

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on November 19, 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:

David Branan  
John Fellin, Jr.  
Linda Bond-Nelson

Sandra Dodd  
Kathleen Mullen

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. Carol Conger, Interim Superintendent of Schools; Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; as well as, Amaree Gardner, Student Representative and approximately 11 members of the staff and public.

#### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to accept the public session minutes of November 5, 2014.

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to accept the executive session minutes of November 5, 2014.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Branan 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 in the amount of \$6,229,766.40.

Mr. Branan 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 September 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.

#### **Comments from the Public**

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public, there were none.

## Student Representative Report

The Student report was presented by Amaree Gardner as follows:

The **North Plainfield Borough School District** has been selected for the **5th Annual AP District Honor Roll**. A total of 547 school districts across the U.S. and Canada are being honored by the College Board for simultaneously increasing access to Advanced Placement® coursework while maintaining or increasing the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher on AP Exams. Thirty-four districts in New Jersey met the criteria to be placed on the AP Honor Roll this year.

The College Board has released the names of all the AP Honor Roll districts that have opened AP classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students, while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning scores of 3 or higher. To support your district in sharing this award with your schools and constituents, we will be providing posters, a certificate, and a web banner for your school and district websites (attached). We will also be providing a boilerplate press release that your communications team can use to spread the good news.

Criteria used for inclusion in the AP District Honor Roll:

1. Increased access to AP courses by
  - At least 4% in large districts
  - At least 6% in medium districts
  - At least 11% in small districts
2. While performance levels must be maintained or improved among traditionally underserved minority students in order to qualify for the District Honor Roll, this criterion is waived for districts with less than 5% minority students in large and medium districts; and less than 10% in small districts, so as to avoid penalizing small, rural districts that do not have significant racial/ethnic diversity within their high school populations.
3. Performance levels must be maintained or improved when comparing the percentage of exams scoring 3+ in 2014 to 2012

On November 5th, the period 5 Dance 2 class presented their choreography projects to their peers, Mr. Tom Mazur, Ms. Patricia Marseglia and Dr. Carol R. Conger. Administration, as well as the students, enjoyed observing and sharing reflections on the choreography.

Tap Dance Club---Plans to start choreography for a tap dance for the schools mid-year dance performance in January have begun.

Dance Team---Mrs. Schultz started teaching choreography for a lyrical dance in honor of our Country's 200 anniversary of the National Anthem. This dance will be performed in the schools mid-year dance performance in January, the Music Faculty Recital in February, and the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival in May.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Child Development class had the opportunity to see a real puppet/magic show presented by Mr. Leslie Rosen. The show was arranged by Tom Mazur. We also had a great Halloween parade as the preschools dressed in their Halloween costumes went into Central Office and the Counseling Office at the high school where they received

goodies for their trick-or-treat bags and then a class party in their classroom. We are working on creating a class friendship quilt, our family's poster, class turkey, and other Thanksgiving related projects.

On December 4<sup>th</sup> and 5 at 7pm The North Plainfield High School Drama Club will perform their fall production - *Run For the Money*.

#### **THE PLOT:**

This slapstick comedy features 21 high school students acting as the potential heirs to an estate. Game player Fosdick Floogee knew his relatives for what they were – a greedy, grasping, grabbing gang of hoodlums. He also knew he wanted to play one last game. So when he passed away, he arranged it so his executor would lay down the rules for each heir to 'find his treasure'. Simple enough you might think...but what follows if a fast-paced free-for-all where everyone is out to get everything. Will Estelle find her fortune, in between putting on airs and dropping murder threats? Or Montell, when he's not hiding out from a bookie's hit man, Knuckles Dundee? Or maybe Chester, the butler, who heard old Fosdick tape his will? Lines and characters fly at a breakneck speed, causing the law to show up. Sheriff Bullmizer, however, ends up more as a referee than a lawman and calls in his deputies, who try to arrest Knuckles, who's trying to grab Montell, who's...well, you get the idea. This show will keep you laughing and rooting for your favorite heir. Of course, it's anybody's guess who will get what but one thing's for sure – they're all getting "A Run For Their Money".

Tickets are \$5 for adults and students and can be purchased at the door.

The Choral Student of North Plainfield High School will hold their second annual Cabaret Dinner and Show on Friday, November 21, from 6-10pm in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance. Call Maryann Thorpey, 9078-769-6000 Ext. 3102 if you would like to purchase a ticket. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

The football rivalry between North Plainfield High School and South Plainfield High School continues this Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27, at South Plainfield's Football Field at 10:30am. South Plainfield High School is having a toy drive for the holiday season and if you bring a toy to the game admission is free.

The NPHS Interact Club is hosting their annual food drive beginning October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Students and staff were asked to bring in non-perishable goods. The food drive will end on November 21<sup>st</sup>, just in time for Thanksgiving. Everyone was asked to give to those less fortunate during this holiday time.

The contributions will be donated to the North Plainfield Food Bank.

Boxes were placed in every high school homeroom prior to the morning of October 22<sup>nd</sup> for students and staff to put their items in.

We are very excited to support our community with the help of the high school students and staff and hope that we will be just as successful as we have been in the past.

30 juniors and seniors were inducted into the North Plainfield Chapter of the National Honor Society on Tuesday, November 18. In order to be eligible for consideration, students had to

have a GPA of 4.5 or higher. They then had to meet additional criteria in the areas of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. These new inductees are excited to begin tutoring.

The vegetarian club:

1. Educated students about the different types of vegetarians and what they eat.
2. Discussed how to be a vegetarian with a healthy, well-rounded diet.
3. Prepared samples of vegetarian/vegan food for club members and others.
4. Researched and learned vegan baking recipes.
5. Distributed educational literature.

### **Presentation**

Dr. Blecher, Mr. Mazur, and Senior Chief DeJean presented to the Board an overview of the class trip to Ft. McHenry in Baltimore, Maryland for or the National Anthem Project.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Arts Dept.**

The Marching Canucks and Color Guard placed 7<sup>th</sup> among a field of 18 Group III-A high schools that ranged from Virginia to Connecticut. Congratulations to all the students, teachers, advisors, chaperones and especially our North Plainfield Music Parents, who represented our district with a flawless performance, both on the field and behind the scenes. The event took place at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

Supervisor of arts, **Tom Mazur**, asserts that when we can go to the videotape, many will agree with him that 2<sup>nd</sup> place was a more fitting placement. Nonetheless, we can all be very proud of the fine effort by all involved.

#### **Mathematics Dept.**

Compass Learning - The purpose of assessment is to improve instruction, tailoring it to the needs of the students. In keeping with this belief, North Plainfield will use Compass Learning, an individualized, online tutorial program, to filter its Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results into customized learning paths for students in grades 3-11 in math, and grades 6-11 in reading. In future years, students will access both reading and math programs beginning in grade 3.

Because the MAP tests are adaptive, each student's test measures what each student could do, whether they were above or below grade level, and identify specific "next steps" for them. They will be able to access his/her own tutorials, practice sessions and assessments to close any gaps in achievement they may have exhibited, or to accelerate learning for those students who are capable of more.

On November 17-19, approximately 120 teaches of reading, English and mathematics in grades 3-11, including special education and academic support teachers, will attend a two hour 45-minute training session designed to familiarize them with the program. The training will enable them to introduce their students to the program. Compass Learning will be used in the classroom and can also be accessed by any student, at any time, from home.

Future professional development offered by Compass Learning will bring their trainers directly into classrooms to assist teachers in scheduling time for the program and in analyzing test reports.

### NPMS

On Friday, October 31, 2014, the middle and high school had a Halloween Costume Day. Many of our students and staff participated by dressing up. They event was enjoyed by all.

Holocaust Exhibit - The exhibit will be on display from January 15 until February 12.

### East End School

On October 30, every third grade student at East End School received the gift of a dictionary from the Plainfield/North Plainfield Rotary Club. Distributed by Rotarian and Borough Council member **Mary Forbes**, as well as community leaders North Plainfield **Mayor Michael Giordano**, **Chief of Police William Parenti**, and former mayor **Janice Allen**, the dictionaries were purchased by the Rotary Club. Said principal **John Ferguson**, "What a wonderful example of the partnership between schools and civic organizations. I know our students will cherish them for any years."

Walk-to-School Wednesday again proved to be a very successful event with the attendance of North Plainfield **Mayor Michael Giordano** on hand for the November 5<sup>th</sup> gathering. Mayor Giordano greeted students and parents alike, as he assisted East End's student liaison **Lynelle Thomas** to hand out pencils and stickers.

This year East End PTO has partnered with *Kastle Creations* to conduct their annual fall school fundraiser. With the theme of "Holiday Favorites," the PTO hopes to sell many edible treats just in time for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The money raised will be used for many projects and activities that occur year-long at the school, such as, field trips and school presentations.

School counselor **Nicole Rivlin** and teacher **Lisa Napolitano** are proud to announce that this year's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is well underway. Sponsored by the student council, donations will be given to FISH, an emergency food program designed to help families in North Plainfield. As part of the month's character education theme of *Generosity and Gratitude*, the school kicked off the food drive by having "Thankful Friday" on Friday, November 7, in which students were asked to bring in one item to donate. As students entered the school, it became apparent that the message of generosity was truly learned by the students, as the boxes quickly overflowed with cans of fruits and vegetables, boxes of pasta and rice, and jars of pasta sauce.

### West End School

Mystery Reader: Captain America came to visit **Elizabeth Cirillo's** second grade class last week. As part of Ms. Cirillo's reading program and goal for increased parent involvement, she has mystery readers come to read aloud a book to the class. Last week it was Ari

Johnson father, Wayne Johnson, who came to school disguised as Captain America. He surprised the class and read them a story. The class was thrilled to see the super hero! Before he left he revealed himself as Ari's dad. Mr. Johnson, who is a Pediatric Physical Therapist, will be returning to this second grade class to speak to the children about this job. He has also offered to treat the class to a pizza lunch.

**Student Council:** This year Student Council participated in Operation Shoebox, which is an organization that sends donations to our troops. Every October, Operation Shoebox accepts Halloween candy to send overseas to our troops. Our Student Council decided to support this cause and collected over 90lbs of candy this year. We would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and support in our cause. Thank you to advisors **Heather Morgan** and **Alyson DiFiore**.

### **Stony Brook School**

NP Schools Promote Safe Walking: The North Plainfield Safe Routes to School Program began its fifth year in September 2014. For the past four years, East End, West End and Stony Brook Schools, along with Somerset Intermediate School, have been working with the Mayor's office, the North Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Officer and Somerset County's Safe Routes to School Program in an effort to promote student safety while walking to and from school. Though this program, the first Wednesday of every month has been declared "Walk to School Wednesday". **Mayor Giordano** and **business administrator, Don Sternberg**, will continue to visit the four schools to present the Wednesday Walkers with stickers and various rewards. The Somerset County Coordinator, **Jim Crane**, has visited many classrooms throughout the district and conducted Safety Awareness Workshops for students and staff members.

The Safe Routes to School Committee will continue to meet monthly to apply for grants, fundraise with the help of Modell's and monitor a "Miles That Matter" campaign designed by Jim Crane. Each month the Wednesday Walkers will be counted and awards will be presented to the class that has the most walkers. The "Miles that Matter" Trophy will move from classroom to classroom in each building. First, second and third place winning classes will receive framed certificates.

### **Informational Items**

Operations Dept. Summary  
October Superintendent's Report  
NP Education Foundation Mini-Grant Letter and Application  
Newspaper Articles

### **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 Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

WHEREAS Queenie Newson, paraprofessional in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire on December 1, 2014, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately eleven years with dedication to the highest standards of education, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Ms. Newson its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her 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 November 19, 2014, 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 Ms. Newson.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 employment of Dr. Carol R. Conger as Interim Assistant Superintendent of Schools at the per diem rate of \$595.60, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the employment contract, effective December 1, 2014.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Marvin Warren, paraprofessional, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 appointment of Michele Armento as a substitute supervisor for the Alternative High School Program for up to five hours per night at the rate of \$39 per hour.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 appointment of the following individuals as volunteers to the wrestling coaches at NPHS:

Adam Schreiber  
Scott Diaz

Keven Guevara  
David Miller

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branán 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 employment of Gino Capodiferro as a probationary custodian, at the Custodian/Step 1 rate of \$38,195, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective December 1, 2014 through February 28, 2015. (Mr. Capodiferro will replace Henry Trang.)

David Branán-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the temporary employment of William Dixon as a temporary custodian, at the Custodian/Step 1 rate of \$38,195, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective December 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. (Mr. Dixon will temporarily replace Antonio Lella.)

David Branán-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branán moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve Ramon Rasaq, teacher of mathematics at NPHS, teach a sixth class of Math 9 Knowledge/Numeracy, at the MA/Step 18 (25+) annual salary rate of \$83,340 plus the sixth class of \$13,890 for a total of \$97,230, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective December 1, 2014.

David Branán-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branán 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 certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for courses taken between June and October, 2014.

David Branán-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branán 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 employment of Cynthia Ann Henry as Payroll Bookkeeper at the annual salary of \$46,500, to be prorated effective November 20, 2014. (Ms. Henry will replace Marisa Zervopoulos.)

David Branán-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 employment of Gwenda Baab as a substitute paraprofessional at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education adjust the hours of Agustina Rodrigues, instructional/bus paraprofessional at East End School, from 4.00 hours per day to 4.25 hours per day, effective October 31, 2014.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 following individuals to the co-curricular positions indicated after their names at the stipends noted, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

Spring Musical Production/NPHS

Christina Cruz	Choreographer	\$2798
Joseph Fericy	Lighting Director	\$1594
Joseph Fericy	Sound Technician	\$1120
Scott Six	Asst. Musical Director	\$2116
Louis Venturi	Technical Director	\$2396

Boys' Basketball/NPHS

Brett Bisconti	Asst. Basketball Coach	\$6689
Brandon Cosby	Asst. Basketball Coach	\$6689

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 following individuals as K-12 substitute teachers in the district:

Brandon Cosby

Keith Young

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jennifer Adona, temporary school psychologist, effective November 22, 2014.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education grant Jennifer Riolo, teacher of mathematics at NPMS, an unpaid leave of absence, effective November 25, 2014 through January 30, 2015.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education adjust the temporary assignment of Garrett Orr, temporary teacher of mathematics at NPMS, **from** 9/2/14 through 12/8/14 **to** 9/2/14 through 1/30/15. (Mr. Orr is temporarily replacing Jennifer Riolo.)

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

#### Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Services

Mr. Branan 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 attached Annual Nursing Services Plan.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 attached Progress Targets Action Plan for Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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-17-14-15 for up to ten hours per week to be provided by Educere, effective November 14, 2014 through November 20, 2014.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

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

	<u>Effective Date</u>
HI-10-14-15	November 10, 2014
HI-18-14-15	October 27, 2014

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve classified student ITIN-04-14-15 receive itinerant services by teacher of the deaf services to be provided by Summit Speech School for two 40-minute sessions per week at the cost of \$150 per hour, effective date to be determined.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the **2013-2014** school year, the Board of Education approve the payment of \$104.48 to Brookfield Schools/for KEEPS Program University Hospital, for the two-hour attendance of classified student PC-13-14 (\$52.24/hour) to their program.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve classified student PSY-09-14-15 undergo a psychiatric evaluation to be provided by Dr. Elisa Dulay at the cost of \$875.00.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 NNNNNN-14-15 to the Cranford Achievement Program (CAP) at the cost of \$46,590 per year, to be prorated effective date to be determined. Transportation will be required.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Finance, Purchasing, Facilities and Agreements

Mr. Branan 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 September 30, 2014.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan 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 November 19, 2014

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board approve and accept the donation of five \$10.00 gift cards (total \$50.00), from Modell's Sporting Goods as requested by Mr. Tarnofsky, to be used in the Harrison School Bridge program.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

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

Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

WHEREAS, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability; environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

WHEREAS, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic

chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

WHEREAS, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”) based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

WHEREAS, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools and it is the Board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

WE DO HEREBY appoint Edward Ostroff, Director of Operations, to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

WE DO HEREBY recognize the following North Plainfield Public Schools as the agents to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools Actions:

North Plainfield High School, North Plainfield Middle School, Somerset School, Stony Brook School, East End School, West End School, Harrison School, Watchung School.

WE AGREE to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education, in order to comply with state requirements regarding submission of district information regarding newly mandated Right to Know reporting, authorizes and approves Partner Engineering and Science, Inc. to assess the current status of the district and fulfill all requirements of the reporting of hazardous chemicals located throughout the district, for an amount not to exceed \$11,500.00.

David Branan-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Kathleen Mullen -Aye

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

Resolution requesting approval of an agreement to terminate PNC Bank's administration of the Frescolin Trust

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Frescolin died on February 22, 1967, a resident of Somerset County, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the decedent left a Last Will and Testament dated July 26, 1965, which the Somerset County Surrogate's Court duly probated on March 6, 1967; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Surrogate's Court appointed Plainfield Trust State National Bank as Trustee; and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Trust State National Bank through changes in ownership has become PNC Bank; and

WHEREAS, a trust was established under the will of Thomas J. Frescolin, known as the Thomas J. Frescolin College Fund under the Last Will and Testament; and

WHEREAS, the Trust is purely a charitable trust for the benefit of select students of the High School of the Borough of North Plainfield, and

WHEREAS, maintenance of the trust requires on-going administrative expenses, and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank has reported that the balance of the Trust as of December 29, 2013, has diminished to \$207,321.06, and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank desires to terminate the Trust due to its value in relation to the benefit it provides to students receiving scholarships, and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank has proposed that the North Plainfield Board of Education enter into an agreement titled "Waiver of Accounting, Release, Indemnification and Agreement to Terminate Trust" under the Will of Thomas J. Frescolin; and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the agreement proposed by PNC Bank, the remaining balance of the Trust assets will be distributed to the Community Foundation of New Jersey for the ongoing administration of the scholarship in accordance with the terms of the Will, and

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the North Plainfield Board of Education to maximize the benefits of the scholarship fund to the high school students of the Borough of North Plainfield; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby approves the Waiver of Accounting, Release, Indemnification and Agreement to Terminate Trust Under the Will of Thomas J. Frescolin, proposed by PNC Bank, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board shall post the above resolution on the District website and in common areas of the District for a period of thirty (30) days, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the within resolution be filed with the Commissioner of Education in accordance with law.

David Branam-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve and accept a donation from Municipal Youth Services in the amount of \$2,500, to fund speakers to provide presentations to students at Somerset School on healthy and safe life choices.

David Branam-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve Robert Wood Johnson to conduct "The Power Over Diabetes Project" at Somerset School, which will offer programs for students and parents after school, one day a week for ten weeks.

David Branam-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that:

Resolution that the Board of Education of North Plainfield approve application and execution of Tier II Shaping NJ Grant Contract with New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Community Health & Wellness and the New Jersey Council on Physical Education and Sports

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of North Plainfield formally approve the grant application for the above stated project; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as NORTH PLAINFIELD SHAPING NJ TIER II GRANT REQUEST to the New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, Community Health and Wellness and the New Jersey Council on Physical Education and Sports on behalf of the Board of Education of North Plainfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Board of

Education of North Plainfield and that this signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education authorize and approve Jamil Maroon, supervisor of social studies, science and library/media services, to apply for the 2014-2015 NJ Achievement Coach Grant. This program will train teachers to turnkey professional development related to classroom strategies for Limited English Proficient, and Multilingual Students. Reimbursable funding includes training, substitute costs, materials, and stipends totaling up to \$70,000.00.

David Branan-Aye  
John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Sandra Dodd -Aye  
Kathleen Mullen -Aye

### **Correspondence**

Letters were received as follows from: there were none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – Meeting scheduled for December 11, 2014 at 6:00 pm.

Policy Meeting – Meeting scheduled for December 16, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Negotiations – Meeting scheduled for December 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

NJSBA –Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned recent legislative actions impacting schools.

SCSBA – Meeting schedule for December 10, 2014. Tom Kasper and Sandra Dodd will be attending meeting held at Franklin High School.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

### **Old Business**

There was none.

### **New Business**

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

### **Current Events in Education**

There were none.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ms. Fiola asked about community involvement in hiring of Assistant Superintendent of Schools. Dr. McLaughing stated in this case this position warranted a different constituent group.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Service Milestone December 3, 2014.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on December 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm. 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 Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg