

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on November 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. Branán 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, Mr. Branán requested the call of the roll:

David Branán – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Absent - Notified	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent, Student Representatives Yanqing Liang and Radha Patel and approximately 6 members of the staff and public.

#### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept to accept the public session minutes of October 19, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of October 19, 2016.

#### **Financial Report**

There was none.

#### **Comments from the Public**

There was none.

#### **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Yanqing Liang reported that the Girl Tennis season ended last week, with the JV team playing against Cranford on Wednesday, and the Varsity season ending off with a victory against South Plainfield. The Girls and boys soccer team had concluded their seasons this week. The Girls Field Hockey had their senior night game last Monday.

The Men's Night of Singing was held on Thursday, with male singers from across the district, including the elementary and Somerset school, gathered together to put on a performance. The Drama club is currently working on their performance of "Curtains". HOPE Club is currently fundraising for various activities through selling bags of daffodil and tulip flower bulbs. The Debate Club have been preparing

throughout the week for their conference in Franklin. Today, they met and had a debate in regards to the upcoming election. The Food Drive organized by the Interact Club is ongoing. They also had their fall season Pancake Breakfast for senior citizens this past Saturday. Currently, they are working on Operation gratitude, a project in which they are collecting candy to donate to American troops and their families.

Mentors will meet with their mentees Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss the topic of self-esteem and how important it is to maintain respect for oneself and have courage to take on challenges in high school. Colleges such as Brown University and the Rutgers EOF have visited NPHS, as seniors apply for early application.

Student representative: Radha Patel updated the board on fall Canuck sports. The lady canucks varsity soccer team won in their senior night against Manville with a score of 5-2. The boys' varsity soccer team won in against Manville with a score of 5-0. This previous Saturday, the Marching Band competed at Ridge High School and won second place with the color guard getting the title of "best color guard". This Sunday, they will be in Allentown to compete in nationals. The cheerleaders are having their first competition this Sunday at SASH. In addition, the successful cross country team is off to states, the final meet of the year at Monroe.

Today after school was the first meeting of Heroes and Cool Kids for this 2016-2017 school year. These students are the mentors for students at Somerset School. Just like our mentors in the high school, they are a group of dedicated students who help advise the younger students who greatly benefit from having them as role models. Our "heros" and the cool kids work year round and develop skills that are hard to do on a daily basis. Programs like this help make our students leadership abilities stronger.

### **Presentation**

Mr. Thomas Bailey presented an overview of a program titled "Newsela" which provides leveled text current event articles and is used throughout the district in all grade levels.

### **Superintendent's Report**

October 20th, combined committee and subcommittee members of the Biliteracy Action Committee came together to review critical features of Dr. Field's ELL consultation report and to begin planning for subcommittee work moving forward. Members of each subcommittee met and chose facilitators, established preliminary goals and set dates for their first meetings. Dates have been set as well for the umbrella committee as follows: November 29th, January 10th, March 16th, May 23rd. A total of 22 teachers and administrators have volunteered to engage in this critically important work. Updates will be provided to the board corresponding with the committee meeting schedule.

We are pleased to share that Dr. Stephenson has received an invitation from the NJ Schools of Character for the high school to present to the State Board of Education on December 7th. At this time, representatives from the high school will share the components that contributed to NPHS' designation as a National School of Character, as well as the continued work that is planned to further character education both at the high school and

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throughout the district. We are very proud to see our high school's achievements and priorities shared with those who have the greatest influence on policy and programming in our state.

As shared in the middle school update, on Wednesday, October 26th, the grade 8 students had an opportunity to see "Lock Down" in the auditorium. The play was performed by the high school drama students. Following the 25 minute production, the high school students and middle school students engaged in dialogue that addressed the concepts of bullying and ethical choices. This event combined elements of character education, student leadership and service learning. This is truly work we can be very proud of, and we also recognize that it is often the messages from peers that are heard most loudly and most effectively by our students.

The second North Plainfield Middle School sign has been installed, and now we have prominent lettering on the front of the building near the gym entrance and in the rear of the building where so many of our students arrive in the morning. The signs are an important part of the continuing work of establishing a unique middle school identity. Many thanks to Mr. Mathis for his work in seeing through this effort.

As shared in West End School's update, on Thursday, October 20th, families and teachers came together for a Spaghetti Dinner. The focus of the evening was on study skills in the area of reading and the importance of attendance in school. Marilyn Quinones gave a presentation to the parents, while the students set goals for themselves. Everyone enjoyed the dinner which was sponsored by the North Plainfield Education Association and planned by the West End F.A.S.T. committee. This event is noteworthy, as it demonstrates our families, school and teachers' association working together on two of our most critical issues - literacy and attendance. Both are efforts that continue to receive attention in all our schools and which so many continue to develop through their focus and efforts.

On Friday October 29th, representatives of the Plainfield-North Plainfield Rotary made their annual distribution of dictionaries to students at East End, West End and Stony Brook Schools. This is an event our students truly look forward to each year as do the members of Rotary. We thank Rotary for their support of learning and their ongoing commitment to our students.

The Columbia University Saturday Reunion was, once again, an inspiring event. Eight of our teachers joined Ms. Vella and me on October 23rd for a series of workshops delivered by leading experts in the areas of reading and writing. Author Dav Pilkey delivered a keynote that spoke of his challenges including both an ADHD and learning disabilities diagnosis and the positive impact from both his parents and an individual teacher that nurtured in him a love for reading. We are already looking forward to the spring reunion session on March 18th.

Extracurricular activities have long been understood to develop students into well rounded individuals, complementing classroom instruction with real life experiences, opportunities for service, creativity and focused pursuit of knowledge beyond the confines of the curriculum. The board of education in North Plainfield has continued its historical support of a variety and high quantity of opportunities for our students. It is important that we continue to examine the many benefits of such offerings and I have asked Dr. Stephenson to coordinate a presentation to the board, examining our high school's current activities. Once a date has been confirmed, I will add this to our board presentation calendar.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools  
Personnel

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Meghan Reeves as supervisor of the arts for the district for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Meghan Reeves will be paid the prorated annual salary rate of \$105,647, effective January 1, 2017. (Ms. Reeves will replace Thomas Mazur.)

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Cynthia Fitzpatrick, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2017.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jennie-Rebecca Eure, paraprofessional at NPHS Bridge Program, effective November 4, 2016.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Joelle Bruno as a district chaperone, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Rebecca Visintainer as the spring musical choreographer at NPHS, at a stipend of \$2,854.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as instructors for the East End School extended day program, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Ridhima Bajaj  
Stefanie Martin  
Kathleen Porter

Jill Fogary  
Melissa Mejia

Kitty Jedra  
Megan McFadden  
Arielle Reale

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as tutors for Math Lab at NPHS, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Therese Boulanger  
Michelle Cruz

Christina Cruz  
Rebecca Young

Substitute: Teresa Thompson

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to supervise the Saturday and afterschool detention program at NPMS, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Krista Daniskas

William Saccardi

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as tutors for PASS at NPMS, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Nicole DiTrani  
Andrea Schmidt

Aimee Michalski  
Kristen Didyoung

Soyoun Ouh  
Staceyann Louis

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper 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 July and October 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Christine Mattei (English/HS)	Gender & Text	Southern New Hampshire University	3	\$1,881.00	\$ 940.50
Edison Torres (Asst. Principal/MS)	Conflict Resolution	East Stroudsburg University	3	\$1,410.00	\$ 705.00
	Leadership Case Study	East Stroudsburg University	3	\$1,410.00	\$ 705.00
	Leadership Applied Practice	East Stroudsburg University	3	\$1,410.00	\$ 705.00

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Jessica Hernandez as a non-instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective November 3, 2016, Jessica Hernandez shall be placed on Paraprofessional Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.19 per hour, for 7.50 hours per week. (Ms. Hernandez will replace Patricia Garcia.)

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the previously granted unpaid leave of absence for Kate Friedman, English teacher at NPMS, **from** effective September 1, 2016 through November 11, 2016, **to** effective September 1, 2016 through November 30, 2016.

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the employment of Joshua Kalmikoff as a temporary English teacher at NPMS, **from** September 6, 2016 through November 11, 2016 **to** September 6, 2016 through November 30, 2016. (Mr. Kalmikoff will temporarily replace Kate Friedman).

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the increase in curriculum revision hours for the staff indicated, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, not to exceed the hours indicated.

<b>Curriculum</b>	<b>Hours Approved June 2016</b>	<b>Additional Hours</b>	<b>Staff Member</b>
Grade 6 ELAL	12.5	4	Michelle Sandoval
Grade 6 ELAL	12.5	4	Melissa Hunton

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the students indicated for Junior Practicum.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>College Name/Program</b>	<b>School/Class</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cooperating Teacher</b>
Robert Flanagan	Kean University	MS/Fine Arts	Spring 2017	Tammy Mackiewicz
Sara Helmy	Kean University	MS/English Language Arts	Spring 2017	William Saccardi

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Molly Grainger, prospective Master’s level student, to observe Colleen McCarthy, district occupational therapist, for twelve hours over the course of two days.

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individual indicated as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

Ricardo Torres

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Nancy Rodino, media specialist at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, effective February 1, 2017.

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignments of the paraprofessionals indicated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Antonina Chwialkowski	8.75 hours per week	21.25 hours per week
Janet Quinteros	12.5 hours per week	19.25 hours per week

David Branan – Aye  
 Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Kasper – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby adjusts the previously approved recommendation for the retirement of Roger Graubard, social studies teacher at NPHS, **from** effective February 1, 2017 **to** effective June 30, 2017.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

**Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with a report regarding HIB incident #

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and the investigation which was conducted following this complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to this matter as well as the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the results of the investigation; and

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

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David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the attached Annual Nursing Services Plan.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the course adjustments indicated.

Driver’s Education modified from 11<sup>th</sup> grade to 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Dance classification modified from Physical Education to Performing Arts

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the new course proposals indicated.

AP Statistics  
Dance III

Child Development II  
Latin American History

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of University Behavioral Health Care to provide bedside instruction as needed, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education amends the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 23, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
LLLLLL-16-17	4/11/01	ED	Somerset Secondary Academy Alternative To Suspension	\$357.00 per day

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the establishment of the Bridge Program as a behavioral disabilities class at NPHS for the purpose of a program request to the New Jersey Department of Education Somerset County Office.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

### **Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing three Spheros and three sets of Bloxels for her classroom at West End School at a total value of \$477.22.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Nancy Rodino and Melissa Hunton to apply for the Target Arts Education Grant to provide funding for an artist-in-residency program at Somerset School at a total value of \$10,000.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 18A-7a-10 establishes the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for evaluating performance of each school district, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the district is based upon five key components of school district effectiveness: instruction and program, personnel, fiscal management, operations and governance, and

WHEREAS, in 2016-2017, the North Plainfield School District must complete a District Performance Review (DPR) and complete the annual Statement of Assurance (SOA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby approve the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education of the

District Performance Review and Statement of Assurance as certified by the Chief School Administrator and Board President.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of SD Gameday to provide substitute athletic trainers on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$50 per hour.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the district's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2016-2017 school year:

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

**WHEREAS**, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of North Plainfield School District are consistent with these requirements, and

**WHEREAS**, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the North Plainfield School District hereby authorize the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the North Plainfield School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

**Correspondence**

There was none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – Next meeting scheduled for December 8, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for November 29, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper provided an update on recent meetings and issues in education.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned that on December 1, 2016 Somerset will hold a meeting on topics of transgender students.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

There was none.

### **Current Events in Education**

Ms. Vella reported that North Plainfield was selected to participate in the English Language Arts/Literacy Field Test for the spring 2017 PARCC assessments. Field testing is a required part of the statewide program and will be embedded in the assessments for 2017. All students in tested grades will participate in the field test. This will not change the testing schedule, and will excuse us from 2018 selection process.

Mr. Kushner recently attended NGSS elementary conference on October 18th, with a team of teachers from North Plainfield. They were afforded the opportunity to work together to better understand the components of the NGSS. Teachers were provided an opportunity to act as students during a Next Gen lesson. Heather Morgan led the group and helped each of the teachers with their questions and concerns along the way. The day ended with time dedicated to developing lessons that teachers can implement into our curriculum at each grade level. Ms. Morgan and Mr. Kushner will work together so we can provide local support to our teachers as they become more comfortable with the task ahead.

North Plainfield hosted training for paras after school. The initial training was based upon a survey administered at the close of the 2015-2016 school year. The survey was focused on areas in need of further professional learning for paras by teachers and paras. Attendees learned about the classifications most seen in district: Specific Learning Disability, Communication Impaired, Emotionally Disabled and Other Health Impaired. They learned about the characteristics of the disability and were provided with strategies to best meet the needs of our students. Small groups were provided with scenarios and attendees needed to develop a plan of action on how to deal with the behavioral or academic needs. The presentation was posted to Google classroom and all paras will be invited to join so they will have the information at their fingertips.

For the 2016-17 school year, the Curriculum Committee has approved moving Driver Education to grade 10 and classifying Dance as a performing art only. In addition, the

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following course proposals were accepted: AP Statistics, Dance 3, Child Development 2 and Latin American History.

The NJ Student Learning Standards will need to become a part of all of our curriculum documents in September 2017. Currently, the math and language arts departments are reviewing the standards and the crosswalk to identify critical changes needed.

The School Counseling Department hosted a Senior/Latino Financial Aid Family Night on Thursday, October 20th. Information including high school graduations requirements, attendance requirements, the college application process and navigating the financial aid process were presented. Counselors were available to answer questions following the presentations, which were delivered in both English and Spanish. Over 50 families were in attendance and were pleased with the information they received. Financial aid PowerPoints in both English & Spanish will be posted on the counseling webpage. Upcoming Counseling Department events include our first Fall College & Career Fair on Friday, November 4, 2016 and our Underclassmen Family Night on Tuesday, November 15, 2016.

### **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org))

Preschool Update – Ms. Michelle Onofri November 16, 2016

Milestone Awards – Dr. McLaughlin, December 7

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one and a half an hour.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg