

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on February 17, 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	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Absent - Notified	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Arrived 8:00 pm	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 16 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of February 3, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of February 3, 2016.

Financial Reports

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated January 31, 2016, in the amount of \$6,302,843.63.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of December 2015, 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	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Brenda Okereke reported that recently, the varsity basketball team held their first annual Black-Out game to support their new all black uniforms. T-shirts were sold and they won the game. To show their school spirit the student activities council and the yearbook staff have been working diligently to create the new CARD display. The Canuck Mentors are in their last session with their freshman mentees. Students wrote on cards what they believe defines respect, these cards now make up the display in the form of letters spelling out C.A.R.D

The talent show auditions and practices are underway. NP students can't wait to be wowed by the astounding performances of their fellow classmates. Interact club has two more Rutgers games to volunteer for during the basketball season. Pennies for Patients initiative will kick off in the coming weeks. Pennies for Patients is an effort across the country to collect pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, monies raised will go to cancer research.

Jasmine Okolo and Jason Le were recently accepted as early decision. Jason top choice school, New York University and Jasmine top choice school, Boston University. Jasmine has received a \$51,000 scholarship per year, totaling two hundred four thousand dollars over four years.

Yanqing Liang reported that many seniors have been applying for scholarships the deadline, is today. The midterm season have passed and the marking period has come to an end. NPHS Competition Cheer Team recently placed first in both their individual division as well as the entire competition last weekend. The boys basketball team are playing the semifinals game tonight. The boys wrestling team has a district tournament this Friday, where they hope to place in the top 3 in order to move on to States. The winter track season has ended.

Selected students in honors science classes participated in their first Science League competition at Watchung Hills Regional High School last Thursday. The Biology I team placed second out of 3 schools. The 8th grade parent orientation featured performances by selected groups, such as the NPHS Concert Choir, A Cappella group and the Concert Band.

Presentation

Dr. Lennox Small presented an overview of programs and activities currently being implemented at the Middle School.

Superintendent Report

The State of New Jersey recently announced the state's graduation rate had risen to 89.7%, its highest level in five years. The same release of scores showed North Plainfield High School's graduation rate at 95.1% with the highest rate of one year growth in Somerset County of 5.5%. Graduation rate is one of the strongest indicators of pupil success. It is also significant to note the 4.7% growth over a four year period of time which further demonstrates that this statistic shows real progress and is not based simply on a previous single year prior year score that may have been uncharacteristically low. I recognize and applaud the hard work of our faculty, administration and most of all our students in achieving this very significant milestone.

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Earlier this month the district also received news that it had been placed on the Gaston Capperton Opportunity Honor Roll by The College Board. This is a list of only 130 school districts across the nation that are recognized for creating opportunities for students by expanding access to higher education by providing students with rigorous academic offerings and innovative college-preparation programs. It is important to note this is an independent recognition and not an honor roll that the district can apply for. It is another sign that our students are taking advantage of the many concurrent enrollment offerings, AP classes, SAT and ACT opportunities that are made available to them and which this board has so consistently supported.

I am sure that by now everyone is familiar with the bus incident which occurred on February 10th and the actions of three students Kayla Wright, Angelo Mel-Tos and Gavin Costello which averted a possible catastrophe. Their quick thinking and proactive initiative has been reported by every major news agency. We plan to honor these three students at our March 2nd Board of Education meeting and look forward to that opportunity to recognize true heroes in our midst.

Our Assistant Superintendent will make a report on our recent professional development day in her report, but I would like to take a moment to commend Ms. Vella and all those who worked as part of her professional development delivery team for what was one of the most outstanding PD Days I have participated in. Two aspects that made this day special - PD was delivered by experts on our own staff to our staff. The second aspect was choice - our teachers were afforded an opportunity to pick and choose from a variety of options to best meet their needs and to the extent possible customize their learning for a good portion of the day. There was truly a positive energy in the air.

I thank the board for their positive comments to several of our retirees at our last board meeting. A district is truly gifted when educators choose to devote a significant portion of their careers, sometimes their whole careers, to one community. Even in cases where a retiree may have worked in several communities, there is great worth in recognizing a lifetime devoted to the development of young people and opening their lives to opportunity. In keeping with the spirit of our last board meeting, I plan to present a small token to retirees at the time of their board resolution to show our appreciation for their efforts. I am aware that a culminating ceremony occurs at year's end, and so my presentation will be simple in length and presentation but meant to be a sincere tip of the cap to those who deserve it so much.

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 Wanda Wysocki, paraprofessional 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 twenty-six years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Wysocki 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 17, 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. Wysocki.

David Branan – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS Jane Delaney, director of the Department of Pupil Services in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective June 1, 2016, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Delaney 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 17, 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. Delaney.

David Branan – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Noah Bell

Andrea Thomas

Shaheena Shahid

Chantal Desir

David Branan – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Thomas Kasper – 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 the appointment of Noah Bell to serve as assistant production director at NPHS, at a stipend of \$2,112.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 the following staff members as home instructors, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Kelli Dunston	Nicole Faraone	Meaghan Sherwood
David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye	
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 the appointment of the following individual as a tutor for the before and/or after-school P.A.S.S./Extended Day Program, for up to 1.5 hours per day and for up to 3 hours per Saturday morning, at the rate of \$35 per hour.

Brian Miller

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 rescinds the recommendation to appoint James DiPaolo as boys and girls track coach at NPMS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Robyn Enderle as boys and girls track coach at NPMS for the 2015-2016 school year at the stipend of \$4,056. (Ms. Enderle will replace James DiPaolo.)

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 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>
Gabriela Colon (Elementary/WE)	Inquiry I	Rutgers University	3	\$2,034.00	\$1,017.00
	Teacher	Rutgers University	3	\$2,034.00	\$1,017.00

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Theory & Practice

Katherine Shuster (Elementary/EE)	Advanced Seminar: Special Education	Kean University	3	\$2,316.00	\$1,158.00
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David Branan – Aye Sandra Dodd – Aye Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye Thomas Kasper – Aye Kathleen Mullen – Aye
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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following individuals as instructors for Somerset School Extended Day Program, for up to 24 hours per teacher, at the rate of \$40 per hour.

Jennifer Mariani – Language Arts	Eileen DeMeo – Mathematics
Caitlin D’Armiento – Language Arts	Sabrina Cruz – Mathematics

Substitutes: Eleftheria Fiotakis, Laura Chamberlain, Maria Koukouras, Courtney Getz

David Branan – Aye Sandra Dodd – Aye Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye Thomas Kasper – Aye Kathleen Mullen – Aye
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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education grants Raffaella Bartsch, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, a five-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act effective February 9, 2016 until released by her physician.

David Branan – Aye Sandra Dodd – Aye Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye Thomas Kasper – Aye Kathleen Mullen – Aye
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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Alexander Bak as teacher of music at East End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 18, 2016, Alexander Bak shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the salary of \$57,460 prorated. (Mr. Bak will replace Melanie Miller.)

David Branan – Aye Sandra Dodd – Aye Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye Thomas Kasper – Aye Kathleen Mullen – Aye
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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Nicole Carotenuto as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective

February 29, 2016, Nicole Carotenuto 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. Carotenuto will replace Lucille Minichino.)

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – 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 Stephanie Riggi as a temporary science teacher at Somerset School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 11, 2016, Stephanie Riggi shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the salary of \$57,460 prorated. (Ms. Riggi will temporarily replace Kaitlen Jaffe.)

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 the following teachers as testing facilitators at a stipend rate of \$500.

Meredith Reedy	Leslie Castillo	Tatum Stein
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David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 the following teacher to prepare and present in-service training at a rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Course Name	Staff Member	Total Hours
Webinar: Dolch Sight Words Administration	Leanne Borbely	5

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – 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 the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Maria Bezerra as a K-12 district substitute paraprofessional.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Catherine Grundman as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 19, 2016, Catherine Grundman shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.02 per hour for 22.50 hours per week. (Ms. Grundman will replace Lindsay Laguna in the ELA OCR class for 10 hours per week, and fill a new position in the preschool class for 12.50 hours per week.)

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Charles Rowan to serve as social media manager for the district, at a stipend of \$500.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Students for Social Change as an extracurricular activity at NPHS.

Further, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves Nora Leary, Cara Colabelli, and Argie Kantilierakis as volunteer advisors to Students for Social Change.

David Branan – 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 #

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
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 out-of-district placement of the following classified student as indicated, effective February 4, 2016 through June 14, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
XXXXXX-15-16	7/25/00	OHI	Hunterdon Preparatory School	\$43,632.00 prorated

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the following student as indicated, effective February 18, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Monthly Tuition</u>
ATS-01-15-16	10/15/98	Somerset County Alternative Academic High School	\$4,597.00

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of in-home behavioral consultative services to be provided by Rutgers University Center for Applied Psychology Project (NSTM), at the rate of \$150 per hour, not to exceed \$8,400.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of the following service to be provided by Douglas Developmental Center (Rutgers University), at the rate indicated, not to exceed \$3,000.

Service	Rate
Training & staff development for paraprofessionals & teachers involved in the district's autistic programs	\$150 per hour, up to 20 hours

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

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated December 31, 2015.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated February 17, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board is authorizing the refunding of 2006 bond issuance, by resolving to approve first reading of the Refunding Bond Ordinance as follows:

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING CALLABLE REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED APRIL 13, 2006, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$9,375,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$9,300,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$9,300,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield in the County of Somerset, New Jersey (the "School District") is hereby authorized to refund all or a portion of the outstanding callable refunding school bonds of the School District issued in the original principal amount of \$9,375,000 and dated April 13, 2006 (the "2006 Bonds"). The 2006 Bonds maturing on or after August 15, 2017 may be redeemed at the option of the School District in whole or in part on any date on or after August 15, 2016 (the "Redemption Date") at a redemption price equal to the par amount of the 2006 Bonds to be redeemed plus accrued interest, if any, to the Redemption Date.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the purpose described in Section 1 hereof, negotiable refunding bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$9,300,000 pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 et seq.

Section 3. An aggregate amount not exceeding \$150,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61.4 has been included in the aggregate principal amount of Refunding Bonds authorized herein.

Section 4. The purpose of the refunding is to incur an interest cost savings for the School District.

Section 5. A supplemental debt statement has been prepared and filed in the offices of the Borough Clerk and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey as required by law. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law and the school debt of the School District is increased by the amount the Refunding Bond authorization exceeds the amount of the proposed refunded bonds.

Section 6. No Local Finance Board approval is required as the issuance of the Refunding Bonds will comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 5:30-2.5.

Section 7. The Board President, the Superintendent, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and other appropriate representatives of the School District are hereby authorized to prepare such documents, to publish such notices and to take such other actions as are necessary or desirable to enable the School District to prepare for the sale and the issuance of the Refunding Bonds authorized herein and to provide for the redemption of the 2006 Bonds referred to in Section 1 hereof.

Section 8. This bond ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the amendment to the IDEA 2016 grant application to include the carryover amounts from the 2015 IDEA grant as follows:

Basic – Total \$85,618 to include \$18,777 non-public funds
Preschool – Total \$466

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN LEGAL SERVICES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET.

WHEREAS, there exists a need for specialized legal services in connection with the capital program and the authorization and the issuance of obligations of THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET (the "Board"), a body corporate of the State of New Jersey, including the review of such procedures and the rendering of approving legal opinions acceptable to the financial community; and

WHEREAS, such special legal services can be provided only by a recognized Bond Counsel firm, and the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC., Roseland, New Jersey is so recognized by the financial community; and

WHEREAS, funds are or will be available for this purpose;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF NORTH PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET AS FOLLOWS:

1. The law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, L.L.C., Roseland, New Jersey is hereby retained to provide specialized legal services necessary in connection with the capital program and the authorization and the issuance of obligations of the Board in accordance with an Agreement dated as of February 17, 2016 and submitted to the Board (the "Contract").
2. The Contract is awarded without competitive bidding as a "Professional Service" in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), because it is for services performed by persons authorized by law to practice a recognized profession.
3. A copy of this resolution as well as the Contract shall be placed on file with the Secretary of the Board.
4. A notice in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law of New Jersey in the form attached hereto shall be published in Courier News.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this resolution shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to accept the New Jersey Department of Education Achievement Coaches Grant, valued at \$30,000.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the following field trips:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
2/29/16	High School Students	East End	\$ 30.00	District Bus

David Branan – 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 on February 12th the Professional Learning feedback was positive. This was the first opportunity for Google Coaches to turnkey their knowledge and expertise. Google Lounge was hosted for teachers to have an opportunity to apply their new knowledge.

North Plainfield School District will be hosting a Code.org training on February 27th. The course, Coding Curriculum: An Introduction to Computer Science, focuses on teaching students about computer programming/coding, and is a great way to spark interest in computer science, as well as support skills in all content areas.

February 20th, we will host an EdCamp, or "unconference", which is a professional development opportunity that brings together educators for the purpose of creating meaningful workshops that are participant-driven.

Gabriela Colon, ESL teacher at West End School, has applied for a grant opportunity focused on professional development. She received initial training in SIOP (sheltered instruction) last year, and this new training would prepare her as a trainer of teachers. This work aligns with our efforts in fostering an environment of teacher leaders. The training would require Ms. Colon to train at least 10 teachers for at least 15 hours.

February 24th, we will be facilitating a Technology Planning Day for the North Plainfield Digital Learning Plan. During this meeting, we will focus upon the vision for our technology plan, as well as breaking into subgroups to structure a plan for the following areas: Technology Curriculum, Teaching & Learning, Professional Learning and Infrastructure.

Dr. Tracy Severns, former Chief Academic Officer for the NJDOE and current Director of Student Performance in the Mount Olive Schools, led the Evidence Based Leadership Conference for seven members of the Administrative Team. The cohort is meeting this week

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to decide upon the direction they envision. The Administrative Team should move with the content presented and how Dr. Severns will support us this summer with the goals.

Bari Erlichson, the former Assistant Commissioner for Education at the NJDOE, will be working with our Administrative Team on March 3rd for a “Digging Into Data” visit. Bari will work with district leadership on how to analyze and utilize our PARCC scores for instructional reflection and planning.

During the March 2nd Board of Education meeting, there will be a College & Career Readiness Presentation by Ms. Dock and a team of high school counselors.

The 8th Grade Orientation on Thursday, February 11th was well attended, and a success. Parents enjoyed learning more about the high school experience, making the evening informative and enjoyable.

IRLA Coaching/Program Survey was sent out on Friday, February 12th. The intent of the survey is to assess the coaching experience, integration of the program, and future needs for this program. Dr. Blecher will be working to collect, analyze the data and plan with the department accordingly.

We are accepting applications for Achievement Coaches until February 24th. The information session was well-attended, and we have sent the presentation and application link to all staff members.

Lauren Meyer was invited to present during the March Fusion Conference, in Baltimore. Ms. Armento and Dr. McLaughlin will be in attendance during this conference focused upon using MAP data to improve teaching and learning for students. Lauren was asked to present for approximately 15 minutes on her use of MAP data and how she assigns content to students with Compass Learning

We are proud to share the approved logo from Ms. Faraone’s fourth grade class at West End School. Ms. Faraone’s class decided to work as a team to create a district logo. After a brainstorm of ideas, the class combined proposals. A student proposed a star to symbolize the spirit of our schools. Two students decided to put the four core values in the outer circle to represent what we believe in. Other students proposed that North Plainfield should stand out and be written at the bottom. The entire class wanted a school to be placed in the center of the logo with the American flag. They believe this logo will represent the district forever.

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – Meeting scheduled for March 18 at 4:00 pm.

Communications – Meeting scheduled for February 25 at 6:00 pm.

Curriculum – Meeting scheduled for February 22 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – Meeting scheduled for February 25 at 5:00 pm.

Policy Meeting – Meeting scheduled for March 14 at 6:00 pm.

Negotiations – Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned that the 2015-2018 contracts were distributed to the board.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper updated the board on recent legislation.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Branan discussed rescheduling the special board meeting to March 10th at 7:00 PM, and also moving the date of the June 8th BOE Meeting to June 1st. The Board approved both meeting calendar changes.

New Business

Mr. Sternberg discussed the 2006 Bond Refunding Issuance and anticipated savings of one million dollars over the next 10 years.

Dr. McLaughlin provided an overview of search criteria for the director of pupil services.

Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Stephenson discussed with the board the Z-100 Pep-Rally proposed for high school students, the board expressed their approval.

Dr. McLaughlin discussed plans for recognition of students involved in bus incident at the March 2nd Board meeting along with a special presentation by Mayor Giordano. On March 22nd the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders will also honor our students and their heroic efforts.

Ms. Bond-Nelson asked about reaffirming goals and objectives for the board at the March 10th Special Meeting.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

I&RS – March 2, 2016

Bridge Program – March 16, 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, March 2, 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 that be it resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn at 8:45 pm to Executive Session for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that the session will last approximately one half hour.

No action will be taken

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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 10:00 pm.

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg