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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. David Branan called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. David Branan requested the call of the roll:

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Kasper – Absent - notified

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator as well as Brenda Okereke and Yanqing Liang, Student Representatives, and approximately 4 members of the staff and public.

#### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of May 4, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of May 4, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of May 9, 2016.

#### **Financial Reports**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated April 30, 2016, in the amount of \$5,545,964.63.

David Branan – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of March 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

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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  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

### **Comments from the Public**

There were none.

### **Student Representative Report**

Brenda Okereke reported that, the student's activities council has officially begun the process of organizing a club fair for this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. The Canuckling Literary Art Magazine club started to collect pre-orders for this year's issue of Canuckling in lieu of last year's issue which was sold out within 48 hours. The Debate team is attending a debate conference in Hyland Park on May 21<sup>st</sup> Saturday. The arts, concert choir attended a musical festival at Rutgers - Mason Gross facility yesterday. There were several other schools in attendance and the NPHS Concert Choir received the "Outstanding" award, which was the second highest award given out at the event.

This week's senior spotlight will go to four recently graduated Bridge To Employment students who were awarded \$5,000 in scholarships in total. The scholarship winners were Nicholas Pisani, Nancy Bahnasy, Danielle Caruso and Brenda Okereke, whom also recently graduated from the elite NJ Governor's Stem Scholars Program. Brenda Okereke was able to apply and win an Engineering Internship at Picatinny Arsenal. Where she will be working for the Advanced Materials Technology Branch at US Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center (ARDEC). The directors of the program mentioned that 800-1,000 students apply for opportunities like this but only 6 students from the past two classes of Governor's Stem Scholars 2015 and 2016 were chosen.

The next junior student representative has been chosen, after much deliberation between Dr. Stephenson, Yanqing Liang and Brenda Okereke. The students chosen will be introduced to the board at the last meeting of the year.

Yanqing Liang reported that in addition to the new student representative for next year, applications for Student Activity Council have been distributed. The committee is responsible for planning school events and implementing ways to increase school spirit. Interviews are scheduled to occur within the next week.

Club update, the Interact Club is beginning trips to Wagner Farm after school. Each spring, members go to the farm to plant food which would be harvested for food banks. The Debate team will be attending a debate conference in Hyland Park this weekend. Debates are excited to compete with other schools at the competition.

Last Thursday, NPHS held their annual awards ceremony for underclassmen (freshmen-juniors) honoring students hard work and achievements they received. This ceremony included distribution of scholarships from Rochester and others for juniors. The Junior Prom will be held this Friday in Edison. The theme is, Arabian Nights, and the junior class anticipates a great evening.

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Sports update, the softball team are playing their senior night game against Franklin high school this evening. They managed to win the first round of their Somerset County tournament.

AP students, and relieved that exams are finally over. The AP US history class will be celebrating by going to the Metropolitan museum of art on Friday.

### **Presentation**

Ms. Patty Frajioudakis and Mr. Mark Martinowich of Maschio's provided the board with an overview of the year end performance of food service program.

Ms. Maggie Dock provided the board with an overview of the proposed revisions of GPA/Class Rank and how it is handled in the district.

### **Superintendent Report**

On May 10th, North Plainfield High School received official word that it had been recognized as a National School of Character. One of only 67 schools in the country, 13 in New Jersey and the only NJ high school so designated, the selection speaks to a demonstrated and dedicated focus on character development programs that show positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior and school climate. Taken together with best practice recognition garnered by West End School, the Middle School and the High School as well as a NJ School of Character honorable mention for Somerset School, the North Plainfield Schools are receiving considerable attention for their focus on social emotional development and its importance to educating the whole child.

I would like to thank the West End School staff for their input and participation in the process of identifying key areas of focus as we move forward together in the challenging task of choosing a new school principal. Many staff spent time with Ms. Vella and myself in our visit to West End on Friday, supplying us with those areas that are most important to both maintain and continue the work of education in West End School. Stakeholder interviews will take place on Wednesday. It is our hope that a principal candidate can be presented for board approval in June which would allow ample preparation time for the new school year and an opportunity for the staff to meet the new principal before leaving for the summer.

The North Plainfield Police Department Youth Academy is offering a free program designed for students entering 7th, 8th or 9th grade to gain an understanding of the role of the police officer. The Youth Academy will be held July 11-15 at West End Elementary School. Last year was the first year this program was offered, and it was hugely successful. We look forward to the continuation of this offering for many years to come and thank our police department for their active interest in our students.

The North Plainfield Middle School is congratulated on its first official middle school play in many years. The cast and crew of Small Actors did a tremendous job and staged a wonderful production. We look forward to future middle school plays where the talents and skills of our middle school students can continue to be demonstrated.

I have received feedback from Mr. Tarnofsky that the bottom floor of Harrison School was completely dry during the recent number of very rainy days. Mr. Mathis and the operations department is commended for rectifying a historical problem and making a significant building based improvement to Harrison School.

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On Monday evening, I had the opportunity to meet with our PTA and PTO Presidents at which time Mr. Taylor demonstrated a sample of how the paperless new school year forms will look and function. Wonderful progress has been made on the paperless forms initiative through the combined efforts of Mr. Taylor, Teresa Wilson and Yvette Scola as we make our forms available in digital fashion and scrutinize each area to be as easy to understand and navigate as possible.

The Handbook Committee is in its final stages of work. Elementary schools have unified their handbook language, pages of each level handbook will be available in Spanish, and the behavioral rubric adopted by each school will be included in the 2016-2017 editions.

15 NPHS students, comprising three groups that distinguished themselves at the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival, have been invited to perform at the NJ State Teen Arts Festival at Ocean County College during the first week of June.

### **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 Ms. Dodd 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.

Sunita Patil  
Princeton Holt

Radhika Anandarajan  
Maria Doroteo

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 paraprofessional.

Keith Young

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Patricia Marseglia, supervisor of mathematics, for reasons of retirement, effective September 1, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Deyci Rodriguez, assistant principal at NPHS, effective July 11, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Mary Ann Glennon, teacher of physics at NPHS, effective July 1, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of the following staff member gaining tenure in the 2016-2017 school year at the salary rate indicated, and that a contract to employ be issued.

Michelle Fallucca    Harrison School    Teacher – MA/Step 12    \$65,550

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 January 2016 and May 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Christopher Sepesi (Elementary/WE)	Administrative Internship I	Seton Hall University	3	\$1,923.00	\$ 961.50
	Curriculum Design & Engineering	Seton Hall University	3	\$1,923.00	\$ 961.50
Camille Ragin (Elementary/ Somerset School)	Management & Leadership in Distance Education & E-Learning	University of Maryland University College	3	\$2,022.00	\$1,011.00

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the following individuals as facilitators for the math summer school programs, for up to 60 hours per teacher, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Curriculum Level</u>
Camille Ragin	Entering Grade 6: Skills Development
Camille Ragin	Entering Grade 6: Math Camp
Aimee Michalski	Entering Grade 7: Skills Development
Aimee Michalski	Entering Grade 7: Math Camp
Lauren Meyer	Entering Grade 8: Skills Development
Lauren Meyer	Entering Grade 8: Math Camp
Patricia Lukacs-Cox	Entering Algebra I: Skills Development
Patricia Lukacs-Cox	Entering Algebra I: Math Camp

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the following individuals as facilitators for the RVCC College Readiness Program to be held at Somerset School, at the rate of \$40.00 per hour, not to exceed \$4,560 combined.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Home School Content Area</u>
William Saccardi	NPMS English
Ann Ryan	NPHS BridgeEnglish
Renee Heller	NPHS Mathematics
Therese Boulanger	NPHS Mathematics

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the summer of 2016, the Board of Education approves the employment of Michelle Fallucca as a facilitator for the Summer School Fuel Education Online Program for high school students, from June 27, 2016 through August 1, 2016 (Mondays through Thursdays), for two hours a day, for twenty days, at the rate of \$52.24 an hour.

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

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

**Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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                      John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye                      Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye                      Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the draft calendar as the 2017-2018 school district calendar.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 May 12, 2016 through June 20, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Annual Tuition</u>
YYYYYY-15-16	8/10/04	MD	Somerset Academy	\$45,970.00 prorated

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 May 19, 2016 through June 13, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition 5/19/16-6/13/16</u>
VVVV-15-16	8/10/00	MD	Developmental Learning Center	\$12,004.34

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

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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

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

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated May 18, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Sara Spaner and Nancy Reyes to apply for a mini-grant through North Plainfield Education Foundation for the purpose of paying for a vocational/technical school fair at NPHS at a total value of \$250.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Lauren Aslan and Rachel Stefanoski to apply for a mini-grant through North Plainfield Education Foundation for the purpose of purchasing preschool games and social building activities for West End School at a total value of \$250.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara to apply for a mini-grant through North Plainfield Education Foundation for the purpose of purchasing literacy and mathematics materials for the preschool ESL classes in the district at a total value of \$250.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Allison Hessemer to apply for a mini-grant through North Plainfield Education Foundation for the purpose of purchasing science games, activities and manipulatives for the preschool classes at East End School at a total value of \$230.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Ashley Gutowski to apply for a mini-grant through North Plainfield Education Foundation for the purpose of purchasing picture books to accompany the creative curriculum unit studies for the preschool classes at East End School at a total value of \$222.42.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Karen Lewis to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing books that incorporate mathematical concepts for East End School at a total value of \$456.46.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 amended from \$30,000 to \$48,299.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the following students to participate in the NJROTC Area Four Leadership Academy/Sail Training 2016.

Student Name	Grade	Location	Cost*	Dates
Benjamin Joback	10	Newport Naval Station Newport, RI	\$275/ea.	7/3/16 to 7/15/16 Sunday – Friday 2 weeks
Ayah Elsais	10			

\* Cost includes lodging, food, etc., but does not include transportation.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Nancy Rodino to apply for a grant through Activated Story Theater Artists-in-Residency for Schools (funded by Walmart) for the purpose of bringing artists in residency, assemblies and workshops to Somerset School at a total value of \$0.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Nancy Rodino and Melissa Hunton to apply for a grant through Patterson Partnership for the purpose of building the library collection at Somerset School at a total value of \$0.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the following field trip:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
06/01/2016	State Teen Arts Festival	Ocean County College	\$ 248.00	District Bus

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

Curriculum Updates/Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella reported that the following staff members have been added as North Plainfield Achievement Coaches as a result of being awarded additional funding by the Department of Education: Rachel Padian, Marilyn Quinones and Charles Rowan.

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Michele Onofri and Teresa Wilson led a Donorschoose.org workshop and successful applicants served as an expert panel to approximately 15 teachers in attendance. This experience included an orientation and discussion for teachers who may be interested in the DonorsChoose program. Some topics covered were application tips, a snapshot of the time commitment, and what is involved in the mechanics of the application.

Ms. Vella will attend a meeting at NJIT with Mr. Maroun on Tuesday to investigate the possibility of brokering an articulation agreement for a CTE work. In addition, they will be learning more about the college level course offerings from NJIT for high school students.

We have finalized objectives and strategies to support three of the four Board of Education goals for the 2016-17 school year. The administrative team has been an integral part of

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working to plan the objectives and strategies for next year, there will be shared with the board and staff.

In January, our district began implementing the process outlined in the graduation settlement for any students that did not meet the test based requirements for high school graduation. We partnered with districts in Somerset County to share assessments and provide support to one another throughout the second half of this school year. Using the Appeals Process outlined in these articles, North Plainfield has received final approval for all students that did not meet the test based graduation requirements.

We will be hosting an AdminCamp on July 26<sup>th</sup> centered on the core principles of an EdCamp. An EdCamp is an organic, participant driven professional learning experience created by educators for educators. This summer, North Plainfield will host an AdminCamp for administrators from Somerset County, as well around the state.

Our goal is to support networking and conversation centered upon topics administrators want to know more about. Tim Hall and Megan Gordon hosted an Information Session regarding the potential TCNJ partnership with North Plainfield School District and the federal grant intended to certify teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals in Teaching English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education. The event was well attended, and TCNJ believes there is a strong possibility they will be awarded the grant.

### **Correspondence**

There was none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – The next meeting date is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – Possible meeting dates June 7<sup>th</sup> and or June 14<sup>th</sup>.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – The next meeting date is scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

Dr. McLaughlin discussed the proposed new schedule for Teacher Conferences

Ms. Vella and Dr. McLaughlin provided an overview of results of State Lawsuit regarding High School graduation requirements in New Jersey and its effect on North Plainfield.

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**Comments from the Public**

Ms. Harles commented on fees for use of PAYFORIT.NET and also commented on increased prices for a la carte sales.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org))  
Teacher Recognition Program – West End School – 6/1  
Literacy – Ms. Serravallo, and Ms. Golub – 6/22  
One Book, One School – Mr. Lensi and Ms. Sapega – 6/22

**Adjournment**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn at 9:00 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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 9:45 pm.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that May 26, 2016; a committee of the board will tentatively meet to conduct a hearing for a student involved in an incident at the HS at 5:00 PM. Committee members are David Branan, Sandra Dodd and Bianka Butler.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that May 26, 2016 at 6:00 PM, committee members David Branan, Sandra Dodd and Bianka Butler will tentatively hold a meeting with the leadership of the NPAEAS.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that June 6, 2016, was determined to add a special meeting, for the purpose of approving the candidate for the position of West End Principal. This special meeting will start at 7:00 PM and will be held at Watchung School.

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

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Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that June 1, 2016; the executive session will be held at 6:00 PM for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. This meeting will be held at the West End School, due to the teacher recognition program.

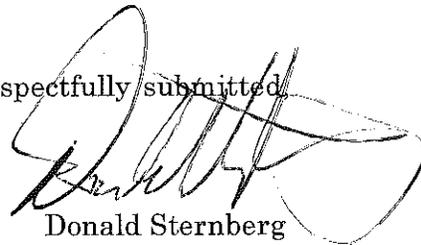
David Branan – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Aye

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

**Adjournment**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved to adjourn at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donald Sternberg', written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg