

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on February 3, 2016 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. David 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. David 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; Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator as well as Brenda Okereke and Yanqing Liang, Student Representatives, 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 approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of January 20, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of January 20, 2016.

Financial Reports

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Brenda Okereke reported that the Canuck Mentoring program has begun and the nomination process for next year's mentor leaders and office positions are available. The current mentor leaders, presidents and officers gathered to suggest junior mentors who have exemplified leadership in the program and these nominated mentors will go through an interview process in the coming weeks.

Recently we hosted the annual senior Mr. Canuck Contest. The funds from the event support Project Graduation and also ensured a fun night for all participants. The contestants showed off their street-wear, swimwear, formal wear and their talent on stage. Shawn Wallace was named Mr. Canuck 2016.

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The senior class hosted a highly profitable volley-cheese tournament. Several volunteers were involved in making the night a success. Competition ran high in the end the “Fly Guy\$”.

The Arts department, Drama cast and crew are working diligently on their upcoming presentation, “A Chorus Line” which is sure to be a great show.

Yanqing Liang reported that the varsity cheerleading had a competition last weekend they placed first in their division and third place overall. Cheerleader Sefa Koluba scored first place in jumps out of a group of cheerleaders from other schools. A selected group of drama club members attended the Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey and performed in front of judges. A few students placed top 10 in individual categories, which generally consists of about 80 performers. The five students who were accepted into the NJ Regionals state choir had their concert this weekend which was a success.

The Junior and Senior class councils have begun to discuss their proms, including themes venues, etc., tentatively scheduled for May. The junior class also hosted a Smash Brothers video game tournament, which was another success. Since Valentine's Day is coming, many clubs are planning sales. The Interact Club will be selling cupcakes and Hope club will be selling flowers.

Presentation

Ms. Eileen Dachnowicz provided an overview of the Character Education Programs in the district.

Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that Somerset School received Honorable mention as NJSCHOOL of Character from character.org. NPHS was designated as State Schools of Character for 2016.

Superintendent Report

I am tremendously proud to announce that Somerset School has been recognized as a NJ School of Character Honorable Mention for 2016. This designation takes into account the multi-layered aspects of character education occurring in our 5th and 6th grades in terms of service learning, mentoring, Girls on the Run, MALES program and perhaps most importantly - curriculum infusion where character development is a daily part of classroom instruction. Typically schools who apply for this recognition are first seen as Emerging Schools of Character and then progress forward. It is a tribute to the long standing work in place at Somerset that they have received this designation in their first round of consideration.

It goes without saying how proud we are that North Plainfield High School has been recognized as a NJ School of Character. This designation takes into account the many practices in place at the high school including the Canuck Mentors, Heroes and Cool Kids, Interact and Service Learning in our Environmental Science Program. In both instances it is important to emphasize that we see the recognitions as confirmation that practices are in place that will take us to even newer heights.

The board will note that Ms. Delaney, our Director of Pupil Services, has submitted her letter of retirement. We recognize her many years of service to the district and will actively work with Ms. Delaney during her time in district to transition leadership to ensure the very important work of this department remains supported and successful.

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Mr. Tarnofsky has reported that the relocation of the Alternative Program to Harrison School on January 14th went extremely well and posed no disruption to students or classes.

NJSBA has invited Ms. Vella and me to participate along with Dr. Tim Purnell of Somerville in a podcast program broadcast, Conversations on New Jersey Education - "Making Social Media Work for Your District". The podcast will start promptly at 12:39pm and end promptly at 1:15Ppm on February 2nd.

Ms. Prestamo has initiated work on a staff handbook and has started a project to make staff job descriptions available to our staff in a shared Google Drive. I believe that the North Plainfield staff will find these items to be valuable resources. Ms. Prestamo will continue efforts to make information and guidance available as part of the mission for Human Resources in our district.

Work is underway with the Code of Conduct Committee with a goal to develop a comprehensive Core Values based PK-12 Code of Conduct. Subcommittees have been assigned to policy development, regulation development, school handbook statements and systemic interventions. We anticipate concluding our work by April and presenting policy and regulations for the board's consideration.

As the board of education is aware, our district was recently named as a member of the *innovateNJ* Community. A representative team from the district will be attending a March 21st Community Convening where we will share North Plainfield's innovative experiences and expertise with other school districts across from the state. We will also be preparing a video spotlighting the innovative practices and programs that North Plainfield has implemented thus far. This video will be scheduled for submission to the NJDOE on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016. We are proudly looking forward to sharing the many practices that show our district to be unique, effective and progressive.

I recently attended a meeting of the North Plainfield Municipal Alliance where approval was given to fund two Girls on the Run Programs in North Plainfield, one at East End School and the other at Stony Brook. Total funding for these two projects was \$3800. I would like to express the appreciation of our district to the Municipal Alliance for their valuable community partnership not only in this instance but as a support for our schools and students through advisement, grant partnering and financial support of other programs throughout the year. It is a true example of community working together.

Recommendations from the 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 Louise Eyring, special education teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective July 1, 2016, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Eyring 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 February 3, 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. Eyring.

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 WHEREAS Daryl Robinson, head custodian in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that he wishes to retire effective July 1, 2016, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Mr. Robinson its thanks for the service he has given and best wishes for his 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 February 3, 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 Mr. Robinson.

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 accepts the resignation of Sandra Deller, special education teacher at Stony Brook School, effective April 4, 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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education grants Lauren Paich, Spanish teacher at NPHS, a leave of absence effective May 23, 2016 or sooner, if necessary, using

accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act effective September 1, 2016 through November 4, 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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between September and December 2015.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Adriana Pequeno (English/NPMS)	20 th Century American Literature	The College of New Jersey	3	\$2,608.33	\$1,304.17
Adam Strugatch (Technician/HS)	Introduction to Networks	Union County College	3	\$ 849.00	\$ 424.50
Ashley Gutowski (Special Ed/ EE)	Principals of Curriculum Dvlpmt. & Eval.	New Jersey City University	3	\$1,921.50	\$ 960.75
Camille Ragin (Elementary/SS)	Training & Learning Multimedia	University of Maryland	3	\$2,022.00	\$1,011.00
Kelly Feeney (Elementary/SB)	Psychology of Learning	Rutgers University	3	\$2,469.50	\$1,234.75

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Kendra Egbert to serve as a volunteer assistant to the softball coach at NPMS.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Shannon West to serve as a volunteer assistant to the girls' basketball coach at NPMS.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following substitute teachers to work at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program at the rate of \$32.00 per hour for up to 5 hours per night:

Ronald Davison

Dale Smith

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Ronald Davison as a substitute supervisor in the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program, at the rate of \$39.00 an hour for up to 5 hours per night.

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 accepts the resignation of Lindsay Laguna, paraprofessional at East End School, effective February 12, 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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment Daisy Gutierrez as a K-12 substitute paraprofessional.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff members as chaperones in the district for various events including marching band competitions, school concerts, drama club performances, dance recitals, and art department events, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour:

Sabrina Cruz

Eleftheria Fiotakis

Susan Kagan

Jennifer Mariani

Mayra Martinez

Kate Moore

Andrew Preble

Camille Ragin

Hakeem Williams

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following increase in paraprofessional hours, effective February 4, 2016:

Name	From	To
Robin Alba	17.50 hours/week	21.00 hours/week

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 Katherine Palmer as a temporary instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 19, 2016 through May 16, 2016, Katherine Palmer shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.02 per hour for 17.50 hours per week. (Ms. Palmer will temporarily replace Jessica Giron.)

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 Paramajit Kaur as an instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 4, 2016, Paramajit Kaur shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.02 per hour for 17.50 hours per week. (Ms. Kaur will replace Michelle Caruso.)

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Karen Bissett, school nurse, to work up to 1.50 hours per week at the rate of \$43.51 per hour, effective February 4, 2016.

David Branan – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
 Thomas Kasper – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Lydia Senyk as a tutor for the Orton Gillingham Reading Program, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, for 3 hours per week for 15 weeks, plus 10 hours of preparation, not to exceed \$1,559.25, effective February 4, 2016.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Heather Daley as a tutor for the Orton Gillingham Reading Program, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, for 4 hours per week for 15 weeks, plus 10 hours of preparation, not to exceed \$1,984.50, effective February 4, 2016.

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 with regret, the resignation of Wanda Wysocki, paraprofessional at NPMS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2016.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following paraprofessionals and substitute paraprofessional for three hours of additional employment at their contracted rate in order to receive three hours of training from the New Jersey Department of Education on February 12, 2016.

Augustina Rodrigues
Veronica Ortega

Concettina Campo
Victoria Alfaro

Gwenda Baab
Bibi Baijnath

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 2015-2016 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
 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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following students for Junior Practicum/ Masters Internship:

Student Name	College Name	Class/School	Dates	Cooperating Teacher
Nicole Rodriquez	Rutgers University	Spanish & ESL Split Gr. 6-12	Spring 2016	Alexandra Pereira Stefanie Meyers
Sreya Rao	Rutgers University	ESL Gr. 6-12	Spring 2016	Karen Moore

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Susan Kagan as a mentor at a stipend rate of \$550 (prorated), effective February 4, 2016.

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 with regret, the resignation of Jane Delaney, director of the Department of Pupil Services, for reasons of retirement, effective June 1, 2016.

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 Melanie Miller, music teacher at East End School, effective February 22, 2016.

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 Steven Caraccio as a school social worker for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 16, 2016, Steven Caraccio shall be placed on MA/Step 1 and will be paid the salary of \$60,460 prorated. (Mr. Caraccio will replace Juliana Vargens.)

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 approved by roll call vote with Mr. Branan abstaining for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Kathleen Branan, student at Raritan Valley Community College, to observe Marlo Matthew, kindergarten teacher at West End School, for two hours per week for ten weeks.

David Branan – Abstain
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 HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the resignation of Gregory K. Ammon, effective June 30, 2019, and approves the Separation of Service Agreement between Gregory K. Ammon and the North Plainfield Board of Education.

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction & 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
Bianka Butler – 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 is authorizing the Monmouth Ocean Educational Services Commission to Provide Transportation Services;

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education desires to transport special education, non-public, public and vocational school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC) offers coordinated transportation services; and

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

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, calculated by the billing formulation adopted by the MOESC, plus an administrative fee of five percent (5%), the North Plainfield Board of Education shall pay the MOESC for transportation services rendered. Said formula shall be based on the number of students and a per pupil mile ratio encumbering any special requirements specified by participating districts.

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 the following field trips:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
2/08/16	East End Students	High School	\$ 59.00	District Bus
5/17/16	West End School (5 Classes)	RVCC College Theatre	\$714.00	Contracted Bus

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

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

Curriculum Updates/Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella discussed that representatives from North Plainfield attended Techspo Conference last week. Techspo workshops confirmed that we are ahead of the curve in many ways.

The District is hosting a second after school, service learning workshop session in early March. Ms. Dachnowicz will be working with staff at the high school to build upon their prior efforts with service learning. The Character Education Team is planning a service learning

showcase in May for staff members to share projects performed throughout the district. Character education will soon be a component of our district website.

Dr. Rebecca Field will be visiting the district for an ESL Consultation from February 22-24. Ms. Vella mentioned that she is working with Ms. Sefchik on the schedule visit. Dr. Field will be visiting ELL programs in the schools, as well as meeting with several groups including, the administrative team, general education teachers, ESL teachers, Data Team, Curriculum Committee and parents.

The Academic Support Think Tank has met to finalize the criteria for next year, and will incorporate PARCC scores as one of the multiple measures used for placement. Recommendations will be shared with the Curriculum Committee in March. Teachers College Reunion at will take place on Saturday March 19, 2016. A bus will be available for transportation, and we welcome any staff member interested to join the event. Workshops will be presented on topics such as: argument writing, CCSS, guided reading, phonics, historical fiction, reading across the content areas. The TCRWP flyer for the most recent Saturday Reunion, you can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/hoopcfw>.

Google Coaches engaged in a second training session with Dr. Zywicki on January 19th and a majority have already passed their level 1 certification exam. Mr. Rowan has taken and passed his level 2 certification this weekend. During the In-Service day February 12th, teachers will have the opportunity to attend three workshops of their choice based on interest and readiness level. Attendance and professional development hours will be electronically logged directly into each teacher's Google drive. For an outline of the schedule, please visit this link: <http://tinyurl.com/zrj9nf6>

On February 1st and 8th, a representative leadership team from North Plainfield will attend the, Evidence Centered Leadership Conference, with Dr. Tracey Severns. The conference will focus on leaders working together to understand the dimensions of evidence centered leadership, and how to use the dimensions synergistically to improve student outcomes.

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – Mr. Kasper mentioned next meeting is scheduled on March 23, 2016.

Finance & Facilities – Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned next meeting is scheduled on February 24, 2016 at 5:00 pm.

Policy Meeting – Ms. Butler mentioned that next meeting is scheduled on February 25, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper provided an updated on legislative initiatives.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There were none.

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New Business

Ms. Dodd requested that the Policy Committee continue discussion on Policy 5142.1 Gang and Gang-Related Activity, prior to any further approvals.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Middle School Update – February 17, 2016

I&RS – March 2, 2016

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, February 17, 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. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Sternberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg