

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on October 19, 2016 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. 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. Branan requested the call of the roll:

David Branan  
Bianka Butler  
Sandra Dodd  
Linda Bond-Nelson

John Fellin, Jr.  
Thomas Kasper  
Kathleen Mullen

A quorum was established

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

### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept to accept the public session minutes of October 5, 2016.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of October 5, 2016.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated September 30, 2016 in the amount of \$5,257,683.46.

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

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

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson 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 August 2016, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

David Branan - Aye  
 Bianca Butler - Aye  
 Sandra Dodd - Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

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

### **Comments from the Public**

There was none.

### **Student Representative Report**

Student Representative Yanqing Liang

Reported that the North Plainfield High School senior class enjoyed the senior breakfast. Afterwards seniors went on the turf to take photos for the yearbook including the iconic photo with the entire class in the formation of the number 17.

National Honor Society and Tri-M music honor Society have received applications from students, they are reviewing potential members for the organization. The language honor societies have elected their new officers for this year. The Canucks mentors have met with their mentees last week to discuss the topic of bullying, and check on how their mentees are transitioning to high school. Mentors were asked to create scenarios and have the freshman identify bullies, victims and bystanders, tips and advice were provided on how to confront, avoid and report bullying.

College scholarship applications are still underway for the class of 2017 especially for students that are applying for early action. Stevens Institute of Technology and Northwestern University have visited NPHS. There will be a financial aid workshop held tomorrow for students and parents.

The Canucks dance company will be hosting additions this week. The Marching Canucks are continuing their hard work with competitions and practices. They secured second place in their competitions this past Saturday. The Choral Department is anticipating their Men's Night out of singing next week.

Student Representative Radha Patel

Reported that the varsity soccer team has an amazing record this season. They won every single game aside from one which is impressive. The boys' varsity soccer team had senior night. The team defeated East Brunswick tech with a score of 7 to 0. The lady Canucks varsity soccer had 3 to 1 victory over Jonathan Dayton high school this previous weekend. The JV soccer team won 1-0 against Belvedere. This coming Saturday they have state championship at Rutgers University. This Friday is football and cheer senior night against Summit. This evening the varsity girls tennis team are having their senior night against Immaculate.

Today students in 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> grades took the annual PSAT. This was a great way for students to check their capabilities and standardized testing, especially for the juniors that will take the SAT this year. The first meeting for Rho Kappa, the national history honor Society was today after school.

**Presentation**

Dr. James McLaughlin provided the board with an update on the Annual Violence, Vandalism & HIB Report. With comparisons of year over year incidents that occurred.

Dr. James McLaughlin also gave an overview of the Activities for Week of Respect and Violence Awareness Week, activities and goals.

**Superintendent's Report**

This summer, a longtime member of our staff, Donna Gillen passed away. Mr. Ferguson recently was contacted by the Gillen Family who will be making a donation of \$800 for the purchase of books in Donna's memory. These books will help to populate the classroom libraries at East End School. This is a wonderful tribute to Donna, one in which she will continue to have a positive influence on the lives of students to whom she dedicated so much of herself.

On November 9th at 5:30 pm, there will be a ceremony to dedicate the West End Library in memory of Beth Sobel. Truly, this will be an occasion to celebrate a dedicated leader and educator who gave all of herself to the students of North Plainfield. All are welcome to attend and join in this event.

On Thursday, October 13th, the first of four open parent forums took place. Approximately 30 parents shared ideas, asked questions and provided valuable perspectives on ways to continue to grow our programs and enhance instruction for our students. A summary of the areas of discussion will be posted on the parent portion of our district website. The next parent forum will take place on January 10th at 9am in the West End Community Room. A full schedule of the forums can be found on the district website.

On Tuesday, October 11th, East End School hosted a Hispanic Heritage Night. Over 300 parents are estimated to have attended. This was an evening that truly celebrated our diversity and demonstrated our students' talents. We thank all the parents for participating and look forward to the continued strong family-school partnership in our district that events such as these highlight.

On Saturday, October 15th, Dr. Stephenson along with Jen Sloan and Christine Mattei, members of the HS Character Education Committee, traveled to Washington DC where they were formally presented with North Plainfield's National High School of Character Award. A banner that will be installed above the main entrance was provided to our school. Our North Plainfield Character Education Committee will be meeting on November 15th. Activities and areas of focus will be discussed and planned for the 2016-2017 school year.

On Monday, October 17th, Mr. Torres, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Rowan and Mr. Buckman attended the Somerset County Law Enforcement and Educators Annual Conference, held at Raritan Valley Community College. Law enforcement representatives and school representatives from every town in Somerset County were on hand to receive training in the new county standard response protocol that Mr. Buckman referenced in his recent board presentation. Based on the operational guidance from the "I Love You Guys Foundation" (a copy of materials will be passed along during the report for the board to see) the premise of the Standard Response Protocol is that there are four specific actions that can be performed during an incident with specific staff and student actions tied to these responses. North Plainfield continues to be committed to reflecting, revisiting and revising its protocols to always ensure our students and staff members' greatest safety. In keeping

with this same theme, Mr. Buckman facilitated a district-wide safety and security meeting today which was attended by representatives from all schools and representatives from our town's emergency responders. These meetings occur twice per year and present an opportunity for concerns and ideas to be shared to enhance our cooperative practices.

On Thursday, volunteer members of the administration and staff will gather in the inaugural meeting of the Biliteracy Action Committee. Four specific subgroups will be formed for the areas of Family Outreach, Facilitator / Co-Teaching, Curriculum / Exit Criteria and the Biliteracy Academy. These areas and the overarching committee are based on recommendations from Dr. Field's consultative report. It is the goal of the committee and subcommittees to produce a three year plan for ELL in our district and to initiate work in these critically important areas. (A copy of Dr. Field's report will be in each member's board folder Wednesday.)

A meeting was held on Monday with our private preschool providers at which time we arranged for Ms. Quinones and Mr. Ferguson to present information on our K-4 attendance tool kit. All present agreed to the importance of emphasizing regular attendance and supporting parents of our youngest students to ensure students can attend preschool as often as possible. The providers are eager to use the tools provided with their students' families.

On Saturday, approximately 15 members of the staff will travel to the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project Saturday Reunion in NYC. Author Dav Pilkey is the featured speaker with a full array of free and amazing literacy based workshops to follow. Those who have attended can attest to the truly worthwhile experience this is where attendees meet and gain information from the nation's top experts on reading.

Tonight, I have the great pleasure of recommending to the board of education Ms. Meghan Reeves for the position of Supervisor of the Arts. I am confident that Ms. Reeves will continue to effectively support the strong work of our fine, performing and practical arts programs in the district. We are extremely happy to make this recommendation in ample time to allow for a smooth transition effective January 1st.

Recommendations from 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 WHEREAS Roger Graubard, social studies teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that he wishes to retire on February 1, 2017, and

WHEREAS he has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately twenty-three years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Mr. Graubard its thanks for the service he has given and best wishes for his future; 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 October 19, 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 Mr. Graubard.

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 William Disla as a part-time attendance/residency officer for the district for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 20, 2016, William Disla shall be paid the rate of \$22.00 per hour, on an as needed basis. (Mr. Disla will replace Carl Gaebel.)

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 James Hurley as a part-time attendance/residency officer for the district for the 2016-2017 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 20, 2016, James Hurley shall be paid the rate of \$22.00 per hour, on an as needed basis. (Mr. Hurley will replace Carlos Rodriguez.)

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education grants Michelle Sandoval, language arts teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective January 3, 2017 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick and personal days until released by her physician and thereafter an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through June 30, 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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the following individuals as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

James Hurley	Ian Erhard	Raul Figueroa	Jennifer DeJesso
David Branan - Aye	John Fellin, Jr. - Aye		
Bianka Butler - Aye	Thomas Kasper - Aye		
Sandra Dodd - Aye	Kathleen Mullen - Aye		
Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye			

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the guide and salary of Gabriela Colon, ESL teacher at West End School, from the MA Guide to, effective November 1, 2016, MA+30 Guide/Step 4 at the salary rate of \$64,740, to reflect her attainment of a Master's Degree plus 30 credit hours.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment the staff indicated for curriculum revisions, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, not to exceed the hours indicated.

Curriculum	Hours	Staff Member
Social Skills Building	10	Dana Smith
Grade K Math Pacing Guide	5	Kelli Dunston
Grade K Math Marking Period Expectations	5	Kelli Dunston

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between July and September 2016.

Name	Course	School	Crds	Paid	Reimb.
Michael Mulry (Social Studies/HS)	US Presidency, Congress & Bureaucracy	American Public University	3	\$1,050.00	\$ 525.00

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to appoint Michael Mulry as an advisor to the History Honor Society at NPHS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Vincent Del Priore as an advisor to the History Honor Society at NPHS for the 2016-2017 school year at the stipend of \$1,187. (Mr. Del Priore will replace Michael Mulry.)

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 rescinds the previously approved recommendation to employ substitute employee #5791, effective October 10, 2016.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the guide and salary of Erin Keenan, health and physical education teacher at NPHS, from the BA Guide to, effective September 1, 2016, MA Guide/Step 4 at the salary rate of \$61,740, 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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Nina Pleasant as a district chaperone, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the additional prorated salaries of the previously approved teachers providing an additional period of instruction for students in social studies and science classes at Somerset School, as noted, effective October 6, 2016.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Cruz, Sabrina	Special Education	\$8,340.00	\$7,422.62
Beck, Richard	Special Education	\$4,330.00	\$3,853.70
Fiotakis, Elefeteria	Special Education	\$8,258.00	\$7,349.98
Kupczak, Monika	Special Education	\$7,832.00	\$6,970.48

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education appoints Kimberly Nydick as an advisor to the Art Honor Society at NPHS at the stipend of \$1,187.

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

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

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

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 students indicated for Junior Practicum.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>College Name/Program</b>	<b>Class/School</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Cooperating Teacher</b>
Gloria Jimenez	Montclair State University	Resource (DPS)/MS	Fall 2016	Neal Dalton

David Branan - Aye  
 Bianca Butler - Aye  
 Sandra Dodd - Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Magda Aguilar	HS/20.00 hours per week	HS/22.25 hours per week
Tatiana Navarro	HS/20.00 hours per week	HS/23.00 hours per week
Mery Solis	HS/20.00 hours per week	HS/21.75 hours per week

David Branan - Aye  
 Bianca 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 with Mr. Fellin, Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan abstaining that **WHEREAS**, on or about August 25, 2016, September 21, 2016, the North Plainfield Board of Education (the Board of Education), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract of employment with Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools (the Superintendent of Schools), submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County (the Executive County Superintendent) proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the period between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about September 22, 2016, the Board of Education provided the Executive County Superintendent with additional information regarding proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the Superintendent of Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria are associated with merit salary bonuses for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 18, 2016, the Executive County Superintendent approved the Board of Education's proposed merit criteria for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2016-2017 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the attached Qualitative and Quantitative merit goal criteria for completion by the Superintendent of Schools during the 2016-2017 school year.

David Branan - Abstain  
 Bianca 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 with Mr. Fellin, Mr. Kasper and Mr. Branan abstaining that **WHEREAS**, on or about August 25, 2016, September 21, 2016, the North Plainfield Board of Education (the Board of Education), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract of employment with Ms. Michelle Vella, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (the Assistant Superintendent), submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County (the Executive County Superintendent) proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the period between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about September 22, 2016, the Board of Education provided the Executive County Superintendent with additional information regarding proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the Assistant Superintendent; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria are associated with merit salary bonuses for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, on or about October 18, 2016, the Executive County Superintendent approved the Board of Education's proposed merit criteria for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2016-2017 school year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the attached Qualitative and Quantitative merit goal criteria for completion by the Assistant Superintendent during the 2016-2017 school year.

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

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

### **Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that **WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with a report regarding HIB incident #

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and the investigation which was conducted following this complaint; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to this matter as well as the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the results of the investigation; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendation on HIB case #

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

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

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

Social Skills Building  
America Post 9/11  
Middle School Art 7

Big History  
Gifted and Talented  
Middle School Art 8

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective October 20, 2016. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
MMMMMM-16-17	3/21/01	MOD	West Orange High School	\$55,927.00 prorated

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of Professional Education Services, Inc. to provide bedside instruction as needed, at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

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

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2016-2017 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of the Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC to provide consultation and training services, at the rate of \$135 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.

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 approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated August 31, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated October 19, 2016.

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

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves and accepts a donation of \$75.00 from Mr. Jim Maloney for Ms. Heather Morgan's classroom project, at West End School.

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 authorizes Mr. Reginald Sainte-Rose, principal of Somerset School, along with Maschio's Food Service Company to apply for a grant for up to \$5,000.00 from the NJ Department of Agriculture's Jets PLAY 60 "Eat Right Move More" program grant, for the purpose of purchasing a self-serve yogurt machine and to fund testing the potential of replacing all styrofoam serving containers and trays with degradable paper products.

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 authorizes Mr. Milton Mathis apply for a grant for up to \$10,000.00 from the NJEA through the Sustainable NJ Schools grant programs, for the purpose of replacing broken and irreparable bicycle racks at NPMS.

David Branan - Aye  
 Bianca 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 approves the following field trip:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
10/21/16	2016 Dodge Poetry Festival	High School	\$370	Contracted Bus

David Branan - Aye  
 Bianca Butler - Aye  
 Sandra Dodd - Aye  
 Linda Bond-Nelson - Aye

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

### **Correspondence**

There was none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – Next meeting scheduled for December 8, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for January 5, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Curriculum – Mr. Kasper provided an overview of topics discussed.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper updated the board on recent legislation and issues.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned recent meetings in which school funding was discussed.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed recent meeting.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Branan reviewed convention information packets distributed at the meeting and information provided to the board regarding attendance at the NJSBA Annual Convention on October 25-27, 2016.

### **New Business**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by voice vote that the Board of Education approves for second reading as follows new policies:

- 3320.1 Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (Green Purchasing Policy)
- 3501 Conservation Sustainability and Green Initiatives
- 3510.1 Green and Healthy School Cleaning
- 3516.1 Chemical Management Policy

Mr. Branan confirmed interest in holding a Special Joint meeting with North Plainfield Borough. The board unanimously approved the addition to the calendar on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Veremule Center.

### **Current Events in Education**

Ms. Vella reported a Compass Learning Parent Night was hosted on September 28<sup>th</sup> at West End School. During the session, parents/guardians accessed laptops and logged into their child's account in the Compass Learning program. They learned how the program connects to the MAP assessment as well as how to navigate through student assignments and portfolios. Parents were exposed to the MAP student progress report and how to follow their child's progress throughout the year and grade levels.

Everyday Mathematics Family Game Nights were hosted on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at West End School. During sessions, parents and students were exposed to Everyday Mathematics games. Each station contained three example games where facilitators taught parents and students games to play to support math skills development. Families played mathematics games with one another throughout the session. Prizes including decks of cards, notebooks, and pencils.

The Burlington County Institute of Technology, along with the NJ Department of Education, is offering a free professional development day on October 21<sup>st</sup> for career and technical teachers. State presenters will cover a variety of topics to assist CTE teachers in implementing a rich program that meets the needs of all students. North Plainfield is sending a small team to attend the workshops. Mr. Kushner was available for a meet and greet on October 6<sup>th</sup> and will start officially in our district on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports developed by our elementary teachers last year will be ready for electronic completion in Genesis for the second marking period.

Several of our high school math classes will be working with the Early Awareness Program for actuarial studies with Prudential. Prudential is committed to raising awareness of actuarial career and partnering with high schools to lead workshops for strong math students. The Prudential workshop includes an overview of an actuarial experience, skills involved and roles. They review the educational journey of an actuary, description of exams, salary ranges, employment rates, and how the occupation has changed over the years. The second part of workshop is the hands-on exercise (related to cell phone insurance). This is a very interactive exercise demonstrating what an actuary deals with in terms of risk and how they serve customers.

Mr. Mentone at Somerset School is compiling videos for parents/guardians to use to assist with math homework. Parents/guardians can watch examples on the Somerset YouTube of math problems. These videos can be created by the teacher or the students. Using Google Slides, teachers/students can record their voices as they show problems on the slideshow. The text can be translated to other languages using google translator. Videos can also be made on how to play the math games.

The October 14<sup>th</sup> snapshot data for NJSMART has been submitted successfully. We are proud of the hard work our achievement coaches have been doing with their partnership in Dunellen Schools. The academic support teachers were trained in how to administer DIBELS as a progress monitoring tool. DIBELS will be used in conjunction with Branching Minds in order to assess student progress once referred to I&RS.

### **Comments from the Public**

Mr. Merrill expressed positive comments about the Superintendents Forum.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org))

Newsela – November 2, 2016

Preschool Update – Ms. Michelle Onofri November 16, 2016

**Adjournment**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 6:00 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. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one and a half an hour.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Sternberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

APPROVED:  
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