

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 18, 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	Thomas Kasper
Sandra Dodd	Kathleen Mullen-absent
John Fellin, Jr.	Linda Bond-Nelson

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, as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 50 members of the staff and public.

Ms. Bond-Nelson announced the resignation of Mr. Thomas Allen effective March 12, 2015, and made a motion to accept the resignation as presented to the Board President, on voice vote all votes yes.

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 March 4, 2015.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of March 4, 2015.

Financial Report

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approve by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the list of bills and payrolls dated February 28, 2015, in the amount of \$5,324,539.53.

Mr. Kasper moved, seconded by Mr. Branan and unanimously approve 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 January 2015, 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.

Comments from the Public

Several staff members present commented on the desire to settle the contract with the NPEA.

Student Representative Report

The student report was presented by Amaree Gardner as follows:

The Canuckling Club has been discussing various submissions of poetry and artwork for this year's issue under the theme, *It's All About Perspective*. Designs for this year's T-shirt are also being discussed. The Club members are excited to make this year's issue an award-winning success, and they have been hard at work to reach this goal.

HOPE Club is starting to create a Grade 3-5 Book for use by the elementary school teachers. We hope that we will be able to disseminate the story of a bird that relies upon us to survive and that it will help in the transition to the Next Generation Science Standards. The intention is to support students produce models (e.g., food web and nutrient cycles), based on the book content. The standard this project supports is 5-LS2-1.

Some of the Advanced Foods classes had an NPHS graduate come as a guest speaker. Daniela Velastegui, class of '06, has earned a degree in Nutrition and asked to come speak to our students. She spoke of Nutrition/Dietetics as a career choice. She also did a mini-lesson called "Rethink Your Drink". Students measured out the number of teaspoons of sugar found in various popular drinks. They then discussed the risks of high sugar consumption and identified alternative beverage choices.

The North Plainfield High School Drama Club has been rehearsing since January for their Spring Musical Production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Guys and Dolls is a musical romantic comedy involving the unlikeliest of Manhattan pairings: a high-rolling gambler and a puritanical missionary, a showgirl dreaming of the straight-and-narrow and a crap game manager who is anything but. *Guys and Dolls* tells of con-man Nathan Detroit's efforts to find a place for his illegal, but notorious, crap game - but he doesn't have the dough to secure the one location he finds. Enter Sky Masterson, a high-rolling gambler willing to take on any honest bet with a high enough reward attached. Nathan bets Sky that he can't take the "doll" of Nathan's choosing to Havana, Cuba with him on a date. When Sky agrees to the bet, Nathan chooses uptight Evangelist Sergeant Sarah Brown, head of Broadway's Save-a-Soul Mission. Sky thinks he's been duped, but he's in for even more of a surprise when his efforts to woo Sarah are so successful that he falls in love with her himself! *Guys and Dolls* takes us from bustle of Times Square to the dance clubs of Havana to the sewers of New York City as it demonstrates the great lengths to which a guy will go when he truly falls in love with a "doll."

We hope to see you at the show March 26, 27 or 28 at 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium!

Presentation

Mr. Reginald Sainte-Rose and Mr. Luis Jaime presented an overview of various mentoring programs currently conducted at Somerset School.

Mr. Jamil Maroun and Mr. John Tarnofsky presented and discussed proposed school calendars for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year, to the Board for review and approval. Upon review and discussion by the board the school calendar for both 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 were approved and accepted.

Superintendent's Report

We are two days from the first day of Spring and I know I am joined by many in the hope that our Winter weather is now behind us. At this time the district has utilized its allotment of three snow days and our school calendar for the remainder of the school year should proceed without any alterations with one exception. On January 13th East End School was required to close due to a gas leak. That day will be made up in a shortened session on June 22, 2015.

The PARCC assessment continues and we have been pleased with the district's technology capabilities as it relates to this assessment. The PBA portion of testing will conclude on March 25th. The New Jersey Department of Education extended the test period in light of weather related issues throughout the state, allowing our district to extend our make-up session through April 2nd. Once testing is complete we will place the End of Year PARCC schedule on our website. It is important to emphasize that the EOY is a continuation of testing and not a new test therefore we will be unable to accommodate any new parent refusal requests. Those parents who previously provided a refusal request should know that that request carries over into the End of Year session and new requests are not required.

As we experience warmer weather, it is a good time to remind parents of our elementary students about Walking Wednesday. We encourage parents who can walk with their children to school, to partake in this weekly event and walk rather than drive to school. Each of our elementary schools participate in this endeavor which promotes both physical exercise and experience in safe pedestrian travel.

Recommendations from 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 the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Judith Fowler, academic support teacher at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 the employment of Kristen Broderick as a substitute paraprofessional, 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.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
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Sandra Dodd- Aye Thomas Kasper-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 grant Adriana Silva Rosario, teacher of mathematics at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence for child care purposes, effective September 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following individuals as district K-12 substitute teachers:

Maria Bezerra Sharon Gianneschi

David Branan-Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye Thomas Kasper-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 with regret the resignation of Mindy Durkin, elementary teacher at West End School, effective July 1, 2015.

David Branan-Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye Thomas Kasper-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 grant Sara Gagliano, academic support teacher at West End School, and unpaid leave of absence, effective September 1, 2015 through January 31, 2016, for child care purposes.

David Branan-Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye Thomas Kasper-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 grant Deborah Lysicatos, elementary teacher at West End School, a twelve-week unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective September 1, 2015 through November 24, 2015, for child care purposes.

Further, that the Board of Education grant Ms. Lysicatos an unpaid leave of absence effective November 25, 2015 through June 30, 2016, for child care purposes.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Dora Ramirez as a substitute paraprofessional, 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.

David Branan-Aye John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye Thomas Kasper-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 with regret the resignation of Robert Ferraro, teacher of industrial arts at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective May 1, 2015.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 and **2015-2016** school years, the Board of Education grant Marilyn Quinones, assistant principal at West End School, an unpaid leave of absence under the Federal Family Leave Act, effective June 22, 2015 through September 11, 2015. (Ms. Quinones plans to use accrued sick days during her Disability period from May 13, 2015 through June 19, 2015.)

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

Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan 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 reports regarding HIB incidents #

15-03-04-001	15-02-18-005	2015_3
15-03-04-002	15-02-18-006	
15-03-04-003	15-02-18-007	
15-02-18-004	2015_1	

and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Superintendent's recommendations regarding the results of the investigations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Superintendent's recommendations on HIB cases #

15-03-04-001	15-02-18-005	2015_3
15-03-04-002	15-02-18-006	
15-03-04-003	15-02-18-007	
15-02-18-004	2015_1	

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the attached list of service providers to be utilized by the Department of Pupil Services on an as-needed basis, at the rates indicated.

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

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated January 31, 2015.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated March 18, 2015.

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

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopt the following preliminary school district budget for the 2015-2016 school year:

General Fund	\$ 56,410,149.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 2,494,198.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ <u>1,270,520.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 60,174,867.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$29,060,276.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,265,643.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and submit this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval for advertising as required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establish May 6, 2015 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorize the Superintendent and Board Secretary, upon approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, to advertise this budget on or about May 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education now adopt this budget as presented and that this resolution take effect immediately.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 change order number FAEE-001, for the Fire Alarm Replacement Project – East End School, in the amount of \$14,750.00 (Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) based on the allowance to be deducted from the contract sum. The cost of the project will now be as follows:

Original Installation cost.....	\$144,750.00
Change Order.....	- <u>\$ 14,750.00</u>
Adjusted Total Installation Cost.....	\$130,000.00

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 change order number FASB-001, for the Fire Alarm Replacement Project – Stony Brook School, in the amount of \$9,000.00 (Nine Thousand Dollars) based on the allowance to be deducted from the contract sum. The cost of the project will now be as follows:

Original Installation cost.....	\$ 84,000.00
Change Order.....	- <u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
Adjusted Total Installation Cost.....	\$ 75,000.00

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 change order number FAHS-001, for the Fire Alarm Replacement Project – NP High School, in the amount of \$43,500.00 (Forty-Three Thousand

Five Hundred) based on the allowance to be deducted from the contract sum. The cost of the project will now be as follows:

Original Installation cost.....	\$416,500.00
Change Order.....	- <u>\$ 43,500.00</u>
Adjusted Total Installation Cost.....	\$373,000.00

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 change order number FAWE-001, for the Fire Alarm Replacement Project – West End School, in the amount of \$14,750.00 (Fourteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars) based on the allowance to be deducted from the contract sum. The cost of the project will now be as follows:

Original Installation cost.....	\$144,750.00
Change Order.....	- <u>\$ 14,750.00</u>
Adjusted Total Installation Cost.....	\$130,000.00

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

Revised resolution (previously approved January 7, 2015) for the North Plainfield Board of Education Gymnasium Air Conditioning Somerset School Project Section 15 Grant Acceptance

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

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has obtained approval of the preliminary eligible costs for certain financing from the New Jersey Department of Education, Department for School Facilities Projects, pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act, (the “Act”), N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1, et seq. and the regulations promulgated there under N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1, et seq. (now codified at N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.1, et seq.), (the “Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, upon the Board’s submission, the NJ DOE has granted the Board’s application pursuant to the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) for the School Facilities Project at the Somerset School, Gymnasium Air Conditioning Project (the “School Project”), Department of Education Project No. 3670-080-14-1015, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-080-14-G2PE; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$225,385.00, and an initial local share of \$124,340.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$349,725.00; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2014 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$685,518.00 in Capital Outlay for School Projects; and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has ensured the local share funds are available for the School Project and the Board is now authorizing and confirming that the local share amount of \$124,340 is available for the identified project as stated above; and

NOW, THEREFORE , BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that the Board is hereby authorizing execution, and delivery of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act Section 15 Grant Agreement with the New Jersey School Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board is providing the Delegation of Authority to the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for supervision of the School Facilities Project, and is hereby authorizing the Business Administrator to make the necessary application required by the New Jersey School Development Authority to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement on behalf of the Board, in substantially the form submitted at this meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall have the authority to supervise the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Parette Somjen Architects are authorized to prepare all plans, specifications, drawings, and necessary bid-related documents for the Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and such other appropriate representatives of the Board as may be requested by the aforesaid officer, is hereby authorized to take all actions necessary for implementation of the Grant Agreement and the School Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 the “Master Collaborative Educational Services Agreement” with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 contract period, for the purpose of providing professional technical contracted services as listed in the agreement, and as required by the district.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 the “Master Special Education Tuition Agreement” with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2020 contract period, for the purpose of providing educational handicapped resident pupils with specific educational programs as determined necessary by the student IEP and as required by the district.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

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

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Technology as follows:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2015-2016; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide technology to all students attending a nonpublic school located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the technology to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon technology which may include equipment, software, professional development and/or maintenance of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enter into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2015-2016 school year, and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District pay the State-approved administrative percentage (5% in 2015-2016) of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to cover the SCESC's cost for administering the program. The SCESC will invoice the District for technology items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program and State-approved administrative percentage of the total amount spent as reimbursement for

administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Textbooks as follows:

WHEREAS, 18A:58-37-1 et seq., as amended by Chapter 121, Laws of 1984, requires that the state and local community purchase and loan textbooks upon individual request to all students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in nonpublic schools located within the local school district; and,

WHEREAS, no Board of Education is required to expend funds for the purchase and loan of textbooks in excess of the amounts provided in state aid; and,

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the purchasing and processing of nonpublic school textbooks for local public school districts for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District enters into an agreement with SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2015-2016 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq., and as authorized by the District. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District agrees to pay the total amount allocated by the State of New Jersey Nonpublic Textbook Program and a 6% administrative fee not to be paid through State program funds to the SCESC by August 31, 2014 or 30 days after State funding is announced, whichever is first. The 6% administrative fee will be waived if all other nonpublic program services for the District are provided by the SCESC. Any unexpended funds will be refunded to the local district.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nursing Services as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 1st day of July, 2015, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors, acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing auxiliary services and any other service or supply provided under grant guidelines to eligible students attending nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, and the Rules and Regulations governing nursing services to nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible nonpublic schools within its district to assure equal access to specified nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed to contract with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to said legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016.
2. The SCESC will provide services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school within the limitations of State funds and according to State guidelines:
 - a. Nursing services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school. The services shall include:
 - 1) Assistance with medical examinations, including dental screening
 - 2) Screening of hearing
 - 3) The maintenance of student health records and notification of local or county health officials of any student who has not been properly immunized
 - 4) Scoliosis examinations of students between the ages of 10 and 18
 - 5) The extension of emergency care provided to public school students to full time nonpublic school students who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to NJAC 6A:16-1.4 and 2.1(a)4. These health services include:

The emergency administration of epinephrine via epipen pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:40 12.5;

The care of any student who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school-sponsored functions;

The transportation and supervision of any student determined to be in need of immediate care; and

The notification to parents of any student determined to be in need of immediate medical care.

The nursing services provided to nonpublic schools shall not include instructional services.

3. The SCESC shall purchase nursing supplies for nonpublic schools, if requested, with remaining funds after required nursing services are provided as per the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and with authorization by the Public School District.

4. The SCESC shall contact the nonpublic schools within the district and determine the services they will require within the parameters of the law and limitations of funds.

5. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

6. The Public School District agrees to pay to the SCESC a sum equal to the full funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for nursing services to nonpublic schools within its district pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 226 Laws of 1991. Payment shall be made monthly during the school year and forwarded to SCESC within sixty (60) days after district's receipt of the SCESC's monthly invoice of services provided and supplies purchased. See Attachment A for rate charged for nursing services. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the payment as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic Nursing Services Program implementation. In the event a Public School District fails to remit the funds to the SCESC, the SCESC shall have the right to give notice of discontinued services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals. A certified copy of the Public School Resolution is annexed hereto.

David Branan-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Sandra Dodd- Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

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

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Nonpublic Instructional Services – Chapters 192/193 as follows:

THIS AGREEMENT is made the 1st day of July, 2015, between the Somerset County Education Services Commission, County of Somerset, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing New Jersey's Chapter 192 and Chapter 193 programs to eligible students enrolled full time in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey. Chapter 192 programs provide nonpublic school students with auxiliary services such as compensatory education, English as a second language, and home instruction. Chapter 193 programs provide nonpublic school students with remedial services such as evaluation and determination of eligibility for special education and related services, supplementary instruction, and speech-language services.

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-6, 8, 19.1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193), N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192), and the Rules and Regulations governing auxiliary services to nonpublic schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities within its district; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7; as authorized by the Public School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2015 through and including June 30, 2016.
2. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available.
3. SCESC will provide the Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities.
 - a. **COMPENSATORY EDUCATION** will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - b. **ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE** will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.

- c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.5. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed as per State guidelines during the year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
- d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.6. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
- e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be given in lieu of regular classroom instruction to an eligible student who is enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school and is unable to attend school for 10 consecutive days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year due to temporary or chronic health condition or need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting. The teacher providing the instruction will be appropriately certified for the subject and grade level in which instruction is given pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).

4. SCESC will provide the auxiliary services in examination and classification to nonpublic school students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will be conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3(c) by appropriate certified personnel.

5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries.

6. All nonpublic transportation funding will be allocated according to State guidelines.

7. For the Auxiliary services of Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction and Corrective Speech services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 10% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193, based on the active roster of students, which will be considered the official enrollment, and provided to the Public School District through monthly invoices of services rendered.

8. For the Auxiliary services of Examination and Classification, and Home Instruction described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 100% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year per pupil by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193 when services are rendered. The SCESC will submit monthly billing of services rendered.

9. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapter 192/193 program implementation. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
10. It is the responsibility of the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within ten (10) business days.
11. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within sixty (60) days following receipt of invoices for such services.
12. The Project Completion Report for Chapters 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District by July 30.
13. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.
14. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the distribution, collection, processing and preparation of the Request for Additional Funding Under the Provisions of Chapters 192/193 required by the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the Laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Business Administrator may act as the local district's agent by filing for Additional Funding Under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the website for submission of the requests.
15. Due to the wide variation in district calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
16. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
17. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:
 - a. The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District has by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

David Branan-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Sandra Dodd- Aye

Thomas Kasper-Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

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

That the Board of Education approve the administration of Nonpublic Funds designated for Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act as follows:

Pursuant to the official action taken at the meeting of the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District (hereinafter referred to as the "District"), held on March 19, 2014, the Board agrees that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"), administer the district's Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act funds, pursuant to the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Grant Application, on behalf of the District. The Services shall be limited to those permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations.

The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2015 until June 30, 2016.

The District agrees to pay the Commission the monthly amount of the Nonpublic School IDEA proportionate share grant funding in support of the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. The following payment schedule is hereby agreed to: 100% of the monthly services as defined in Attachment A plus any other fees for services allowable by law with prior District approval. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

In the event the District fails to remit the funds according to the schedule indicated above, the Commission retains the right to postpone service under this contract until funds are released.

The parties agree that if the District shall no longer be eligible for funding pursuant to the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, or if such funding shall terminate, either party may terminate this agreement.

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible Somerset County nonpublic schools identified by the District's grant application and as authorized by the District. Also, the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

The Commission will provide an annual report of I.D.E.A. funded services, equipment and/or technology and provide input into the grant process for each school served.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Board of Education of North Plainfield Borough School District and the Board of Directors of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission

have by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye

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

That the Board of Education approve the following special education transportation jointure with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, and public school students to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the MRESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the MRESC will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, as presented to the North Plainfield Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the MRESC, payment will be made according to the billing schedule to be provided. Said formula shall be based on the route costs(s) divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on the actual cost. Any balance due back to the district will be made by June.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby approved to enter into a service agreement with the MRESC for said service.

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

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the revised job description for the position of Director of School Counseling Services.

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

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Thomas Kasper-Aye

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

WHEREAS, the health of New Jersey's public employee retirement systems affects the state's economy and its citizens' quality of life, and impacts critical functions, ranging from the state's ability to borrow to finance public works projects to its annual budget including state aid to education and, consequently, the operation of the public schools; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Pension and Health Benefits Study Commission, appointed by Governor Chris Christie in 2014, has issued its final report, “A Roadmap to Resolution,” which proposes monumental changes in how public employee benefits, particularly the Teachers’ Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and the School Employees’ Health Benefits Program (SEHBP), are financed and administered; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education believes that reform must balance the health of the state’s retiree benefits programs with local school boards’ responsibility to provide sound educational programming; and

WHEREAS, TPAF benefits are established by the state and not through local school board action; and

WHEREAS, post-retirement medical benefits are provided to TPAF retirees through state legislation, not local school board action; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education believes that the TPAF and any new retirement program for certificated school district staff must be funded by the state government; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education believes that transferring payment of the employer’s contribution to the teacher retirement plan and post-retirement medical benefits from the state to local school districts would have a detrimental impact on the resources necessary to maintain educational programming; and

WHEREAS, to restore solvency to, and avert future default of, the state’s retirement programs, the pension and benefits reform act of 2011 (*P.L.* 2011, *c.*78) includes a schedule of annual state payments designed to close the deficit of the plans that serve school district employees; and

WHEREAS, medical benefits for retired school employees, which will total over \$1 billion in 2015-2016, are a major cost-driver in the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education supports the current statutorily required employee contributions toward health benefits, which reflect current practice in the private sector and in public employment in other states, and have provided significant financial relief for local school districts, thereby enabling them to direct resources toward educational programming, including teacher employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education urges the state Legislature and Governor to ensure that the employers’ cost for teacher pensions and post-retirement medical benefits—financial obligations created by the state—are not transferred to local school districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to provide local school districts and local property taxpayers with financial relief, the Legislature should amend *P.L.* 2011, *c.*78 to make the current employee contributions toward health coverage a permanent requirement and not a subject of labor negotiations; and be it further

RESOLVED, that to provide further control over the cost of health benefits, the Legislature should give local boards of education unilateral authority to enroll in the School Employee

Health Benefits Program if the board determines that such action would generate financial savings; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education supports the goal of reducing the overall costs of public employee health and retirement benefits and urges the state Legislature and Governor to take a studied and comprehensive approach that will ensure the long-term solvency of the state's public employee retirement programs without unduly burdening local school district budgets and endangering educational programming; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Chris Christie, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto; and the Twenty-Second Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Thomas Kasper-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 the district school calendars as presented for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school year.

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

Correspondence

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Mr. Fellin mentioned survey on notifications.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Branan provided an overview of items discussed in meeting.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Branan mentioned policies discussed that will be placed on agenda for approval at the next BOE meeting.

Negotiations – Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned 4/15 meeting.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – Mr. Kasper mentioned 3/25 meeting.

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.

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed resolution opposing transfer of pension obligation to the district. Resolution as noted.

Current Events in Education

There were none.

Comments from the Public

Several staff members expressed concerns over settling contract with NPEA.

Future Agenda Items

Per presentation calendar.

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, April 1, 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. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg