

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on September 2, 2015 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

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 and 4 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved; to accept the public session minutes of September 2, 2015.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote; with Mr. Branan abstaining to accept the executive session minutes of September 2, 2015.

Financial Reports

There was none.

Comments from the Public

There was none.

Student Representative Report

There were none.

Presentation

There were none.

Superintendent Report

Dr. McLaughlin discussed receiving National Character Education Award Banner which was presented and hung at in the High School.

This evening we stand on the threshold of a new school year. I am eager to greet our teachers and staff at tomorrow's convocation and I know our staff is anxious to place the final finishing touches on their preparation for our students' arrival on September 9th. As noted in the Operations and Auxiliary Services Report provided to the board, a great deal of work has occurred since the close of school to rejuvenate our buildings and grounds. I

commend Mr. Mathis and his staff for their ambitious agenda, their hard work and the outstanding results they have achieved.

On August 28th the district received formal notification that the air conditioning project at Somerset School received formal approval of a state ROD grant in the amount of \$225,385 toward the total project cost of \$349,725 bringing the local contribution to \$124,340. I congratulate Mr. Sternberg for his efforts in acquiring this significant level of grant funding and would like to note that this grant award comes on the heels of \$507, 407.82 SDA funding that Mr. Sternberg successfully applied for in the 2014-2015 school year. Together with a list of other discretionary grant awards obtained last year, we are fortunate to have the skills and expertise of a business administrator who maximizes additional resources to supplement the local monies available to support our facilities and programs in the North Plainfield Schools.

Last week our administrative staff engaged in five days of intensive work that included advanced Teachscape training, goal setting through the MPLR and MPPR Leadership Assessment model, advanced practice in supervision and evaluation including a morning presentation by Ms. Prestamo and legal aspects training provided by Mr. Sciarrillo, anticipatory practice on Google Apps, public purchasing training provided by Mr. Jim Shoop and Principal Roundtable discussion of SCIP's and SGO's. I commend Ms. Vella for the planning and preparation of a truly meaningful week-long agenda and I was truly impressed by the degree of dedication and applied participation of our administrators in this process. We were also very pleased to include all our secretaries throughout the district in the Google training and public purchasing presentation.

Tomorrow each of our teachers and many of our staff will gather in the high school auditorium where I will welcome new and returning staff. Ms. Vella will share a learning message underscoring our continued commitment to the district's goals with specific information provided on this year's directions toward goal achievement. Ms. Eileen Dachnowicz will then deliver a keynote on character education before our teachers disperse and begin their participation, in what promises to be, truly meaningful professional development that will extend through Tuesday September 8th. I thank the board for their strong and continuous support and I look forward to sharing wonderful student achievements and school accomplishments in the 2015-2016 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.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Debra Loprete as trainer for an in-class pilot project at Stony Brook School, at a rate of \$150 per hour not to exceed \$3,000.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of David Canica to serve as a volunteer assistant to the coach for the girls' soccer program at NPHS.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve Sun Min Lee, Director of Choral Studies at Lehigh University, to present training workshops for the district's music teachers as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Sept. 8, 2015	Music Educators Workshop	\$500
Nov. 9, 2015	Coaching Session	\$300
Jan. 11, 2016	Coaching Session	\$300

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following class/club advisors:

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Class/Club</u>
Benjamin Schwartz	Percussion Instructor

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education rescind the previously approved recommendation to place Boris Analuisa as a student teacher of physical education and health at NPHS and NPMS for the fall of 2015.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call

vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher placement from Kean University for 2016:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Tyler Piazzolla	9/8/15-10/23/15	PE/Health/Somerset	Andrew Taylor
	10/26/15-12/21/15	PE/Health/NPMS	Robyn Enderle

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 the Board of Education rescind the previously approved recommendation to employ Steve Fischer as a long-term substitute teacher of social studies at NPMS from September 8, 2015 through October 10, 2015.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Piedad Escamilla as a non-instructional office/lunchroom paraprofessional, for 4.5 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.56 per hour, effective September 9, 2015. (Ms. Escamilla will replace Judy Ziccardi on a part-time basis).

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 the Board of Education accept the resignation of Kim Marie Holzer, paraprofessional at East End School, effective August 24, 2015.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Liznel Pina as a paraprofessional at East End School for 3.25 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.56 per hour, effective September 9, 2015. (Ms. Pina will replace Kim Marie Holzer).

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Mayra Martinez as a non-instructional office/lunchroom paraprofessional, for 4.5 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.56 per hour, effective September 9, 2015. (Ms. Martinez will replace Judy Ziccardi on a part-time basis).

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve Maura Harrington as a substitute supervisor in the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program, at the rate of \$39.00 an hour for up to 5 hours per night.

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
the Board of Education accept the resignation of Maria Estrella, paraprofessional at West End School, effective September 1, 2015.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristie Wnuk as a non-instructional hall/lunchroom paraprofessional, for 3.75 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.56 per hour, effective September 9, 2015. (Ms. Wnuk will replace Mayra Martinez).

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the transfer of Pamela Lefanto, special education paraprofessional, to kindergarten classroom paraprofessional, for

3.75 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.56 per hour, effective September 9, 2015.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education adjust the salary of Michael Sacco to include the stipend of \$675 to reflect his attainment of a boiler license, effective July 22, 2015.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Teresa Wilson as confidential secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Schools at the annual salary rate of \$58,000, effective September 3, 2015. (Ms. Wilson will replace Angelina Lowder).

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
for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education employ the following staff member to serve as a testing facilitator at the stipend rate indicated.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Staff Member</u>
Testing Facilitator Middle School	\$500	Lauren Meyer

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the guide and salary of Arielle Reale, elementary teacher at East End School, from the BA Guide to, effective September 1, 2015, MA Guide/Step 1-2 (1) at the salary rate of \$59,530, and effective September 16, 2015, MA Guide/Step 1 at the salary rate of \$60,460, to reflect her Master's Degree. (Ms. Reale will temporarily replace Gina Stripto).

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individual as K-12 district substitute teacher:

Garrett Gianneschi	Jerry R. Ngon
Kimberley Ann Leary	Veronica Ortega
	James Zilinski

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Annarella Valdivia, School Psychologist, effective October 26, 2015, or sooner if a suitable replacement is found.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Kyle Skrivanek to serve as audio visual coordinator at NPHS, at a stipend of \$3,117.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that

for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve James Horan, pianist, to visit the North Plainfield High School chorus classes for 16 days to be scheduled, at a rate of \$125 per day, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the guide and salary of Maria Koukouras, special education teacher at Stony Brook School, from the BA Guide to, effective September 1, 2015, MA Guide/Step 1-2 (2) at the salary rate of \$59,530, and effective September 16, 2015, MA Guide/Step 2-3 (2) at the salary rate of \$60,660, to reflect her attainment of a Master's Degree.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education adjust the previously approved mathematics facilitator at East End School to reflect a shared position as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Gina Stripko	\$1,000	\$500
Karen Lewis	\$0	\$500

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 the Board of Education rescind the previously approved recommendation to employ Christine Galliano as a teacher of English at NPMS for the 2015-2016 school year.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve Nicole Rivlin as a part-time supervisor/substitute supervisor at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program. Ms. Rivlin will work one night a week as a supervisor at the rate of \$39.00 an

hour for up to 5 hours per night. Ms. Rivlin will also be employed as a substitute supervisor on an as needed basis.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve Alison Gomer as a physical education/health teacher at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program at the rate of \$32.00 per hour for up to 5 hours per week.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education rescind the previously approved recommendation to employ Charles Jaidullo as a teacher of physical education/health at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program for the 2015-2016 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	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of the following substitute teachers to work at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program at the rate of \$32.00 per hour.

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

Mr. Branan 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 Roger Humes as a head custodian at NPHS for the 2015-16 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Roger Humes shall be placed on Step 10 and will be paid the annual salary rate of \$57,880, plus \$3,473 for the third shift differential, plus \$675 for a boiler license, plus \$800 for the high school stipend, for a total of \$62,828, effective September 28, 2015 or upon earliest release. (Mr. Humes will replace Arthur Leandro).

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 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Last day of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carol Cyr	28	Aug. 31, 2015	\$6,307.56
Stephen Schlosser	29	Aug. 31, 2015	\$9,230.99

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the teachers indicated on the attached list to teach a sixth period at 1/6th of their the daily rate of pay.

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 for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Elsy Castillo as a non-instructional paraprofessional at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program for 4.5 hours per day, at the Step 3 rate of \$16.06 per hour, effective September 9, 2015. (This position is new).

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of John Stemmler as a special education at NPMS for the 2015-16 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2015, John Stemmler shall be placed on BA/Step 1-2(1) and will be paid \$56,530 from September 1, 2015-September 15, 2016; and effective September 16, 2015, John Stemmler shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and

will be paid \$57,460 from September 16, 2015-June 30, 2016. (Mr. Stemmler will replace Anne Ruscher).

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve Karen Bissett as a nurse/substitute nurse at the North Plainfield High School Alternative Program. Ms. Bissett will work one night a week as a nurse at the rate of \$32.00 an hour for up to 5 hours per night. Ms. Bissett will also serve as a substitute nurse on an as needed basis.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at approximately 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Curriculum, Instruction & Pupil Services

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of the following classified student at Crossroads School (UCESC) in Westfield, NJ at a cost of \$68,000.00 per school year. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Classification</u>
QQQQQQ-15-16	1/25/10	Autistic

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the 21st Century Life and Careers Curriculum for Grades K-8.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve of the disposal of broken and irreparable musical instruments per the attached list.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve and accept the donation of a MakerGear M2 3D Printer donated by the North Plainfield Education Foundation and Mr. Michael and Mrs. Hildy Jackson valued at \$2,250.00. Printer will be utilized at the High School for various engineering courses.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education with appreciation, authorize and accept the donation of 300 backpacks to be distributed in the elementary schools to needy students provided by COSTCO Wholesale.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Resolution, that the Board of Education appoint Trinitas Children’s Therapy Services to provide services related to Occupational and Physical Therapy and Evaluation services for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) desires to retain the services of an Occupational and Physical Therapy and Evaluation Services Provider (hereinafter referred to as OT & PT) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2) and (10); and

WHEREAS, accepted proposals on August 26, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the Board of Education Offices, and three companies submitted proposals to provide OT & PT services; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds the fee structure submitted by Trinitas Children’s Therapy Services in its proposal to be favorable; and

WHEREAS, based on the technical criteria, management criteria, positive reputation of Trinitas Children's Therapy Services and the fee structure, the Board desires to award a contract for services to Trinitas Children's Therapy Services; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(10) authorizes the Board to award a contract for OT & PT Therapy and Evaluation Services without public bidding, in accordance with the procedures established for an extraordinary unspecifiable service (hereinafter referred to as "EUS"), pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(2); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that **Trinitas Children's Therapy Services**, having offices located at **899 Mountain Avenue Suite 1A Springfield, NJ 07081**, shall be appointed to provide occupational and physical therapy and evaluation services, and that a contract for such services shall be awarded for the following reasons:

1. The fee structures proposed are most advantageous to the Board, price and other factors considered.
2. Experience and resources necessary to perform the contract have been demonstrated.
3. Reputation and responsibility of the service provider are satisfactory.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Board hereby appoints Trinitas Children's Therapy Services to provide OT & PT and Evaluation services subject to the execution of an agreement to be prepared by the Board Attorney.
2. The Business Disclosure Form shall be placed on file with this resolution and a notice of award shall be published in the official newspaper of the Board.
3. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute the Agreement and any other documents and to take all actions necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

David Branan -Aye

Bianka Butler -Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson -Aye

John Fellin, Jr. -Aye

Thomas Kasper -Aye

Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – Ms. Dodd reviewed and discussed topics pertaining to the meeting held on August 20, 2015.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Branan reviewed topics discussed at the August 4, 2015 meeting.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan requested that a meeting be held on September 17, 2015 to review several policies at 7:00 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned staff meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2015.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned a meeting will be held on October 14, 2015.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

New items requested to be placed on the Agenda-there were none.

Current Events in Education

Ms. Vella mentioned to the Board that she is organizing an educational trip on October 17, 2015 to NYC for the 89th Annual Teachers College Saturday Reunion.

Comments from the Public

Evert Merrill mentioned that on September 20, 2015 at 11:00 am the Booster Club will sponsor a fun run event to raise funds for the NPHS football team and cheerleaders.

Ms. Elizabeth Haverilla spoke about M.A.L.E.S (Mentoring and Leadership Equals Success) Program. Also expressed concerns regarding Maschio's and on-line classes.

Jim McGovern mentioned contract with NPEA and classroom assignments. Also mentioned Boy Scouts Jambarie scheduled at Liberty State Park on October 3, 2015.

Future Agenda Items

Per presentation calendar.

Joint meeting with the North Plainfield Borough and Council to be scheduled.

Adjournment

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at approximately 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 8:55 pm.

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Ms. Dodd abstaining that be it resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the substitute paraprofessional rate of \$90.00 per diem.

David Branán -Aye

John Fellin, Jr. -Aye

Bianka Butler -Aye

Thomas Kasper -Aye

Sandra Dodd -Abstain

Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson -Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

September 2, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg