

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on April 20, 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 – Aye	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 as well as Brenda Okereke and Yanqing Liang, Student Representatives, and approximately 8 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 April 6, 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 April 6, 2016.

Financial Reports

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated March 31, 2016, in the amount of \$6,024,809.90.

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 accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of February 2016, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

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

Comments from the Public

There were none.

Student Representative Report

Brenda Okereke reported that, the Canuck mentoring program is currently interviewing applicants. She noted that she served as an interviewer and was excited to see the next generation of mentors to excel in their positions. The club has elected a new President and is waiting on confirmation from the middle school on possible expansions as well as being Green Dot certified.

The Heroes and Cool Kids club had their final meeting at Vonage where they were trained on how to teach their sixth grade mentees on what to do when they're faced with moments of duress, bullying, peer pressure and much more. The Students for Social Change put together a wonderful showcase inspired by CARD values. The language honor societies held their annual induction for new inductees last Wednesday.

The senior class had the top ten dinner honoring students last week which was a great success. Students, teachers and administration spent time celebrating each other's achievements. The seniors also have the Clearinghouse scholarship dinner tomorrow night to honor those who will be receiving scholarship money for college. This week's senior spotlight, Nancy Bahnasy, NP's commanding officer of ROTC has committed to Rutgers University (New Brunswick) School of Engineering. Caitlin Gugliotta the valedictorian has committed to Dickinson College where she will also be playing soccer. John Hatala the salutatorian has committed to Drexel University. The class president Nick Pisani and Vice President Claudia Orozco have committed to Montclair State University, Nick will be attending Montclair then Boston University the following year where he has a guaranteed transfer spot. Brenda Okereke has committed to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she will study engineering.

Yanqing Liang reported that the seniors excitedly received notice of colleges and scholarships, the yearbook class had their annual "wear your college gear" day, where seniors wore gear from their committed colleges and were interviewed. Additionally, the final yearbook deadline has closed with only 85 copies left. The yearbook is planning to give personalized thank-you notes to those who have placed an order.

The District Arts festival held on April 8th at the high school was a success. Performances from around the district included the NPHS concert choir, show choir, band, color guard, and much more. We hope that the board members that attended enjoyed the event. A group of choir members went to audition to become a part of the NJ All States chorus, four students were selected for the Mixed and Women's choir. The spring musical 'A Chorus Line' was another success that was held on the 14th through the 17th of April. The Interact Club has been diligently at work planning their Spring Blood Drive to take place on April 29th. The Interact Club is also planning a community clean-up, which will be discussed at their next meeting.

Presentation

Mr. Mazur, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Maroun and Ms. Rosen presented a video that they created for innovateNJ. The video showcased an overview of involvement with innovateNJ. Cohort #3 is a group of like districts whom come together to share ideas regarding technology in schools.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Jennifer Magliaro has shared the great news that the district's submission to the NJSPRA School Communication Awards placed in the top three. The submission for our district described the intern work that is occurring between our journalism classes and the TAP online newspaper. I am sure you have read many of the well done articles from our students that have been printed in that publication. Ms. Magliaro has been invited to attend Rowan University on Friday, May 20, 2016 at which time she will find out which award NPHS received.

Over the spring recess the district had water tested in each of the schools in which students are present. This testing was done to ensure safe drinking standards existed. Although not required for our district, we believed it was important to be proactive in this regard. I am happy to report that all water samples were within acceptable standards.

This evening, I am recommending to the board of education that Dr. Mary Anne Donohue be appointed Interim Principal for the West End School. Dr. Donahue will provide support not only to our students but to Ms. Quinones and the West End staff who have performed in such an exemplary manner under very trying circumstances. We are fortunate to have Dr. Donahue with our district to assist us during these closing months of school.

I would like to acknowledge the outpouring of collegial support that is represented on the tonight's board agenda with donations of over 80 illness days from approximately 30 staff at the Somerset School to assist a colleague. We can be extremely proud of the collegial spirit that exists at Somerset School and the North Plainfield School district family that provides such real support to each other in times of need.

I am sure all the attended the recent production of A Chorus Line will agree that our students' talents truly shone. The production was one that each participant can truly be proud of. We extend our congratulations to the entire cast, crew and staff. It was an added bonus to experience the newly restored auditorium. It is a wonderful space to both host and witness a show and we are truly happy to have that facility back online.

We are also happy to announce that the North Plainfield Middle School will perform the play "Small Actors" (a comedy). It is scheduled for Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 in the auditorium.

As a district, we were fortunate not to use all our snow days this year and are presently left with one remaining. I will be suggesting under new business to apply this day to May 31st extending that holiday recess by one day.

During our administrative meeting on Friday, we looked at the work we are doing for our goals as a district (please see below for the list that will continue into next year). This was as an opportunity to plan PDP work and energize ourselves & our staff for next year. We circulated in small groups and answered the following questions:

What are our major successes this year passed on these goals?
What are some areas we still need to improve upon?
What are the recommendations for next year?

DG1. To continue to improve upon the level of educational excellence for everyone.

- Focus on literacy
- Incorporate coaching as professional learning
- Continue the curriculum review process
- Increase student attendance
- Datadriven decisionmaking
- Teacher leadership opportunities
- Classroom visits
- College and Career Readiness

DG2. To continue to incorporate technology into the educational process to enhance the success of students.

- GAFE implementation
- Continue the 1:1 implementation
- Review our infrastructure
- Teacher leadership opportunities

DG3. To continue to promote positive perceptions of the district through improved communications at all levels of the school community.

- Review policies and regulations in our district
- Character education
- Teacher leadership opportunities
- Updated Website and use of social media
- Do you think Code of Conduct work fits this category?

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 Tina O'Connell as a school counselor for the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective May 2, 2016, Tina O'Connell shall be placed on MA/Step 4-5 and will be paid the annual salary of \$60,865 prorated. (Ms. O'Connell will replace Joan Graham.)

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. Branam abstaining; the Board of Education rescinds the previous recommendation to employ Mary Anne Donahue as a per diem educational consultant to the district for the 2015-2016 school year.

David Branam – 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 approved by roll call vote with Mr. Branam abstaining; BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Mary Anne Donahue as a per diem interim principal at West End School for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Mary Anne Donahue will be paid the rate of \$525 per day, for up to five days per week, effective March 17, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

David Branam – 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 the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Kathryn Bianco, mathematics teacher at NPMS, effective June 20, 2016.

David Branam – 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 appointment of Debbie Ledger as a district chaperone, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

David Branam – 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 summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the employment of Kristyn Rosen to execute a summer reading public service announcement, for up to 5 hours at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

David Branam – 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 summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the employment of Rita DaFonseca to complete Keys to Success: Reading and Literacy Resources, for up to 5 hours at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

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 Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Kate Friedman, English teacher at NPMS, a leave of absence effective September 1, 2016, using 10 accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through November 11, 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 donation of sick days to employee #4367 as per the attached list.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the following staff members to write remedial measures curriculum, for up to 10 hours each, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour.

Staff Member	Curriculum Level
Michelle Falluca	High School
Dana Smith	High School/Middle School
Lindsey Mulry	Middle School
Lynnelle Thomas	Elementary

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 Orlando Vargas, custodian at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective August 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 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 individual as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

Judith Battiloro

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 grants Maura Harrington, world language teacher at Somerset School, an unpaid intermittent leave of absence under the Family Leave Act, effective April 21, 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 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Mark Ciccotelli to serve as head football coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$11,943. (Mr. Ciccotelli will replace Robert Lake.)

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

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

History of the Holocaust

Cisco IT Essentials

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 use of Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare to provide bedside instruction as needed, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

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 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 working with autistic students who are experiencing behavioral issues in the school setting	\$150 per hour, up to 20 hours

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 funds necessary to allow WWWW-15-16, classified student at Crossroads School (UCESC), to receive a 1:1 paraprofessional effective April 18, 2016 through June 23, 2016, at a cost of \$219.44 per day.

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated February 29, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated April 20, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve reimbursement to the following employees for unused vacation days and/or carried over days based on last day of service per the negotiated agreement and/or employment contract:

Name	Days	Last Day of Service	Amount
Beth Sobel	27.0	March 31, 2016	\$16,595.01
Adam Strugatch	16.5	March 21, 2016	\$ 2,515.42

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 authorize and accept the donation of gardening supplies from Home Depot for Ms. Sorkin and Ms. Knauer of West End School, to create the community garden, approximately valued at \$500.00.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorize and approve Mr. Robert Epstein of Greenberg Traurig, to participate in mediation with various law firms involved in the D&D litigation for the purpose of negotiation to recover legal fees, total portion of the board expense for three anticipated sessions not to exceed \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars).

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education extends the contracts of the following preschool providers to provide prekindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield:

Growing Tree Preschool

Holy Cross Preschool

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following tuition rate for approved preschool providers to offer prekindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield:

\$5,816.04 per enrolled eligible child

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes the following individuals to apply for grants through DonorsChoose.Org, for the purposes and values listed.

Staff Name	Building/ Grade	Classroom Project	Purchase Request	Objective	Project Value
Karen Lewis	EE 4 th Grade	Math in Literature Classroom Library	Collection of (50+) Books	Help students relate to difficult and abstract common core math standards	\$653.37
Laruen Aslan	WE Spec. Ed./ Res. Rm	Sensory Toolbox	Set of cube chairs, Theraputty, Super Snow, molding sand	Support the development of coping skills and increased tolerance levels	\$431.98
Rachel Stefanoski	WE Spec. Ed./ Preschool	Fine Motor Skills/ Targeted Classroom Supplies	Varying complexity of table top and floor puzzles/ Theraputty, molding sand, hand fidgets	Building and strengthening small muscles for improved fine motor skills and eye hand coordination	\$407.74

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 stated that the NJDOE has approved all three applications for the Career Technical Education programs (Jr. ROTC, Cisco and Project Lead the Way). Currently Ms. Vella is working with the DOE to have Project Lead the Way approved as a program of study. In order to do so, an articulation agreement must be brokered with a postsecondary school.

In an effort to strengthen and maintain learned skills for incoming kindergartners, a preschool family learning packet was created. All activities are hands-on interactive learning focused on basic skill development. A flyer detailing family and children events at the North Plainfield Public Library is being generated by Jessica Trujillo. Through a grant from Donor's Choose, Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara has acquired materials (books, math, letter games) to create an addendum to the packet in order to directly assist english language learners. Packets will be reviewed, discussed, and distributed to all families via family meetings. These will be held during the May 2016 KRA testing. This marks the second year that we will provide summer learning packets for families, and the first year that we are extending it to newly registered students, as well as incorporating a home-library component.

The Science Education Institute is expanding the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) District Partnership Program. This innovative program supports teachers in their implementation of the NGSS in classrooms and will deepen their understanding North Plainfield will be participating in the 2016-2017 District Partnership Program, along with participating school districts Bridgewater, Newark, North Plainfield, Montgomery, and Princeton. We would like to thank Mr. Maroun for bringing this opportunity to our district.

One Book, One School will kick off in June at Somerset School, NPMS and NPHS. The experience is driven by literacy skills and bringing the school community together. Every student and staff member will read the same book with the goal to build community within the school and expand learning to cross-curricular and social context. Each school will read

a different novel. A video is being made to introduce the concept for the June faculty meeting, more details will be forthcoming as we start the program.

Academic Coach Interviews have been completed and we are currently tabulating the results. When candidates are chosen, we will complete a press release. The Second Annual Summer Literacy Institute will be held on July 20th and 21st. The agenda will include presentations by both Barb Golub and Jennifer Serravallo.

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Mr. Fellin provided meeting date scheduled for April 28th at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum – Mr. Kasper provided an overview of issues that were discussed at the April 19th meeting. The next meeting date is scheduled for June 8th.

Finance & Facilities – The School Budget Presentation for the 2016-2017 school year will be presented by Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sternberg on May 4th at East End School.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan provided meeting date scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – Dr. McLaughlin mentioned that he presented the sidebars to the NPEA negotiations chair.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper updated the board on the new web-site and provided meeting date scheduled for May 13th.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned that there will be a legislative meeting.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to change the 2015-2016 school calendar to reflect May 31, 2016 as a school holiday.

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 approve the following job description:

Alternative School Program Assistant

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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Mr. Kasper requested that the Board hold an additional special meeting for May 9th at 6pm focusing on the “Why Factor” of the district, regarding core beliefs. By voicing approval the board approved to hold the special meeting.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Ginger Feola voiced concerns regarding the requirement of district wide direct deposit for employees.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

School Budget 2016-2017 – Dr. McLaughlin and Mr. Sternberg May 4th at East End School
GPA/Class Rank – Ms. Dock on May 18th

Mashio’s Food Service Year End Update – Ms. Patty Frajioudakis on May 18th

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, May 4, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at East End School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that the session will last approximately one half hour.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn at 8:40 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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 8:50 pm.

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg