon security which may include security services, equipment, and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enters into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will

administer the Nonpublic Security Aid Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2017–2018 school year and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will invoice the District for security items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the Nonpublic Security Aid Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approves an amendment to the contract for Aspire Payroll Inc. for the purpose of providing bookkeeping services for the administration of the district’s student activity account starting March 27, 2017 through June 30, 2017 in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approves Lightpath Inc., to provide internet and phone connectivity July 1 through June 30, for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 school years at the annual cost of \$42,000.00 per year as per the proposal and contract provided.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
03/21/17	NP Police Department	East End	\$93.00	District Bus
03/22/17	NP Police Department	East End	\$93.00	District Bus
03/27/17	NP Fire Department	East End	\$93.00	District Bus
03/29/17	NP Fire Department	East End	\$93.00	District Bus
05/02/17	Johnson & Johnson	NPHS	\$139.00	District Bus
05/05/17	Grounds for Sculpture	NPHS	\$155.00	District Bus

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Correspondence

There were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.
Communications – Next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
Curriculum – Next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.
Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for March 30, 2017 at 5:30 pm.
Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.
NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed recent legislation. No meeting scheduled at this time.
SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for April 27, 2017.
SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Sternberg stated nothing new to report regarding lead water testing program in the district.

New Business

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that the Board of Education approve for second reading the following new polices:

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| 4149.25 | School District Provided Technology Devices to Staff Members |
| 5118.2 | Foster Care and Educational Stability |
| 5141.20 | Life Threatening Food Allergies |

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Thomas Allen – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
David Branan – Aye

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported that Raritan Valley Community College has reviewed the Cisco Academy curriculum at NPHS and has concluded that our Cisco curriculum meets the necessary standards to be eligible for college credit and advanced standing in two Cisco academy courses at RVCC.

The SIOP Train the Trainers occurred over three days last week, and three of our teachers were accepted into the program. We are debriefing today to plan how we will rollout training to the district teachers over the course of the next two years.

During the monthly supervisors meeting we discussed the Advanced Placement exam classes. It was decided that teachers will be hosting a meeting in late spring with students enrolled in AP classes for 2017-18 school year. Expectations, common summer assignments and a contract will all be reviewed to afford greater alignment in AP classes across departments.

The district will be providing curriculum training for all approved curriculum writers in summer 2017. We are finalizing a standardized UbD (Understanding by Design) curriculum template to refine our focus upon units and common benchmark assessments. A draft of the template and training was shared with the supervisors, once we transition from draft form, the document will be shared with the board.

We are reviewing attendance for the middle school and high school, and refining letters and procedures for mailings for the remainder of the school year. In planning for next year,

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procedures will be instituted to support regular attendance by students and provide interventions and steps for administration, guidance and school personnel to assist in streamlining the process.

Members of the BAC subcommittee have been conducting school visits to observe and learn about different models for ELLs in order to bring biliteracy work to fruition for our kindergarten students next year. School districts visited have included Englewood, Elizabeth, Princeton and others. A debriefing session was held on Friday and the committee is prepared to share recommendations with the Biliteracy Action Committee on Thursday, March 16th. Once the committee has met, we anticipate presenting all subcommittee recommendations to the April Curriculum Committee.

Stony Brook has been piloting Morning Meeting this year in three classrooms using language arts, read aloud, kinesthetic teamwork. Each meeting begins with a greeting, share and message. Stony Brook is interested in training all teachers, and several teacher from the other elementary schools would like to pilot the program in the upcoming year. A discussion took place with two leaders from Old Bridge and Livingston where morning meeting is cemented into their school environment. They graciously shared training practices and materials, and we hope to bring a demonstration of morning meeting to the board to highlight how it is used.

PARCC will begin the week of March 27th, and we will have a 30 day window to complete all testing. All refusals had a deadline of February 27th and we have followed up on any received requests with a letter to families stressing the importance of having all students represented in the testing; especially as this is a graduation requirement for current seventh grade students and has assisted many of our current seniors in meeting the necessary graduation requirements. We will continue to make ourselves available to families and students should they have any questions and concerns. The NJ ESSA plan includes a component to count any refusals as a non-passing score when calculating the school proficiency scores in the upcoming year.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)
Character Education – April 5, Ms. Fields & Mr. Jaime
School Performance Reports (tentative) – April 19

Adjournment

Mr. Branan 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, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one and a half an hour.

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

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Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg