

January 6, 2015

The minutes of the reorganization meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary 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, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the oath of office was administered to Bianka Butler Sandra Dodd, and Kathleen Mullen. At the call of roll the following members were present:

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Bianka Butler – Arrived at 7:30 pm	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

The Secretary called for nominations for the office of President for the ensuing year. Ms. Bond-Nelson nominated Mr. Branan, for President.

A call for a vote for President had Mr. Branan elected by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was turned over to the President, Mr. Branan, by the Secretary.

The President called for nominations for the office of Vice President for the ensuing year. Mr. Branan nominated Ms. Bond-Nelson for Vice President. A call for a vote for Vice President had Ms. Bond-Nelson elected by a unanimous vote.

Organization Meeting Recommendations:

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the following individuals be authorized on behalf of the Board of Education to sign checks issued on the General, Payroll Agency, Unemployment Trust, and Food Service accounts:

President - David Branan
Secretary – Donald Sternberg
Treasurer of School Funds – Annette Wells

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Regular Meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the possible exceptions of

July and August 2016, and January 2017. Schedule of meetings will be confirmed by June 30, 2016 and held at Watchung School, beginning at 7:30 PM.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the COURIER NEWS and STAR LEDGER be named the official newspaper for the publication of legal notices and classified ads.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that meeting notices shall be submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, Comcast, and posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall, North Plainfield Public Library, and on the district website www.nplainfield.org.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the following banks be named approved depositories for Board of Education Investment Funds:

TD Bank
NJ/ARM

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that TD Bank be named the depository for the following funds:

Payroll	General Account
Food Service	High School Student Account
Payroll Agency	Unemployment Insurance
Flexible Sending	Summer Pay

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the following banks be named as depositories for Bond and Interest Funds:

TD Bank
NJ ARM

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Education as amended be adopted and that all matters not contained therein be guided by existing practices.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved to table the following recommendation:

RESOLVED, that the President make the following appointments:

Committees

Board/Staff:
Communications:
Curriculum:
Finance & Facilities:
Negotiations:
Policy:

Delegates

NJSBA:
Legislative:
SCSBA:
SCESC:

Liaisons

Borough Council:	
Education Foundation	Alt:
Youth Services	Alt:

Parliamentarian

Ad Hoc Committees

Evaluation:
Personnel:
Other:

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to invest funds not immediately required for the payment of bills and payrolls on behalf of the school district.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.1 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to make payment of bills and payrolls upon review of the Superintendent of Schools prior to presentation to the Board for approval.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that in accordance with the adopted schedule of Meetings Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year, when regular meetings of the Board of Education will not be scheduled, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to offer employment to potential candidates during this period.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator to develop and implement the 2016-2017 school district budget pursuant with local and State policies and regulations.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education name the Bank of New York as the paying agent for bonding.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the chart of accounts.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the awarding of contracts up to the bid threshold of \$40,000 and set the quote threshold of \$6,000.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the following bank to act as depository for the student activity accounts for all schools funds. Elementary school accounts will be a subset of the main student account, managed within the high school account:

TD Bank

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the following tax shelter annuity companies/brokers to administer 403B and 457 plans as follows:

AIG, Valic,
AXA, Equitable
Lincoln Financial Group
MetLife
LSW

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, NJSA Title 18A:12-24.1, as attached.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to procure goods and services utilizing state agencies (state contracts).

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to procure goods and services utilizing Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission (MRESC Bids).

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirm the Job Descriptions.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirm policy #6164.1 Intervention and Referral Services for General Education Pupils.

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. Branan and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it that the Board of Education adopt and reaffirm the Mission Statement, District Goals, and Board Goals as affirmed by the March 4, 2015 document affirming same.

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

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved; to accept the public session minutes of December 16, 2015.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved; to accept the executive session minutes of December 16, 2015.

Financial Reports

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative Brenda Okereke

The NPHS Student Activities Committee hosted the annual winter pep rally. Students were wowed by their friend's talent and performances. The STEP Team put on a wonderfully dramatic and synchronized performance that was a crowd favorite. The JV and Varsity competition cheer teams performed separate but equally entertaining routines, with stunts that captured the students and teachers attention. NP's new dance team also performed a dance routine that was a crowd pleaser. The ROTC platoon had a festive performance of their step formations and drills complete with Santa hats. The Concert Choir performed a festive rendition of "Silent Night" to the NPHS student Body. During the event, seniors, Allen Del Salto and Claudia Orozco (both active members of the drama club) MC'ed the event. The sports at the pep rally, captains of team introduced the 2016 winter sports and encouraged the student body to attend the next round of home games.

Presentation

There was none.

Superintendent Report

Google Apps for Education was officially launched yesterday. Ms. Vella will provide information in her report regarding support and ongoing professional development for GAFE. GAFE promises so much to our students and staff and truly offers a gateway to a more effective and integrated use of technology in our classrooms and our offices. Tremendous thanks go out to Darrell and his team for the work they have performed in preparing the district for a smooth transition.

The final phase of our special education transition has occurred with Pathways now located in Room 118 in the Middle School and our remaining child study team member offices relocated. I would like to commend Mr. Mathis and his staff for all the work that has occurred to make Harrison School totally available to our Bridge students. I add thanks to Ms. Delaney and the Department of Pupil Services who have also worked through this transition, as they continue to address to their daily professional demands.

At this time, the rooms vacated by Pupil Services will be used in their present configuration. Classes and related services are typically small in number and can utilize these divided rooms, while we await the opportunity to restore the spaces to standard size classrooms. Also, effective January 18th, our alternative school will relocate to Harrison School, allowing Somerset School free use of its space at night. Thanks to Mr. Tarnofsky for all his work in making this transition occur in a smooth and effective manner.

The board is aware from a recent update of plumbing issues that affected West End School prior to the break. Those issues have been resolved and all bathroom facilities are again available to staff and students.

I am also pleased to share that recently received Erate funding allowed for the purchase of 24 Chromebooks for Harrison School and 42 Chromebooks for Stony Brook School. Our adoption of GAFE has facilitated our increased use of Chromebooks, allowing for an economical and effective technology alternative to our past devices. This results in more technology in the hands of our staff and students.

On December 22nd, the NJDOE released guidance concerning Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying grades for districts as well as final grades for each school in our district. I am pleased to share our grades with the board this evening as reflected on the report that has been provided to you. You will note that our schools scores ranged from 73-76 with an overall district score of 75 against a total point total of 78. We were particularly strong in the areas of curriculum and our processing of HIB complaints in which categories we received all points available. *Note to BOE - I am including with this draft our "embargoed" report. This is not the official report which was released on December 22nd. I do not have yet have access to that but it should be a match. You will receive the official report in your packets.* These scores will be posted no later than Friday on the district website as required by the NJDOE.

As the board is aware, work has been underway on our district website and we will be moving soon to the new template design. Some technical difficulties occurred with our vendor SchoolWires in December that delayed our timeline to a degree. We continue to anticipate a January release of the new website design but it is likely to occur later in the month than originally planned.

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Alexander Bak as a long-term substitute teacher of music at East End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 19, 2016 through February 29, 2016, Alexander Bak will be paid the substitute teacher rate of \$90.00 per day. (Mr. Bak will temporarily replace Melanie Miller).

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Lucille Minichino, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective February 29, 2016.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Diane Forino, kindergarten teacher at East End School, for reasons of retirement, effective June 30, 2016.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Juliana Vargens, school social worker, effective February 16, 2016.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 accepts the resignation of Robert Lake as head football coach at NPHS, effective January 7, 2016.

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

Name	Course	School	Crds	Paid	Reimb.
Christine Colonel (English Teacher/NPHS)	Seminar in American Literature	Southern New Hampshire University	3	\$1,881.00	\$ 940.50

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Melanie Miller, music teacher at East End School, an unpaid leave of absence effective January 4, 2016 until released by her physician.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Chemagne Kania, English teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective April 4, 2016 or sooner, if necessary, using twenty accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through January 27, 2017.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 Kaitlen Jaffe, science teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective March 14, 2016 or sooner, if necessary, using nineteen accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through June 30, 2016.

David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

Heather Sullivan	Arielle Reale
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David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 substitute teachers in the NPHS Alternative Program, at the rate of \$32.00 per hour, for up to 5 hours per night.

Elsy Castillo	Kevin Guevara
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David Branan – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye	Thomas Kasper – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 staff members on the attached list as home instructors, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

David Branan – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 the listed field experience:

Student Name	College Name	Class/School	Assignment	Dates	Cooperating Teacher
Denise Pereira	Kean University	MS/ Grades 7-8	Junior Practicum	Spring – 6 hrs./wk.	Tammy Mackiewicz
Kerry Borowski	Kean University	HS	Student Teaching	Spring – Full Day 5 days/wk.	Leeanne Chiaramonte
Amy Cruz	Fairleigh Dickinson University	WE/ Grade 4	Student Observation	January 2016 5 days	Heather Morgan

David Branan – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 Christopher Young Sr. as Custodian at East End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 20, 2016 Christopher Young Sr. shall be placed on Step 2 of the custodial salary guide and will be paid the salary \$40,020, plus \$2,401.20 for the third shift differential and \$675.00 for boiler license for a total of \$43,096.20. (Mr. Young is replacing Mr. Masterson.)

David Branan – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 approve the following school nurses work extra hours at a per-diem hourly rate effective December 18 2015 as needed.

Anastasia Davis \$55.92/hr.

Thanya Mendez \$38.58/hr.

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

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

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND PUPIL SERVICES

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with 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
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 approve Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services, to provide nursing services for students on an as-needed basis at the rate of \$52 and hour for LPN and \$57 an hour for RN.

David Branan – Aye
Sandra Dodd – Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – 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 pay the tuition for the out-of-district placement of the following classified student in the school and at the tuition rate noted. Transportation will be required.

ID#	School/Location	Tuition	Effective
VVVVVV-15-16	Lehmann School	\$333.00 per day	1/7/16

Further, that the Board approve nursing services from Preferred Home Health Care and Nursing Services for up to 8 hours a day 5 days a week.

David Branan – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 pay the tuition for the out-of-district placement of the following classified student in the school and at the tuition rate noted. Transportation will be required.

ID#	School/Location	Tuition	Effective
WWWWW-15-16	Montgomery Academy	\$55,971.00/yr. pro-rated	1/7/16

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

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

FINANCE, PURCHASING & AGREEMENTS

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the DonorsChoose.org grant for the 2015-2016 school year.

David Branam – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 submit the New Jersey Department of Education Building Capacity for Career Pathways Grant for the 2015-2016 school year.

David Branam – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 services rendered from the Monmouth University grant, valued at \$2,350, to implement the Peace Group at Somerset School.

David Branam – Aye
 Sandra Dodd – Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – 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 authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Schools to submit an amended application for funding in conjunction with

the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Local Education Agency (LEA) Consolidated Application FY'16.

David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016.

Curriculum – Ms. Dodd mentioned various topics discussed at last meeting including Rutgers Upward Bound grant meeting. Meeting scheduled for January 20, 2016.

Finance & Facilities – Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Policy Meeting – Meeting scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Meeting scheduled for January 15, 2016.

SCSBA – Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2016.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There were none.

New Business

Ms. Dodd requested an additional board meeting to discuss several issues. Possible meeting to be scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Branan led a discussion and reviewed with the board on school board ethics.

Superintendent McLaughlin discussed updating the district website with the board.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella discussed that the Technology Committee met before break and brainstormed strategies to put in place in order to ease the transition to Google on January 5th. During the January 4th faculty meetings, the Technology Facilitator for each school were available with usernames and passwords. On January 5th, First Aid Stations were in place in the Media Center to provide support to staff. We are working on a differentiated Google Professional Development Menu for our February 12th Day of Professional Learning.

PARCC score reports have been mailed to all parents/guardians in the district. The video of the Parent Presentation is available on the website.

BIG Ideas Math is one of the two textbooks we are piloting in our Algebra classes. This textbook is aligned to standards, provides exploratory lessons, practice and has a strong technology component for teachers and students.

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During the December Administrative Team meeting, our leaders worked on evaluating feedback from sample observation reports to dialogue about effective and ineffective feedback for the reflective cycle of observations.

The North Plainfield High School College & Career Readiness Center is open, and we are proud of the work that has gone into providing our students access to the most current resources for their college and career exploration.

The Peace Group is a program that offers self-esteem activities, addresses social justice issues, cyber bullying and violence prevention lessons for approximately six sessions. This opportunity is a result of a grant awarded to Monmouth University.

On Friday, Mr. Gordon has arranged for Jeni Sudhakaran, Assessment Coordinator for the Immunization Program for the NJDOH, to provide a brief explanation of the immunization process and an overview of compliance responsibility for principals and the district.

Pete Shulman and his team will visit on January 5th to host a roundtable with the administrative team. Various topics will be discussed.

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

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, January 20, 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 to Executive Session at 8:15 pm for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 9:25 pm.

Ms. Dodd moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg