

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on December 17, 2014 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:

Sandra Dodd John Fellin, Jr.
Thomas Kasper Kathleen Mullen
Linda Bond-Nelson

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools, Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 18 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

Minutes Approval

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of December 3, 2014.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of December 3, 2014.

Financial Report

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated November 30, 2014, in the amount of \$5,290,793.11.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen 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 November 2014 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.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Comments from the Public

Ms. Forbes mentioned that due to her retirement, this is her last board meeting as a council representative. Ms. Forbes complimented the board on their efforts.

Ms. Bond-Nelson thanked Ms. Forbes for her service.

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Amaree Gardener as follows:

On Friday, January 9, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium, the PTO will be hosting the "Mr. Canuck 2015" Pageant. The contestants will be judged in four events - evening wear, street wear, beach wear, and a talent. A brief question will be asked of the top 5 contestants. The scores will be tallied and Mr. Canuck 2015 will be announced.

The HS Child Development Class students recently took a field trip to Growing Tree Preschool on Somerset Street and had an amazing first-hand real-life experiences of being an early childhood educator in a real school setting. They worked with preschoolers during center time activities, fine and gross motor skills, including dancing with them.

Interact Food Drive- This year, Ms. Brain and Mr. Risoli of homeroom 143 won for bringing in the most food. They were rewarded to a breakfast of bagels, donuts and coffee. All of the donated food was brought to the North Plainfield food bank.

On **December** 3rd the Interact Club had a bake sale after school and raised \$62.70. We will be having another bake sale on the 12th. The Interact Club also continues to work at the concession stands at Rutgers. We received the good news that the Rotary club will be paying for our t-shirts.

The Dance Ensemble will be performing Friday, December 19th at the high school's winter Pep Rally.

The Tap Club is working on choreography for the first dance they will perform for the public.

Canuck Central updates:

On Dec 10, two Panera Bread Managers came to speak to our Canuck Central student staff to discuss career paths at Panera Bread. They told students about the broad array of jobs at a local cafe level (behind the counter and management) and at the corporate level (legal, human resources, buyers, marketing, finance to name a few).

Canuck Central hosted our first annual Holiday Store Dec 11-13. We were joined by Mrs. Nydick, Ms. Beard who sold homemade crafts and the PTO. We sold Canuck pride merchandise crafts made by our Canuck Central students. The holiday store was a big effort involving advertising, new product positioning, pricing and lots of selling.

On Monday, December 15, the Interact Blood Drive was able to collect 55 pints of blood. This means we collected enough blood to save 165 lives!
Many thanks go to the faculty and staff that donated blood and helped to achieve our goal.

The Canuck mentors recently returned from their annual mentor leadership camp. At this camp, mentors participate in several activities that promote team building, leadership, critical thinking and the ability to support one another. We worked with Erin McManus to complete our activity with the Toys for Tots tree and helped facilitate the procuring of gifts for the families in need.

The middle school jazz band will perform their first concert on Tuesday Dec. 16. Students have been preparing a funk piece based on Angels We Have Heard on High called Who Let the Elves Out. The band is sounding great and the performance should be wonderful.

The Canuckling Club has met regularly to discuss and vote on submissions of poetry, prose, and artwork. We have also discussed designs for this year's T-shirt. Turnout for the meetings has remained high, averaging 20 students per meeting. The Club is excited to make this year's issue, under the theme of *It's All About Perspective*, another award winning issue.

HOPE Club has completed planting all flower bulbs! We look forward to the spring garden!

HOPE Club will conduct its annual Holiday Bake Sale on December 19th after school in front of the cafeteria.

The rainbow trout have now reached the one inch growth mark. Our fry continue to grow and be healthy, while other schools loose many of their fish. Our students are diligent feeding the fish and testing the water to make sure the 55 gallon tank is just right! We have about 100 healthy fish!

Presentation

Mr. Wayne Miller of Suplee Clooney & Company provided an overview of the 2013-2014 Annual Audit. No recommendations were indicated.

Mr. Stuart Buckman, Safety and Security Specialist, updated the board on the Crisis Plan Flip Chart and main changes included in the document.

Superintendent's Report

Good Evening. The time since our last board of education meeting has been very busy with a flurry of activities occurring in all our schools. Among these activities I would like to point out the winter concerts for HS band and Middle School band and chorus, which were wonderfully performed by our students. We are privileged to have one of our high school band represented on the board – our student representative Amaree Gardner. This Thursday we will conclude the holiday performances with the high school choral concert at 7pm. I am confident that this will be both highly entertaining and an excellent representation of our students skill and talent. I encourage all who can, to attend.

The district is hard at work preparing for this year's PARCC assessment. This week information was posted on our website to better inform the school community about this new assessment. Information includes accessibility features of the PARCC, which can tailored to the needs of individual students. Additionally, a link has been provided to access sample PARCC items. Training is occurring with every school prior to the holiday break to better acquaint our teachers with the Personal Need Profiles, which will be created for each student in the PARCC process. It is also the intent of the district to post the PBA portion of the PARCC administration schedule on the district website prior to the holiday break. As you can see, many of our professional staff are devoting significant time and effort to ensure our students and staff feel prepared and our parents knowledgeable regarding this new statewide initiative.

In the category of good news, I am proud to share that High School senior; Mateo Gilsilvetti has been accepted to Princeton University. In addition to his academic achievement, Mateo is extremely involved in a variety of clubs, volunteer activities, athletics, Red Cross and church activities. It goes without saying that acceptance to any Ivy League School is extremely competitive. We congratulate Mateo and recognize that in addition to personal effort, students' achievement is also a result of the support provided by family and faculty. I recognize Mateo, as well, to encourage all our students to recognize their great potential and to always challenge themselves and to ask for the support they may need to meet high

personal goals. As a continuing note regarding our high school's inclusion on the AP Honor Roll, College Board has sent posters referencing this achievement. One such poster is on display in the administration-building alcove.

I would like to take a moment to highlight an important initiative passed by the board of education in their last session. Through resolution, the North Plainfield Schools has affirmed its commitment to the Sustainable Jersey for School's Program. Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program provides a framework for collaboration between schools and the greater school community and was created in an effort to improve efficiency, reduce energy consumption, eliminate waste and free up monies better spent on educating students. I thank Mr. Edward Ostroff for his leadership in this area and look forward to the district's full involvement in this worthwhile endeavor.

Finally, I am happy to share that the district has launched its Twitter and Facebook page. We are excited at the prospect of communicating with the school and greater community through social media. Our Facebook page and Twitter feed can be easily accessed through the district website.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the board of education, our staff, students and students' families the very best of the season and hope that the upcoming break will be a time you can spend and enjoy with those most close to you.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel

It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Dr. Carol R. Conger, interim assistant superintendent of schools, effective December 18, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain	Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Dianne Dwyer, special education teacher at Somerset School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

Sandra Dodd -Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain	Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Julie Kelman, ESL teacher at NPMS, effective January 3, 2015.

Sandra Dodd -Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain	Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Gia Quartarolo, paraprofessional, effective December 3, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the following individuals as K-12 substitute teachers in the district:

Nicholas Kadish
Soyoun Ouh
Marvi Cruz
Peter Jacovinich

Kevin Guevara
Kelly Remsing
Kelly Schmitz

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Christopher Allen as a substitute custodian at the rate of \$18.29 per hour, to be called on an as-needed basis, effective December 18, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve Madeline Gill as freshman class advisor at the stipend of \$1712, to be prorated effective December 15, 2014. (Ms. Gill will replace Christopher Werner.)

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between September and November, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individuals as volunteers to the coaches in the sports indicated after their names:

Ryan Dunham Wrestling NPHS
Peter Jacovinich Basketball NPHS

Sandra Dodd -Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Ibrahim Valjevac as a substitute paraprofessional in the district to be called on an as-needed basis, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

Sandra Dodd -Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following ESL teachers to teach a sixth class as indicated below, to be pro-rated effective January 5, 2015:

Stefanie Myers	ESL/NPMS	MA/Step 11	\$63,360 + \$10,560 (sixth class) = \$73,920
Elba Velazquez	ESL/NPHS	MA/Step 14	\$69,755 = \$11,626 (sixth class) = \$81,381

Sandra Dodd -Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Mary Leriche as a paraprofessional in an OCR language arts class at Stony Brook School for 2.50 hours per day, at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective December 18, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Sandra Dodd -Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the

appointment of the following staff members to teach in the extended day mentoring program at the rate of \$40 per hour, to be funded with NCLB Title I FY'14 monies, as follows:

Stony Brook School

Sharon Switek	18 hrs	Leanne Borbely	27.5 hrs
Amanda Retenberg	18 hrs	Eram Tun	34 hrs
Alison Mac	18 hrs	Lindsey Miller	34 hrs
Robert Meringolo	18 hrs	Maria Koukouras	34 hrs
Michele Motichka	18 hrs	Meghan Zampella	34 hrs
Tara Naturile	18 hrs	Marilyn LaMarca	35.5 hrs
Susan Garatino	18 hrs		

Sandra Dodd -Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain	Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education adjust the unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act granted to Michelle dos Santos, academic support teacher at West End School, **from** December 24, 2014 through March 18, 2015, **to** January 20, 2015 through April 14, 2015. (Ms. dos Santo is extending her Disability period **from** November 10, 2014 through December 23, 2014 **to** November 10, 2014 through January 19, 2015.)

Sandra Dodd -Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain	Kathleen Mullen -Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that,

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that the school district provides a safe, secure, functional environment that will allow for the best possible delivery of quality educational programming throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward Ostroff has served the district as the Director of Operations and Auxiliary Services since February 2007; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ostroff is certified by the State of New Jersey as a Certified Educational Facilities Manager; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ostroff within the scope of his responsibilities, has continually demonstrated his service to the district and his commitment to providing said environment in the most fiscally prudent manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, with appreciation for his high level of professionalism, does hereby approve the revised Contract of Employment between the Board and Mr. Ostroff for the period December 18, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Lydia Senyk as a special education teacher at East End School at the 2014-2015 BA/Step 1 annual salary rate of \$55,490, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, and pro-rated effective January 5, 2015. (Ms. Senyk will replace Sharon Egan.)

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Maryclare Haubruck as a special education teacher at East End School at the 2014-2015 Step 2-3 (3) annual salary rate of \$58,690, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, and pro-rated effective February 17, 2015 or sooner, should she be released from her present employment. (Ms. Haubruck will replace Angela Phillips.)

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education grant Judith Glowinski, a temporary teacher of psychology at NPHS, an eight week unpaid leave of absence effective February 19, 2015 through April 17, 2015, for medical reasons. (Ms. Glowinski will begin her leave of absence on February 4, 2015 using accrued sick days.)

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the spring of 2015, the Board of Education approve Imani K. Hill, Rutgers University practicum student to do her 120 hours of internship in the school counseling department with Linda Remolino acting as her supervisor.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Kasper abstaining that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education accept the resignation of Lucy Pimpinella, art and computer hourly teacher in the Alternative High School Program, from her **art position only**, effective January 9, 2015.. Ms. Pimpinella will continue to teach computer classes in the Alternative High School.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Abstain
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction be continued for non-classified student HI-16-14-15, for up to ten hours per week, to be provided by Brookfield Schools at the rate of \$52.24 per hour.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction for non-classified student HI-23-14-15, for up to five hours per week, to be provided by Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission at the rate of \$63 per hour, effective November 21, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction for the following non-classified students for up to ten hours per week, to be provided by Educere, effective dates as indicated:

	<u>Effective Date</u>
HI-24-14-15	January 5, 2015
HI-27-14-15	December 16, 2014

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction for identified student HI-25-14-15 to be provided by district staff for up to ten hours per week, effective December 8, 2014, pending a child study team evaluation.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve home instruction for classified student HI-26-14-15 to be provided by district staff for up to ten hours per week, effective December 2, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student ZZZ-14-15 **from** Nu-View Academy **to** Greenbrook Academy in Bound Brook at the annual rate of \$70,796, to be prorated pending transportation arrangements.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of classified student RRRRRR-14-15 at The Career Center of the SCESC at the annual rate of \$56,900, to be prorated pending transportation arrangements.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the following identified students undergo psychiatric evaluations to be provided by Dr. Elisa Dulay at the cost of \$875 each:

PSY-10-14-15

PSY-11-14-15

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated October 31, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated December 17, 2014.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve Marisa Zervopoulos provide assistance with payroll services for the purpose of closing out 2014 fourth quarter tax reports, and payroll reports, at a rate of \$50.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,500.00, effective January 5, 2015.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote,

that the Board accept and approve a donation from the IBM Community Grant Program, requested by Deanne D'Armiento, teacher of science at NPMS, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of improving the use of technology to enhance the curriculum in our classrooms. Funds will be used for purchase of equipment in NPMS.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
 Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen -Aye

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transp.</u>
HS	12/13/2014	Concert Choir members perform a short concert for community and church members.	Cross of Life Lutheran Plainfield, NJ	0.00	District
HS	12/22/2014	Students will create original art on holiday cards to present to elderly as community service.	JFK Hartwyck Cedar-brook Nursing home Plainfield, NJ	0.00	District
HS	1/13/2015	Heroes and Cool Kids Mentor Training	Vonage Holmdel, NJ	0.00	District
HS	2/26/2015	Heroes and Cool Kids Grade Six Presentation	Somerset School North Plainfield, NJ	0.00	District

Sandra Dodd -Aye
 Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approves reimbursement to the following payroll bookkeeper for vacation days earned and/or carried over based on her resignation as per the negotiated Agreement:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Resignation Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Marisa Zervopoulos	9	1/1/2015	\$1,669.14 (earned/carryover)

Sandra Dodd -Aye
 Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education gratefully accept the donation of assorted office supplies including executive desks, filing cabinets, and computer workstations from Kenneth Shevlin, father-in-law of Darrell Taylor, for use in NPHS.

Sandra Dodd -Aye
 Thomas Kasper-Aye
 Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
 Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: Letter of Resignation from Dr. Carol R. Conger

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Sternberg provided an overview of topics discussed including the 2015-2016 budget.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Sternberg provided an overview of policies discussed and on agenda for approval.

Negotiations-No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper discussed the 12/10 meeting and mentioned he was sworn in as President.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen mentioned discussion of bussing at recent meeting of the board.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and approved by roll call vote of 4 to 1, with Ms. Dodd abstaining that the Board of Education approve the following policies as revised:

2224	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action - Administration
3542.1	Wellness and Nutrition
4111	Recruitment, Selection, and Hiring – Certificated Staff
4111.1/4211.1	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action – Staff
4211	Recruitment, Selection, and Hiring – Non-certificated Staff
5120	Assessment of Individual Needs
5131.6	Drugs, Alcohol, Steroids, Tobacco
5141	Health
5145.4	Equal Educational Opportunity
6121	Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action – Instruction
6142.4	Physical Education and Health

Sandra Dodd -Abstain
Thomas Kasper-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Dr. McLaughlin requested the board to consider removing from the agenda Introduction of New Staff as we do not utilize until once per year.

Dr. McLaughlin requested the board to consider no longer placing students that require home instruction on the agenda. As per the attorney, board approval for Home Instruction is not required.

Ms. Dodd mentioned new legislation and required training for bus drivers.

Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned need for Board Retreat to address new issues possibly in February.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

T. Peters complimented Amaree Gardner, student representative on her performances.

Future Agenda Items

There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 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. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, Resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30 pm for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 9:10 pm.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg