

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on November 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. Branan 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. Branan requested the call of the roll:

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – 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 10 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 with; Ms. Butler abstaining to accept the public session minutes of November 2, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote with; Ms. Butler abstaining to accept the executive session minutes of November 2, 2016.

Financial Report

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the list of bills and payrolls dated October 31, 2016 in the amount of \$6,104,421.05.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson 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 September 2016, 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.

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

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

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Yanqing Liang reported that on Monday, a Veteran's Day ceremony was held in honor of those who served our country. As of Tuesday, the first marking period has concluded. We are one fourth way through the school year, which is a bittersweet reminder for seniors such that our time at NPHS is slowly coming to an end.

College fair was held in the high school gymnasium two weeks ago, with schools such as Rutgers, Lincoln Tech and NJIT. The fair was beneficial for seniors, especially for students that are undecided. Students from the AP and Honors Calculus classes attended a workshop on Actuary Science sponsored by Prudential. The event provided information on risk and insurance.

The Interact Club's Operation Gratitude, collected candy and oral hygiene products for troops and first responders they collected over 50 pounds of donations. This was the first event which ended today and was a great success. The Food collection will conclude this Friday. Interact members have started preparations for the Blood Drive, which scheduled for December 2nd.

The Debate team had a conference and NPHS secured two victories. The Choral Department is preparing for their annual Cabaret Dinner showcase night which will be held Friday, November 15th. The National Honor Society is preparing for their induction, while Rho Kappa History Honor Society is conducting interviews next week for officers.

Student representative Radha Patel updated the board on fall sports. The marching band and winter guard's performance for Nationals was held in Allentown, Pennsylvania and was a success. The varsity football team had their NJSIAA 1st round game against Monmouth Regional High School this previous Thursday. The canucks won with a score of 34 to 21. The football team has been working hard. The cheerleaders had the opportunity to bond with the Monmouth cheerleaders, show casing the meaning of true sportsmanship. The football team has there last game for the season scheduled for Thanksgiving against South Plainfield. Spotlight on athlete, Sefa Kolubah varsity cheerleader. He is a cheerleader for NPHS and the all-star cheerleader for Central Jersey (CJA). He is dedicated to NPHS, and represents the school in a prestigious all-star cheerleading team.

Presentation

Ms. Onofri and Ms. Vella presented an overview of ongoing programing and review of activities of the private preschool providers.

Dr. Jerard Stephenson presented an overview of the State Board Presentation as National School of Character.

Superintendent's Report

Congratulations to our newly re-elected board members, Ms. Bond-Nelson, Mr. Fellin and Mr. Kasper. We are thankful for your commitment, your leadership and for all you do to support the work of our schools on behalf of our students.

Last Wednesday evening, the West End School Library was dedicated to the memory of Ms. Beth Sobel. Mr. Luis, Ms. Quinones, Ms. Kobylarz and the West End faculty representatives all contributed to a celebration of Ms. Sobel's lasting imprint on the West End School community. The students' two musical renditions really served as a poignant reminder of Ms. Sobel's constant focus on children. Many thanks to the entire board for their support of this endeavor.

Michelle Onofri has shared that grants she applied for last year through NPEA have been awarded. This consists of \$1200 for 3 family events for math, literacy and summer learning packets. Each family will receive a bag of materials and activities to support learning at home. The first event will be held in early December. We are truly enthusiastic about the continuing progress of our preschool program and the efforts of Ms. Onofri and the preschool staff to support families as they prepare their children for their educational experience.

The District Character Education Committee had its first meeting of the year on Tuesday afternoon. Eileen Dachnowicz attended and worked with our district representatives to operationally define our four core values in terms of the work each school is conducting. This will help to continue the underpinnings of our character education efforts throughout the school community. Dr. Stephenson also shared the presentation that will be made to the State Board of Education on December 7th.

The district's attendance committee held its first meeting of the year on Thursday, November 3rd. This year, K-4 efforts planned in 2015-2016 will be put into full effect and plans will be made for students in grades 5-8. We were quite satisfied that chronic absenteeism decreased in all K-4 schools as a result of last year's efforts. It is well documented that student achievement and outcomes increase with regular attendance at school. Our approach is one of support and intervention and we look forward to working with student families to continue the upward trend of attendance for all students in our schools.

East End School recently welcomed their first edition of the new school newspaper, *The Mustang Monthly*. All featured articles are written by fourth grade students in the Newspaper Club. Every month, members of the group gather in the "newsroom" to discuss upcoming topics, research topics and write articles for submission to the paper. Each month the paper will "spotlight" a different staff member, announce upcoming school events, provide current events, review selected books, include sports news, and even showcase a comic section. School newspapers offer a unique opportunity for students to apply their writing skills – congratulations are offered to our student writers at East End School and to the faculty facilitators, Mrs. McDonald and Ms. McFadden.

The Fall College Fair took place on Friday, November 4th during periods 1-4 in the gym at NPHS. Representatives from many colleges, in and out of state, were present, as well as

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Army and Marine representatives. The Fall fair is targeted primarily toward seniors who are still making final decisions. All the college representatives commented upon the quality of our students' questions and interactions. We are looking forward to future college events, which will include a series of instant decision days and the Spring college fair.

Included in the operations update for this meeting was an important note concerning the roofs at the high school/middle school. An infrared survey was completed on the building roof and indicated weathering of roofs 'F' and 'T', but no moisture content. Restoration was recommended. Roof 'V' did contain wet insulation and replacement was recommended. A purchase order has been placed with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. to restore two roofs, and replace one roof at the High/Middle School. Further updates will be provided by Mr. Mathis as this project progresses.

A meeting will be held on Thursday morning in the county office to review requirements for our district's QSAC review. Details concerning this review will be shared with the board. Many thanks to Mr. Branan for serving as the board's representative on the QSAC committee.

On Thursday evening, the newest members of North Plainfield High School's National Honor Society will be inducted. We are proud to recognize outstanding students who who meet the rigorous requirements for inclusion in this society and who demonstrate excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Tonight, we would like to salute Mr. Roger Graubard who has truly created impact in our school district and in the lives of the students he has taught and coached.

Roger spent the early part of his career in residential treatment education and the private sector. He then decided to come home to North Plainfield and began working in the Adult High School both as a teacher and the director. For 10 years, beginning in 2000, Roger taught at the middle school, and then at the high school for the past 6 years. Simultaneously, he directed the high school alternative program beginning at its inception in 1998. In 2006, Roger returned to coaching which has included middle school boys baseball, high school girls soccer, and high school girls and boys tennis. On this happy note, we extend our congratulations and a small token of our thanks to Mr. Graubard.

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 WHEREAS Cynthia Fitzpatrick, 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 sixteen years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Fitzpatrick its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

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RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on November 16, 2016, 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. Fitzpatrick.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 WHEREAS Nancy Rodino, media specialist in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective February 1, 2017, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Rodino 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 November 16, 2016, 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. Rodino.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 May and October 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Gabriela Colon (ESL/WE)	Teaching Writing	Rutgers University	3	\$2,034.00	\$1,017.00
	Leadership II	Rutgers University	3	\$2,034.00	\$1,017.00
	Social Contexts II	Rutgers University	3	\$2,034.00	\$1,017.00

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 leave of absence for Angela Steger, special education teacher at West End School,

from effective September 26, 2016 through February 3, 2017, **to** effective September 26, 2016 through February 20, 2017.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 Kelley Albanese as a temporary special education teacher at West End School, **from** effective September 26, 2016 through February 3, 2017 **to** effective September 26, 2016 through February 20, 2017. (Ms. Albanese will temporarily replace Angela Steger.)

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 Stephen Frost, payroll bookkeeper for the district, effective January 5, 2017.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 grants Marybeth Heaney, paraprofessional at Somerset School, an unpaid leave of absence effective November 1, 2016 through November 28, 2016, or until released by her physician.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 Allison Barth as a special education teacher at East End School for the 2016-2017 school year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective November 22, 2016 or upon earliest release, Allison Barth shall be placed on BA/Step 3-4 (4) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,740. (Ms. Barth will replace Maryclare Haubruck.)

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 Somerset School extended day program, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Jennifer Mariani
Ellen DeMeo

Marcella Moreno
Sabrina Cruz

Substitute: Laurie Pfundheller

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Amber Henderson to serve as a volunteer assistant to the athletic trainer at NPHS.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 rescinds the recommendation to appoint David Hooker as an assistant boys basketball coach at NPHS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Courtne Mooney an assistant boys basketball coach at NPHS for the 2016-2017 school year at the stipend of \$6,824. (Mr. Mooney will replace David Hooker.)

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Daisy Cardona, student at Raritan Valley Community College, to observe Isabel Roca-Lizarazu, Spanish teacher at NPHS, for six hours.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 teacher indicated to present teacher-training workshops for in-district teachers, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, for the hours indicated (total hours include preparation and teaching).

Course Name	Staff Member	Total Hours
Developing Your Own Math Assessments in Compass Learning	Aimee Michalski	2

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 student indicated for Junior Practicum.

Student Name	College	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Nicholas Tyson	Kean University	Somerset & Elementary/PE	Spring 2017	Andrew Taylor

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the teachers indicated to facilitate NEWSela training for in-district teachers, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, on an as need basis.

Staff Member	School
Thomas Bailey	NPMS
Nora Leary	NPHS

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Abstain
 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 with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Dorian Parreott II, instrumental music teacher at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, effective February 1, 2017.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Abstain
 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 with; Ms. Dodd abstaining 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.

Denise Reid

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jose Delgado, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, effective November 28, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of David Hooker as the boys basketball coach at NPMS at the stipend of \$5,626.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to appoint Sally Reagan as a testing facilitator at NPMS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Julie Lafferty as a testing facilitator at NPMS for the 2016-2017 school year at the stipend of \$500. (Ms. Lafferty will replace Sally Reagan.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote with; Ms. Dodd abstaining that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Erick Dodd to serve as a volunteer boys basketball coach at NPHS.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Abstain	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 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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David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective November 17, 2016.

<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

Further, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective November 17, 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	\$46,890.00/yr. prorated

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective November 1, 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
QQQQQ-16-17	11/23/97	ED	Greenbrook Academy Academy Alternative To Suspension	\$73,627.20/yr.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the funds necessary to exceed the amount budgeted for Preferred Home Healthcare by \$30,000.00 to meet the nursing needs of students placed in out of district schools.

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated September 30, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated November 16, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the disposal of out of date, damaged, and/or irreparable Telephones, Computers, Televisions, and VCR’s located at the West End, East End, and the High School as indicated on the attached list.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications (ACT) PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING OF TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES

WHEREAS; The North Plainfield Board of Education agrees to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Cooperative Pricing System 65MCESCCPS and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO). The ESCNJ shall be the lead Agency for this program. All current and future members of the ESCNJ Cooperative Pricing system are invited to participate in the Alliance for Competitive Telecommunications, which is intended to fulfill school districts obligation under 18A:55-3 and offer other co-op members a competitive pricing model.

WHEREAS; The Co-op Member shall provide the awarded vendor with accurate data, i.e. telephone line numbers, locations and any other appropriate information necessary for the provision of service.

WHEREAS; The Co-op Member may accept the contract award to the successful vendor(s) for such services as may be needed if it is advantageous to do so. The Co-op Member shall not withdraw from this agreement if they award a contract to the named vendor(s).

WHEREAS; The Co-op Member understands that the services to be provided under this cooperative purchasing agreement may include dial tone/local calls (where available), regional toll calls, long distance toll calls and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) when such option is chosen by the participating Co-op Member. The ACT program also includes Wide Area Network Connections, Internet Access and Hosted Phone and Fax Services. All fees for the work of the MRESC and the expenses of NJASBO will be incorporated into the price for services as provided by the successful vendor(s). A 3% fee has been established and will be incorporated in the bid specifications.

THEREFORE; This participation agreement was approved at a regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education Co-op Member held on November 16, 2016 and the Co-op Member authorizes the execution of this agreement.

David Branan – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 accept 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
Bianka Butler – 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 and accepts a donation of \$711.00 from the 7-Eleven Corporation for the purchase of Lego engineering kits for the Lego Club at Stony Brook School.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – 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 – Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

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

Negotiations – Next meeting scheduled for December 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper reviewed recent legislation and new issues.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for December 1, 2016 at SCVTS.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Joint meeting agenda items were discussed, joint Meeting with NP Borough – December 12, 2016

New Business

Mr. Sternberg updated the board on business office staffing.

The board authorized a special meeting for November 22, 2016 at 6:00 pm to be held at East End School Community Room.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported that on November 1, 2016, the North Plainfield School District Technology Plan for Digital Learning Review was approved by the Department of Education. This plan will be implemented through June 30, 2019. RVCC worked with a team of elementary teachers today on a model NGSS lesson. An elementary teacher (coached by Heather Morgan) presented a NGSS lesson to her class and afterward, RVCC representatives, along with Mr. Kushner and several elementary teachers followed a discussion protocol to reflect upon the teaching strategies.

The RVCC College Readiness Now grant will be used with the Algebra II students in academic support this year. As a result of the grant, our students will have access to MyFoundationsLab (online program) will be used twice a week. This is a continuation of our multi-year CRN partnership with RVCC.

Somerset School was granted a \$10,000 Target Arts Education Scholarship. The value of maximizing our students' experiences with the arts is critical and the hard work of Ms. Rodino, Ms. Hunton, Ms. Harrington and Ms. Kania is truly appreciated and

commended. Dr. McLaughlin and I look forward to meeting with Mr. Sainte-Rose and Mr. Jaime to discuss the implementation.

The supervisors have been meeting and discussing scheduling practices for the upcoming year in order to maximize teaching and learning. One decision is to ensure that AP and Honors classes will not be combined next year. We are currently reviewing concurrent enrollment and how to maximize those experiences.

Supervisors are reviewing the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) to prepare for the September 2017 implementation. Ms. Meyer and Ms. Gregory have reviewed the crosswalk between the NJSLS and NJCCCS and the changes are minimal. Plans will be underway to ensure all curricula is updated with the new standards.

The Prudential Workshop on November 4th was a success. Our students were interested in actuarial studies and the representatives from Prudential were informative and knowledgeable about futures in the field. Students studied the application of probability and statistics and the correlation to insurance work. Board member, Bianka Butler, connected us to Ms. Romano and made this event possible for our students. There is no doubt some career paths will be impacted as a result.

Professional day on November 8th was an engaging and informative experience for teachers. All staff attended the second session for the Achievement Coaching module, and were provided time to work in the PLC. In the afternoon, supervisors led 6-12 teachers in the departmental work and elementary teachers were provided choices in workshops led by North Plainfield staff.

Our DEAC committee met and discussed items including questions from staff, SGO scoring ranges, and a FAQ method. DEAC members participated in a scoring activity (3b & 3c) after viewing a teaching video. They would like to lead each school staff through the SCIP in the same activity.

Ms. Meyer led the math department in analyzing PARCC Evidence Based Statements and created a Google Doc to share "noticing" about the data. Afterward, in preparation for midterms, high school teachers focused on creating common assessments, and middle school teachers worked on common performance assessments. Somerset school teachers discussed incorporating open-ended questions into daily lessons and assessments, Compass Learning, MAP testing, and Carnegie Learning. The Social Studies Department spent the afternoon working on unit planning, creating common assessments/benchmarks, and midterm projects.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Milestone Awards – Dr. McLaughlin, December 7, West End School

Reorganization Meeting- January 4

November 16, 2016

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at East 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 Executive Session will last approximately one and hour. Executive Session will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at West End School. It is anticipated that the executive session will last one half an hour.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 8:55 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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to reconvene to public at session at 9:10 pm.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg