

September 21, 2016

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on September 21, 2016 at 7:30 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
Bianka Butler
Sandra Dodd
Linda Bond-Nelson

John Fellin, Jr.
Thomas Kasper – Absent Notified
Kathleen Mullen

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 approximately 2 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the public session minutes of September 7, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of September 7, 2016.

Financial Report

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated August 31, 2016, in the amount of \$3,046,084.25.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote 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 July 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.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Yanqing Liang

Reported that they are looking forward to sharing news and whereabouts of the school at each board meeting. Since the school year began, clubs and activities have held their first meetings and recruitment of new members. Throughout the summer, mentors they have been working hard training and helping at orientation. They have also met with the freshmen class for a second time last Thursday to inform students about getting involved and joining activities. Freshmen field day was a success, and mentors were able to bond with their mentees and other freshmen.

This week is Spirit Week at NPHS, Monday, students wore pajamas, Tuesday was twin day, Wednesday, was save the world, where students wore superhero gear, Thursday is throwback Thursday, and Friday is spirit day. Hallway decorating will be held on Thursday after school, where each grade competes for the best decorated hallway.

The National Honor Society recently elected new officers and are planning to begin after school tutoring in the upcoming weeks. Interact Club began their annual food drive, collecting food items for the local food pantry.

Student Representative: Radha Patel

Reported she is honored to represent at board meetings with Yanqing Liang. Canuck sports are off to a great start this season. Canuck varsity boys' soccer is undefeated with a record of 4-0. The Canuck field hockey team recently defeated Kononia Academy with a score of 1-0. Varsity football team defeated Delaware Valley Regional High School with a score of 28-7. They will be play Governor Livingston High School at a home football game, this Friday, which is also the NPHS homecoming game.

Prior to the homecoming game this Friday, during school, we will hold our annual fall pep rally. The class of 2017 will surely be rooting for their class as it is bittersweet that this is their last year of high school.

The annual NPHS homecoming dance will be held this Saturday, September 24th. The theme of homecoming is "A Hollywood Night". Students will walk down the red carpet, showing off their dress attire. This week could not end any better than the students being able to enjoy themselves and dance the night away at homecoming.

Presentation

Mr. Stuart Buckman discussed and reviewed the recently signed Memorandum of Agreement with local law enforcement. There were no substantive changes from prior year.

Superintendent's Report

On October 13th Dr. Stephenson, Ms. Sloan and Ms. Mattei will travel to Washington DC and attend the 2016 National Forum on Character Education at which time North Plainfield High School will be presented with its award as a National School of Character. The honor serves as both recognition of the work that has occurred over many years to promote a spirit of cooperation and a climate of respect while at the same time serving as a challenge to continue the work and further develop practices that commit to positive messages of caring, appreciation, respect and determination in all that we do.

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In the area of character education, I am happy to share that Ms. Vella and I recently met with Eileen Dachnowicz and planned her continuing work with the district for 2016-2017. Specifically, Ms. Dachnowicz will work with Somerset School towards its effort to be a School of Character, and she will work with East End, West End and Stony Brook Schools on their applications for promising practices. Ms. Dachnowicz will also continue to assist us as we continue our work in the area of service learning.

Mr. Taylor has reported the successful distribution of 1:1 devices within the first week of school time frame to students at the high school. This is a significant advancement from previous distributions that occurred over several weeks. The technology staff is congratulated for the quick distribution this year in what will total 1,011 devices (230 Chromebooks to freshmen and 781 iPads to all other grades). As we progress in the 1:1 model, it is critically important that students and teachers have devices and technology capability as we begin our very first days of instruction.

The search and interview process for a new Supervisor of the Arts position is underway. Preliminary Meet and Greets have occurred last week and are continuing this week. Ms. Vella has scheduled time for input from the music and arts staff relative to the traits and areas of focus they would like to see in the next supervisor. September 30th has been tentatively set as the date for interviews of the finalists.

The work to increase our substitute pool is continuing. Ms. Prestamo conducted a mass substitute interview day on Monday, September 12th with assistance from Ms. Armento and Ms. Sefchik. As a result of their efforts, 13 additional substitutes were accepted and are being processed. Ms. Prestamo has also shared that we have our first two individuals committed to guaranteed three days per week of sub service - a new option we are offering substitutes who would like a greater guarantee of continuous work. These individuals will report on their assigned three days of the week to the high school, and they will accept the first call in coverages. Ms. Prestamo has also created flyers promoting the availability of substitute positions, which are in the process of distribution and will also be placed on the district's social media.

Lettering for the North Plainfield Middle School has been successfully installed outside the Middle School Gymnasium entrance, providing a clear sign of the Middle School identity for those entering the school. We are looking forward to year two for our stand alone middle school and the many exciting events that will occur in the months ahead for our 7th and 8th graders.

On October 13th, the first of four Parent Forums will occur at 7pm in the high school. Parent Forums are an opportunity for parents to visit with me in a meeting free of a set agenda to share ideas, questions or concerns. These meetings are intended to continue the expansion of district communication which takes the forms of Honeywell messages, website information, social media outreach and face to face opportunities designed to grow the partnership between families and schools that is vital to the mission of learning.

Back to School Nights have begun. Back to School Nights emphasize the importance of the parent-school partnership as together we seek to unlock the potential of our students and to set the stage for the positive impact that potential will unleash. We know Back to School Night is just that first step on our path together, hand in hand, throughout the school year. Parent forums, literacy nights, math nights, family engagement for our ELL learners, special education parent forums, PTA and PTO involvement, guidance nights for parents

.....are all examples of times we come together. The everyday communication between teachers and parents is equally and perhaps even more important and I congratulate our teachers for the many types of outreach they employ to assist in that dialogue between home and school - Class Dojo, the Remind Me app, Google Classroom sharing, email correspondence, phone calls and conferences all testify to the synergy we seek to foster, providing supports on both sides of every child, from school and from home, pulling them towards ambitious goals we know they can achieve.

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. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Ada Pinzon as a non-instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 22, 2016, Ada Pinzon 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. Pinzon will replace Claudia Capodiferro.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Salina Vitale	Leasya Ingram	Danielle LaFredo
Jennie Rebecca Eure	Evan Dickerson	

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

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals as substitute teachers at the NPHS Alternative Program, at the rate of \$32.00 per hour.

Debra Ledger	John Burke	Kathleen DelVecchio
Alison Gomer	Charles Jairdullo	Nicole Hawker-Daniel
Nora Leary	Lucy Pimpinella	Alexander Rocha
Thomas Schwab		

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

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between July and September 2016.

Name	Course	School	Crds	Paid	Reimb.
Joelle Bruno (School Counselor/HS)	Counseling Perspectives in Human Dev.	Kean University	3	\$2,318.00	\$1,158.00
Teresa Diller (Elementary/WE)	Teaching Literacy to English Lang. Learners	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
	Theory & Practice in Literacy Education	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
Kelly Feeney (Elementary/WE)	Curriculum Development In Elem. School	Rutgers University	3	\$2,295.75	\$1,147.88
Christine Mattei (English/HS)	Shakespeare	Southern New Hampshire University	3	\$1,881.00	\$ 940.50
Adriana Pequeno (English/HS)	Studies in Literature	The College of New Jersey	3	\$2,517.84	\$1,258.92

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Michelle Onofri to conduct preschool training for up to 8.5 hours, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated for curriculum rewriting, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Curricula	Maximum Hours	Staff Member(s)
Kindergarten Reading	25	Ines Simoes
Grade 1 Reading	25	Kitty Jedra
Grade 2 Reading	25 (shared)	TaraVenturino-Scott, Elizabeth Cirillo
Grade 3 Reading	25 (shared)	Kelly Feeney, Heather Shealy
Grade 4 Reading	25 (shared)	Mary West, Meghan Musumecci, Rachel Padian
Grade 5 Reading	25 (shared)	Caitlin D’Armiento, Eleftheria Fiotakis

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

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

Name	From	To
Doreidy Lopez	HS/18.75 hours per week	HS/17.50 hours per week
Andrea Torres	HS/17.50 hours per week	HS/18.75 hours per week

David Branan - Aye

Bianka Butler - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd - Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to co-curricular advisory positions, at the stipends indicated.

Name	Co-Curricular Activity	Stipend
Kavita Pavan, Olga Wickerhauser	H.O.P.E.	\$1,579 (shared)
Cristina Gonzalez	Junior Class Advisor	\$2,164
Shara Gilchrist-Hamilton	Step Team	\$1,365
Danielle Martini	American Sign Language Honor Society	\$1,187
Christina Cruz	Freshman Class Advisor	\$1,746

David Branan - Aye

Bianka Butler - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd - Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michael Mulry as a computer facilitator at NPHS, at a stipend of \$1,000. (Mr. Mulry will replace Charles Rowan.)

David Branan - Aye
Bianka Butler - Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
Sandra Dodd - Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Garry Noel as a district substitute bus driver, at the rate of \$31.20 per hour.

David Branan - Aye
Bianka Butler - Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
Sandra Dodd - Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Marcella Moreno to supervise the Saturday detention program at NPHS at the rate of \$80 per session.

David Branan - Aye
Bianka Butler - Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
Sandra Dodd - Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education adjusts the hours of Mary Thomsen, LDTC, from 100 hours to 102 hours, to conduct child study team case management.

David Branan - Aye
Bianka Butler - Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
Sandra Dodd - Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Kelley Albanese, paraprofessional at NPHS Bridge Program, an unpaid leave of absence effective September 22, 2016 through February 3, 2017.

David Branan - Aye
Bianka Butler - Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
Sandra Dodd - Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the hours of the instructional paraprofessionals indicated, effective September 14, 2016.

Name	From	To
Catherine Grundman	EE/21.25 hours per week	EE/22.50 hours per week
Irene Kakas	WE/16.25 hours per week	HS/17.50 hours per week
Elisabeth Langmaack	SB/17.50 hours per week	SB/22.50 hours per week
Denise Cruz	SB/16.25 hours per week	SB/18.75 hours per week

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

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff members as Google coaches at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, as needed for training.

Sabina Astafovic
 Vincent Del Priore
 Cara Colabelli
 David Hooker

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves Julie Lafferty as the district HIB coordinator.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Victor Roque, Jr. as a temporary music teacher at

Somerset and West End Schools for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 22, 2016 through December 23, 2016, Victor Roque, Jr. shall be placed on BA/Step 3-4 (3) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,740. (Mr. Roque, Jr. will temporarily replace Dorian Parreott.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to appoint Rebecca Visintainer, dance teacher at NPHS, to teach an additional class.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education adjusts the hours of Catherine Sapila, non-instructional paraprofessional at East End School, **from** 10 hours **to** 20 hours.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Joarlynn Fernandez as an elementary teacher at West End School for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective November 1, 2016 or upon earliest release, Joarlynn Fernandez shall be placed on BA/Step 1-2 (2) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$58,540. (Ms. Fernandez will replace Kathleen Dolan.)

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

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 22, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
JJJJJJ-16-17	5/28/01	AUT	Piscataway Regional Day School	\$41,400.00

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective October 4, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
KKKKKK-16-17	9/29/05	AUT	Calais School	\$60,478.20 prorated
David Branan - Aye		John Fellin, Jr. - Aye		
Bianka Butler - Aye		Sandra Dodd - Aye		
Kathleen Mullen – Aye		Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye		

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 19, 2016 through November 2, 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
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following curricula:

Reading Grade K	Reading Grade 1
Reading Grade 2	Reading Grade 3
Reading Grade 4	Reading Grade 5
Biology: Grades 9-10	Project Lead the Way

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the submission of the North Plainfield School District’s “School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*,” as per the attached report.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 20, 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
PPPPP-16-17	1/31/99	OHI	Greenbrook Academy	\$73,627.20

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated July 31, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin 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 September 16, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves and accepts a donation from Mr. Jim Maloney for Heather Morgan’s classroom project at West End School for \$75.00.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing floor pedals, bouncy bands, sitting walkers, pencil fidgets, and active stools for her classroom at West End School at a total value of \$382.09.

David Branan - Aye
 Bianka Butler - Aye
 John Fellin, Jr. - Aye
 Sandra Dodd - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing four Chromebooks for her classroom at West End School at a total value of \$905.08.

David Branan - Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye

Bianka Butler - Aye

Sandra Dodd - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Karen Lewis to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing three activity tables for her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$960.75.

David Branan - Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye

Bianka Butler - Aye

Sandra Dodd - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Maria Lopez to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing four activity tables and six floor pillows/soft seats for her classroom at East End School at a total value of \$898.64.

David Branan - Aye

John Fellin, Jr. - Aye

Bianka Butler - Aye

Sandra Dodd - Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for September 29, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for October 18, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for September 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Mr. Branan mentioned request from Borough Council for joint meeting with the board of education. Dates, location and time are to be determined.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported that on a new pilot program that will be implemented into three classes as a double period program for the 2016-2017 school year. The program entails one section of 6th, 7th and 8th grade as double periods. Students will use Compass Learning as the primary computer software portion of the course. Students will have the opportunity to work in their learning paths created by the MAP test and teacher created assignments based on the current corresponding curriculum. Ms. Meyer is researching the possibility of piloting Carnegie in the classroom. MAP and Compass Learning have been critical components to the North Plainfield School District and will be utilize in both programs for instruction.

In an effort to assist with better understanding the instruments and programs more deeply, we took a closer look at how we use MAP and Compass Learning to drive instruction and learning. Administration and teachers feedback were instrumental in the decision for implementation of the pilot program. MAP testing will continue to be required in mathematics and will no longer be required in reading/language arts. MAP is still available for teachers that would like to continue utilizing the program in reading/language arts. Compass Learning in math and reading will still be used as a teaching resource.

Debbie Loprete attended East End this Friday to work with the general education and special education co-teaching teams for the ICR work. They discussed effective co-teaching strategies, and she will be visiting classrooms, coaching and offering feedback. Her work with the teachers will be driven by their requested needs and her recommendations during the visits. I&RS teams will meet with Branching Minds this week with the intention to: solidify team composition; create a work flow chart; finalize forms and letters; and ensure that Branching Minds is woven seamlessly into the process.

Google leaders from our district will attend the Google for Education for New Jersey Leadership Academy on Tuesday, October 11th. They have partnered with Middletown Township Public Schools to showcase how schools are using Google for Education tools to engage students and deliver improved learning outcomes. There leaders will have the opportunity to share in our experiences and learn how others have facilitated systemic change in their district. Innovative teachers will discuss ways they have incorporated Google tools into lessons, and local district IT administrators will share their experience managing Chromebooks and GAfE.

North Plainfield Public Schools is looking forward to working with the New Jersey Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (NJ SNAP-Ed) to provide nutrition education to our students. This project will bring resources into our school(s) to provide higher levels of nutrition education. Nurses have requested that SNAP-Ed accomplish this aim by providing: mini-lessons (10-20 minute lessons); education for events such as health fairs, workshops, or exhibits; posting of and/or distribution of nutrition education materials; and entertaining nutrition education videos.

Three teachers and a counselor at Stony Brook School are piloting Responsive Classroom Morning Meeting in their classroom and are already finding great success. With the support of administration, they will be attending a December workshop in New York to become district experts that can train elementary staff in other schools. Responsive Classroom Morning Meeting is an engaging way to start each day, build a strong sense of

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community, and set children up for success socially and academically. This work has come from our Code of Conduct Committee and several school site visits to an elementary school in Old Bridge last year.

The PD Brochure for our schools is in the final stages of review before it is made available to staff. This year, many of the offerings were refreshed, and the Google Coaches will play an integral role in continuing the work with technology.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Testing Results – Ms. Michele Armento, 10/5

Violence, Vandalism & HIB Report – Dr. McLaughlin, 10/19

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg