

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 20, 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  
Bianka Butler  
Sandra Dodd  
Linda Bond-Nelson

John Fellin, Jr.  
Thomas Kasper  
Kathleen Mullen

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent, as well as, Mateo Gilsilvetti, Student Representative and approximately 50 members of the staff and public.

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

There was none.

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

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

#### **Student Representative Report**

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mentors 10 JM leaders). The positions have also been decided (based on interviews, applications, teacher and student recommendations) and are as follows:

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Secretary: Ying St. Cerny

Charity Initiative officer: Amelia Baijnath and Sabrina Perez

Event coordinator: Dannia Ledezma

Mentor summer training has been scheduled and the Freshman Orientation Program is being planned at the next meeting.

As the year draws to an end the yearbook club would like to share in its successes. The students of the yearbook staff have worked tirelessly over the last few months to produce a yearbook that is photo-focused and student driven with the theme of "Putting the Pieces Together" in hopes to showcase the diversity of NPHS and the teamwork behind the scenes of the successes here. This year, the editors were given responsibilities of picking events, covering events and arranging items. We have submitted the final copy and are anxiously waiting to receive and review. It is our hope that the outstanding online sales are matched by successful sales once received. The students are extremely proud of their work and are looking to focus now on sales initiatives and ways to invite the students to actively engage in next year's process. Thus far 54 students signed up for yearbook and this year's staff has begun to cover pertinent 2015-2016 events such as Junior prom and powderpuff. As a first year advisor, Ms. Sloan is very anxious and excited to see the production and is extremely proud of this year's seniors for learning the program alongside her and hopes to continue to explore yearbook development and continue to assist the students in capturing their memorable years here at NPHS. Special thanks to Leslie Junco for her position as EC, Julissa Ramirez as her position of head journalist, Nicole Peregrina for page design accomplishments, and Alyssa Evans for her tireless work in being head editor of the yearbook.

In the Child development class Mother's Day Celebration included special art projects done by preschoolers, greeting cards, crafts, and a "Breakfast in Bed" bag for mothers.

Preschool graduation was held on April 24, and it was successful community event.

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The schools 2nd Dance Gala is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm in the High School Auditorium.

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turtle and many representatives of 4 species of frogs! The results of this citizen science data collection exercise will be kept in the HOPE Club database.

On May 15th, HOPE Club held elections for next year's officers. They will be:

President: Lena Zhu

Vice President: Yvette Way

Secretary: Rikka Del Rosario

### **Presentation**

Ms. Shannon Shotwell introduced and recognized the Winter Guard team for their achievements in the 2015 Tournament Indoor Association (TIA) Scholastic Chapter 10 Champions.

### **Superintendent's Report**

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### 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:

WHEREAS Stephen Schlosser, supervisor of buildings and grounds in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that he wishes to retire on September 1, 2015, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extend to Mr. Schlosser its thanks for the service he has given and best wishes for his future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on May 20, 2015, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Mr. Schlosser.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Shirley J. Kraus, nurse at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2015.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve N.J.A.C. 6A:5 Waiver Application with respect to the observation of tenured teachers, per attached application.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the certificated staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between September and December 2014.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 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
Bianka Butler-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the following student teacher placements from Rutgers University, for the fall of 2015:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Class/School</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>
Aisha Huggins-Smith	Mathematics/NPHS	Annemarie Alexander
Bonnie Brunskill	Mathematics/NPHS	Ramon Rasaq

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of the certificated staff indicated on the attached list to work in the North Plainfield Summer Academy for a total of 20 days at the 2013-2014 hourly rate of \$52.24, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the following school counselors to work an additional five days during the summer of 2015 and one day in June 2016, to coordinate the opening and closing of school, at the per diem rates indicated, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement:

Joelle Bruno	\$302.80	Nancy Reyes	\$336.38
Sally Reagan	\$435.45	Lindsey Mulry	\$294.45
Shane Repmann	\$292.45		

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

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

Zachery Knapp                      Jennie Eure  
Therese May                      Danielle Muniz

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the change in position of Suzanne Dahlinger, from district special projects coordinator to academic support teacher at East End School at the 2013-2014 BA/Step 14 (19-20/20) annual salary rate of \$66,755 plus \$750 longevity entitlement for a total of \$67,505, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Ms. Dahlinger will replace Karen Lewis.)

David Branan-Aye                      John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Bianka Butler-Aye                      Thomas Kasper-Aye

Sandra Dodd- Aye                      Kathleen Mullen-Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the following teachers to work on curriculum revisions for five hours each at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement and to be paid at the conclusion of the project:

Account No. 11-000-221-104-0000

<u>Arts</u>			
Amy Six	Chorus	Sonya Larado	Photography
Kyle Skrivanek	Band	Gupreet Kaur	Child Development
Kimberly Nydick	Exploring Art	Clare McEnroe	Foods

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Vicky Morilla as a substitute paraprofessional at the rate of \$21.14 per hour, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement, effective May 21, 2015.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the appointment of Maggie Dock as Director of Guidance at the annual salary of \$110,000, effective July 1, 2015, and that a contract to employ be issued. (Ms. Dock will replace Linda Remolino.)

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that for the 2015-2016 school year, the Board of Education approve the employment of Darrell Taylor as Manager of Technology Systems and Computer Administrative Services at the annual salary of \$100,000 plus \$375 longevity entitlement for a total of \$100,375, effective July 1, 2015, and that a contract to employ be issued.

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

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

for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the individuals on the attached list be paid for serving as mentors for first year teachers and/or as teacher leader, to be paid upon completion of training at the rate indicated after their names.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Carol A. Cyr, secretary at NPHS, for reasons of retirement, effective September 1, 2015.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Jennifer Roberts, paraprofessional in the district, July 1, 2015.

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

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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 #

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

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

for the 2014-2015 school year, the Board of Education approve the out-of-district placement of identified student ATS-02-14-15 at Somerset Elementary Academy for the period of 45 days at the cost of \$280 per day, effective April 23, 2015.

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

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

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated May 20, 2015.

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

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**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 NP High School, HVAC Replacement Project (the “School Project”), Department of Education Project No. 3670-050-14-1002, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-050-14-G2PA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$353,273.00, and an initial local share of \$194,892.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$548,165.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 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 \$194,892 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.

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**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$61,591.00, and an initial local share of \$33,979.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$95,570.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 in Capital Outlay for School Projects; and

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**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 Stony Brook School, Fire Door Replacement Project (the “School Project”), Department of Education Project No. 3670-090-14-1011, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-090-14-G2PI; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$61,785.00, and an initial local share of \$34,085.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$95,870.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 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 \$34,085.00 is available for the identified project as stated above; and

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**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 East End School, Fire Door Replacement Project (the "School Project"), Department of Education Project No. 3670-060-14-1006, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-060-14-G2PC; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$91,440.00, and an initial local share of \$50,445.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$141,885.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 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 \$50,445.00 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
Bianka Butler-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

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

**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 Stony Brook School, Security upgrades Project (the “School Project”), Department of Education Project No. 3670-090-14-1010, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-090-14-G2PH; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$70,762.00, and an initial local share of \$39,038.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$109,800.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 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 \$39,038.00 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
Bianka Butler-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Kathleen Mullen-Aye
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye	

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

**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 West End School, Fire Door Replacement Project (the “School Project”), Department of Education Project No. 3670-110-14-1012, and School Development Authority Project No. 3670-110-14-G2PJ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Grant Agreement provides for an anticipated grant amount of \$104,205.00, and an initial local share of \$57,488.00 for a total anticipated total project amount of \$161,693.00; and

**WHEREAS**, in connection with the funds issued pursuant to the Grant Agreement, the Board approved its Annual Budget on March 18, 2015 which budget authorized the use of public funds in the amount of \$409,927.00 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 \$57,488.00 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  
Bianka Butler-Aye

John Fellin, Jr.-Aye  
Thomas Kasper-Aye

Sandra Dodd- Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson-Aye

Kathleen Mullen-Aye

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education authorize the disposal of broken and irreparable office equipment located at the NP High School as follows:

1 – Hewlett Packard Office-Jet fax machine  
Model T45 Serial #SG042C314C

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that 2015-2016 School Year Inter Local Transportation Services Agreement Resolution for Participation In Coordinated Transportation.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Union County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the UCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, the UCESC will organize, provide and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is agreed that in consideration of pro-rated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield School District as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the UCESC's Board of Education. Said formula shall be based on a route cost divided by home to school mileage of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to district will be adjusted based on actual costs. Payments will be due within 30 days of receipt by the district and deemed late after 60 days with an additional 1% fee for late payments. At the discretion of the Commission Superintendent, late fee charges may be waived for extenuating circumstances.

I. The UCESC will provide the following services:

- a. Routes coordinated with other districts to achieve a maximum cost reduction while maintaining a realistic capacity and travel time;
- b. Monthly billing and invoices;
- c. Computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by UCESC;
- d. All necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
- e. Constant review and revision of routes;

It is further agreed that the North Plainfield School District will provide the UCESC with the following:

- f. Requests for any additional transportation on approved forms to be provided by the UCESC, completed in full and signed by previously authorized district personnel;
- g. Withdrawal for any transportation must be provided in writing and signed by authorized district personnel; no billing adjustments will be made without this completed form and will become effective on the date the form is received;

II. Additional Cost - All additional costs generated by unique requests such as mid-day runs or early dismissals will be borne by the district. All such costs must first be approved by the North Plainfield School District

III. Whereas, the UCESC also provides coordinated regional bus maintenance services, safety training, coordinated purchasing, professional development and other related transportation services for an additional fee as a shared services program, the North Plainfield Board of Education may participate at any time.

IV. Length of Agreement - this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 in writing over authorized signature.

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

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approves the alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in Stony Brook School class room # 8, and East End School class room # 9, for the 2015-16 school year.

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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

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

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Transportation</u>
NPHS	5/26/15	Students in "Bridge to Employment /Johnson & Johnson" will have a volunteering opportunity and time with J & J Mentors.	Plainfield Humane Society Plainfield, NJ	0.00	BTE Provided
NPHS	6/5/15	Students will participate in Team Building activities with their J & J Mentor Coaches.	Branchburg Sports Complex Branchburg, NJ	0.00	BTE Provided

David Branan-Aye	John Fellin, Jr.-Aye
Bianka Butler-Aye	Thomas Kasper-Aye
Sandra Dodd- Aye	Kathleen Mullen-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 – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Negotiations – Meeting scheduled on Thursday, June 25, 2015.

NJSBA – Mr. Kasper reviewed issued discussed at Board of Director meeting. Mr. Kasper also mentioned Ms. Bond-Nelson achieved the honor of Certified Board Leader

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned the Teen Arts Festival, North Plainfield students were wonderful.

### **New Business**

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

### **Current Events in Education**

Ms. Vella discussed changes to the newly designed S.A.T exam.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ms. Six discussed various activities conducted by Teachers.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Per presentation calendar.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at approximately 9:00 P.M. at West End School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved that be it resolved that the Board of Education will adjourn to Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to reconvene to public session at 8:20 P.M.

Mr. Branam moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg