

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 2, 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; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator as well as Brenda Okereke and Yanqing Liang, Student Representatives, and approximately 32 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 and Ms. Dodd abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of February 17, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler and Ms. Dodd abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of February 17, 2016.

Financial Reports

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

Brenda Okereke reported that the yearbook staff launched sales of this year's edition both online and in school. Sports update, students are excited to get back on their respective fields, courts and turfs as spring sports begin. Several seniors gained acceptance to Rutgers, New Brunswick. Club Update, the students for Social Change had their first meeting last Friday. Students voiced concerns on issues that NPHS faces and how they can be resolved. Senior spotlight, Claudia Orozco performed at the all state women's chorus last Saturday, this was a prestigious and unique honor.

Yanqing Liang reported that last Thursday and Friday, the high school held their annual Talent Show in the cafeteria, which was a great success. Performers had a good time while

the audience enjoyed the show. Earlier last week, 24 sophomores entered the Optimist Speech Contest at the district level. The top three essays received awards, Selena Reyes's essay, won first prize and she will advance onto the next round.

Sports update, two wrestlers made it to regionals, but did not advance to states. Wrestling, and several other winter sports have ended. The boys Varsity basketball team played the States tournament game, winning the game last night. They will play again tomorrow. The cheerleading team will have their state competition this weekend. Spring sports, tennis and baseball have started their preseason practices.

Presentation

The Honorable Mayor Michael Giordano and Dr. McLaughlin presented to the Board the three students who acted with courage and valor to assist during an emergency incident during a school bus transportation assuring no injuries occurred.

Ms. Dock and Mr. Repmann provided the Board with an overview of the College and Career Readiness Center.

Ms. Kobylarz and Ms. Araneo presented an overview to the Board of the I&RS program and processes in the district.

Superintendent Report

An update on the Department of Pupil Services Interim Director Position interviews were conducted by the executive team during the week of February 22nd with several very qualified and experienced candidates. It is anticipated that a final candidate will be presented for the board's approval at its next meeting. We are pleased that there will be a minimal period of transitional vacancy time for the leadership of this very important department.

A representative of NJCAP met with teachers and administrators from the elementary grades to discuss the upcoming awareness activities that they will be conducting with our elementary aged students. New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJ CAP) is a statewide community based prevention program. With a motto "All Children Deserve to be Safe, Strong and Free", the NJCAP program seeks to reduce children's vulnerability to abuse, neglect and bullying by providing comprehensive prevention workshops for children, parents and school staff. A parent program in conjunction with this project was held on Tuesday evening, February 23rd, in the Somerset School Community Room. We are looking forward to the work of NJCAP with our students as part of our comprehensive and proactive approach to character education and bullying prevention.

On Wednesday, February 24th a number of district representatives as well as two board members Linda BondNelson and Tom Kaspar, attended the TAP Presentations at Johnson & Johnson's IT Headquarters. Our student teams were articulate and creative in their presentations to a large audience made up of parents, industry partners and school personnel. We are extremely proud of the work that was accomplished along the theme of career path development and relevant high demand workplace requirements. Our students certainly demonstrated both their motivation and their ability to respond to this challenge. We are grateful for the long standing relationship with Johnson & Johnson and seek to build upon this type of work as we move forward. I ask you to focus on a portion of Ms. Vella's

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report that concerns a program with the 6th grade that exemplifies how this type of path can be expanded upon.

A number of school staff are actively engaged in creating a five minute video capturing the practices of the North Plainfield School District as part of our work as an innovateNJ school district. This video will be submitted to the NJDOE on March 3rd for review and when finalized, will be posted along with 1st and 2nd generation innovateNJ school districts' videos that are presently available for your review on that website. We are extremely proud to serve as an exemplar for other school districts throughout the state and know that our participation in the innovateNJ community will also help us to build upon the outstanding practices that led to our inclusion in this community of schools.

Today, March 2nd is Read Across America Day! This day which coincides with author Dr, Seuss' birthday, promotes reading, particularly for children and young adults. Schools, libraries, and community centers across the United States celebrate reading on this annual day of observance. Throughout this week our schools will join in this celebration with the goal of emphasizing the "joy" of reading. As one of our teachers, Mr. Lensi, recently pointed out in a brainstorming session, learning should always have joy at its heart. The wonder of reading and the doors it opens for learning of all types must be celebrated. I congratulate all our schools for the time and energy they have devoted to this observance.

Tomorrow afternoon, an information session will be held for all interested teachers for the next cohort of OrtonGillingham instruction. We are truly enthused at the response and progress of this cooperative venture with Fairleigh Dickinson University, which enables teachers to reach learners in a much different way when reading continues to be a challenge. Our teachers have participated in both summer and traditional semester cohorts as they complete a very rigorous four graduate course sequence that provides this training. Already the district has implemented the OG instruction into its offerings both during the school day and after the school day. I look forward to sharing the results of this year's student growth with you at the close of the school year.

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 Garrett Gianneschi as a temporary instructional paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge program for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 3, 2016 through May 13, 2016, Garrett Gianneschi shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.02 per hour for 20.00 hours per week. (Mr. Gianneschi will temporarily replace Kelley Albanese.)

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 rescinds the recommendation to appoint Stefanie Myers as an assistant girls track coach at NPHS.

Further, that Board of Education approves the appointment of Robert Murphy to serve as an assistant girls track coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$6,000. (Mr. Murphy will replace Stefanie Myers.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts with regret, the resignation of Joan Graham, school counselor at the NPHS Bridge program, for reasons of retirement, effective May 1, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Vincent Del Priore as a social studies teacher at NPHS for the 2015-2016 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 3, 2016, Vincent Del Priore shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the salary of \$57,460 prorated. (Mr. Del Priore will replace Gregory Ammon.)

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 rescinds the recommendation to appoint Robert Lake as the intramural weight training (spring) advisor at NPHS.

Further, that the Board of Education approves the appointment of James DiPaolo to serve as the intramural weight training (spring) advisor at NPHS for the 2015-2016 school year at the stipend of \$2,319. (Mr. DiPaolo will replace Robert Lake.)

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

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

Janice Hulik

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 adjusts the additional period assignment of David Miller, teacher of mathematics at NPHS, **from** effective November 3, 2015 through February 17, 2016, **to** effective November 3, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (Mr. Miller will temporarily replace Debra Foote.)

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 adjusts the additional period assignment of Chin-Ping Jen, teacher of science at NPHS, **from** effective December 18, 2015 through February 17, 2016, **to** effective December 18, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (Ms. Jen will temporarily replace Debra Foote.)

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Adam Strugatch, district computer technician, effective March 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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff member as a home instructor, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Theresa Thompson

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education grants employee #4154 paid administrative leave effective February 25, 2016 until completed district action.

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 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the previously granted unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act for Alison Mac Ferrer, kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School, **from** effective January 4, 2016 through March 28, 2016, **to** effective January 4, 2016 through June 30, 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 adjusts the employment of Kelly Schmitz as a temporary kindergarten teacher at Stony Brook School **from** effective November 2, 2015 through March 28, 2016, **to** effective November 2, 2015 through June 30, 2016. (Ms. Schmitz will temporarily replace Alison Mac Ferrer.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education grants Michelle dos Santos, academic support teacher at West End School, a leave of absence effective June 2, 2016 or sooner, if necessary, using seventeen accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act effective September 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following teachers to teach an additional period at the rate indicated, effective March 3, 2016 through June 23, 2016. (Both will temporarily replace Therese Boulanger.)

Teacher	Department	Additional Annual Salary
Mary Krause	Mathematics	\$14,156.67 (prorated)
Luis Rincon	Mathematics	\$12,145.00 (prorated)

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 approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin, Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan abstaining; **WHEREAS**, Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools (Superintendent), and the North Plainfield Board of Education (Board of Education) mutually agreed upon three (3) Quantitative and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals for the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the proposed three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals criteria were submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County for approval on August 6, 2015, with additional information submitted on September 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said proposed three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals criteria were approved by the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County on October 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals were officially approved by Resolution of the Board of Education on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, completion of any of said Quantitative Merit Goals or Qualitative Merit Goals entitles the Superintendent to a merit bonus equal to a percentage of his annual base salary; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has submitted to the Board of Education documentation as evidence of completion of Qualitative Goal 1: Google Launch – Implement Google Apps for Education, and Qualitative Goal 2: Establish the Position of Preschool Master Teacher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education accepts the documentation submitted by the Superintendent of Schools as evidence of completion of Qualitative Goal 1 and Qualitative Goal 2 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education certifies that the qualitative merit criteria have been met and the Superintendent of Schools is eligible to receive payment in recognition of that fact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County for approval and requesting authorization to make payment in the amount of 2.5% of the Superintendent’s annual base salary for completed Qualitative Goal 1 and 2.5% of the Superintendent’s annual base salary for completed Qualitative Goal 2.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin, Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan abstaining; that **WHEREAS**, Ms. Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (Assistant Superintendent), and the North Plainfield Board of Education (Board of Education) mutually agreed upon three (3) Quantitative and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals for the period between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the proposed three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals criteria were submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County for approval on August 6, 2015, with additional information submitted on September 29, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said proposed three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals criteria were approved by the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County on October 16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, said three (3) Quantitative Merit Goals and two (2) Qualitative Merit Goals were officially approved by Resolution of the Board of Education on October 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, completion of any of said Quantitative Merit Goals or Qualitative Merit Goals entitles the Assistant Superintendent to a merit salary bonus equal to a percentage of her annual base salary; and

WHEREAS, the Assistant Superintendent has submitted to the Board of Education documentation as evidence of completion of Qualitative Goal 1: Student Career and Technical Education Readiness – Obtain NJDOE Approval for 1-3 CTE Programs, and

Qualitative Goal 2: School Culture and Student Achievement – Establish Core Values and Expand District Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education accepts the documentation submitted by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction as evidence of completion of Qualitative Goal 1 and Qualitative Goal 2 ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education certifies that the qualitative merit criteria have been met and the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction is eligible to receive payment in recognition of that fact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County for approval and requesting authorization to make payment in the amount of 2.5% of the Assistant Superintendent’s annual base salary for completed Qualitative Goal 1 and 2.5% of the Assistant Superintendent’s annual base salary for completed Qualitative Goal 2.

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

John Fellin, Jr. – Abstain
Thomas Kasper – Abstain
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 Jose Delgado as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2015-2016 school year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective March 3, 2016, Jose Delgado shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.02 per hour for 17.50 hours per week. (Mr. Delgado will replace Lucille Minichino.)

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that **BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Amy Fitzharris as a physical education teacher at Stony Brook and West End Schools (shared time) for the 2015-2016 school year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective March 3, 2016, Amy Fitzharris shall be placed on BA/Step 6-7 and will be paid the salary of \$58,070 prorated. (Ms. Fitzharris will replace Ryan Shapiro.)

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approves the following individuals

to assist part-time with the annual New Student Registration offered from March 7, 2016 through March 11, 2016.

Name	Hours Worked	Job Function	Hourly Rate	Total Hours
Alicia Zavala	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM (5 days)	Registration Documentation/Processing	\$12.86/hr.	3.5/day 17 hrs.
Mayra Martinez (Somerset P/T Employee)	1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (5 days)	Registration Documentation/Processing	\$12.86/hr.	3/day 15 hrs.
Patricia Glen (Retired School Nurse)	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM & 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (5 days)	Medical and Immunization Authorization	\$41/hr.	6.5/day 32.5 hrs.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the North Plainfield School District that Gavin Costello, a North Plainfield student attending Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School, has exhibited valor and courage which have earned him recognition throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, he was a true hero on February 10, 2016 when he willingly placed himself in jeopardy to protect others; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Gavin Costello its thanks for his prudent and courageous actions; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Gavin Costello.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the North Plainfield School District that Angelo Mel-Tos, a North Plainfield student attending Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School, has exhibited valor and courage which have earned him recognition throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, he was a true hero on February 10, 2016 when he willingly placed himself in jeopardy to protect others; now therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Angelo Mel-Tos its thanks for his prudent and courageous actions; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Angelo Mel-Tos.

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the North Plainfield School District that Kala Wright, a North Plainfield student attending Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School, has exhibited valor and courage which have earned her recognition throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, she was a true hero on February 10, 2016 when she willingly placed herself in jeopardy to protect others; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Kala Wright its thanks for her prudent and courageous actions; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on March 2, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Kala Wright.

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, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the use of Charles Ciolino, MD to provide a psychiatric evaluation, review of records, written report, and communications as necessary with the North Plainfield Board of Education, at a total fee of \$1,200.

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

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
03/22/2016	Rainforest Cafe	Stony Brook	\$278.00	District Bus
04/12/2016	Turtle Back Zoo	Stony Brook	\$154.00	District Bus

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 authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education District One-Year Program Plan Update and Preschool Budget as attached for the 2016-2017 school year.

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 authorizes Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org, for the purpose of purchasing Chromebooks for West End School at a total value of \$1,637.66.

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

Curriculum Updates/Current Events in Education

Dr. McLaughlin presented on behalf of Ms. Vella that the Technology Planning Day was a success. The team combined thoughts and drafted a vision for the district. Subgroups brainstormed where we are and where we need to go. This was specifically in the following areas relative to the technology plan that must be submitted on June 1st: Teaching & learning; professional learning; technology curriculum and infrastructure/hardware and environment. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th, focusing on establishing goals, strategies and timelines. A special thank you to Mr. Maroun and Mr. Taylor for all their work in planning the event.

The Early Childhood Program Aid grant is complete and will be mailed out on March 7th Monday to the Department of Education. The program will include full funding for the salary of the master teacher. A special thank you to Mr. Sternberg, Ms. Araneo, Mr. Gordon and Ms. Onofri for their teamwork in providing input into the sections falling under their areas of expertise.

Dr. Field visited schools in district on February 22nd through the 24th. Dr. Field met with representative groups of board members, teachers, administration, students and parents. In addition, Dr. Field visited classes throughout the school district.

A team is visiting the Shephard School in Old Bridge to learn more about the Responsive Classroom Morning Meeting. These meetings are an engaging way to start each day, build a strong sense of community, and set elementary children up for success socially and academically. Each morning, students and teachers gather together and interact with one another during four purposeful components: Greeting; Sharing; Group Activity and Morning Message (a short message crafted to help students focus on the work they will do in school that day).

Google Coaches reconvened with Mr. Torres after the technology planning day and are planning events for the remainder of the school year to support our staff. There will be five after school sessions offered in April, as well as Ignite sessions for each department and school. Several of our coaches have started work on their level two certification, and we are hoping to turnkey. This effort will provide an opportunity for level two certification before the close of the school year.

Dr. Blecher has worked with sales representatives from the American Reading Company on March 7th, to lead a learning session for other districts. North Plainfield IRLA teachers will receive a half-day coaching from an American Reading Company Trainer for free. As a result of Dr. Blecher's work, West End School has submitted a Promising Practice application for the work in their school. Ms. Quinones and Ms. Lafferty are leading the school character education team in this endeavor.

Somerset School will be hosting opportunities for grade six students to interact with representatives from the technology industry on career awareness opportunities for STEM. Dr. McLaughlin and Ms. Vella met with the leadership team from NJSIMS organization, as a result they have offered their team to work in our district. Mr. Sainte-Rose embraced the proposal and is working with Jessica Carroll on finalizing dates. NJSIMS brings leaders from the technology field to schools to work in small groups with students about the endless possibilities that can come from career exploration in STEM.

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Mr. Fellin updated board, next meeting is scheduled for March 25th.

Curriculum – Mr. Kasper provided an overview of topics covered at February 22nd meeting.

Finance & Facilities – Ms. Bond-Nelson provided an overview of topics discussed 2016-2017 budget.

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

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.
NJSBA – Mr. Kasper updated board on current issues.
SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.
SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Special Board Meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

New Business

Mr. Sternberg revised and discussed with the board the refunding bond issuance.
Dr. McLaughlin discussed Master Teacher roll in Pre-School Program.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Brown asked about how decisions are made regarding delayed or closed school days.
Ms. Wright asked about fees associated with renting the gym.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)
Bridge Program – 3/16
SCESC – Mr. Hal Dunsavage, Superintendent 4/6

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, March 10, 2016 at 7:15 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. 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 9:10 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 9:25 pm.

Adjournment

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg