

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary 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, Ms. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Aquino, Superintendent of Schools; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Joanne Sung, Assistant Superintendent, Student Representative Jasmine Zaher and approximately 5 members of the staff and public.

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

None.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining to accept the public session minutes of September 18, 2019.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining to accept the executive session minutes of September 18, 2019.

#### **Financial Report**

None.

#### **Presentation**

None.

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

None.

#### **Student Representative Report**

##### **Student Representative: Marta Hernandez**

Good evening everyone, unfortunately, I am unable to make this meeting, therefore Jasmine will do the honor of doing my part tonight, hopefully, I'll be back for the next meeting.

So far, the school year has been full of activities for students in all grades and interests. Last Monday, there was a Girls Who Code meeting for any girl in high school and middle school interested in computer science. In addition, Canuckling also had its first meeting

last Thursday. It was an introduction meeting for all writers, drawers, and publishers wanting to take part in the publishing of this year's literary-art magazine.

The seniors have started their school year strong, and back to having their meetings on Wednesday. Last Wednesday they had their second meeting of the year and many seniors were there to give their input on homecoming which is next weekend and prom. Even though prom is not until spring, the seniors have to work hard in order to fundraise enough money, but I'm positive that if everyone works together and pitches in an idea, they can accomplish it.

Heroes and Cool Kids was also receiving many applications from students wanting to join, all throughout last week and today. Hopefully, both new and old Heroes and Cool Kids will continue to make this program great and help the younger kids out with any questions or problems they might have. In addition, Java Joe's fundraiser is underway. Many kids and parents have the fundraiser packet, which is due October 10th. I'm positive that many will come together in order to fundraise enough money for the PTO and Project Graduation.

Finally, I would like to end up by saying that the Fall Festival on Saturday was a great success. Many people from town came out to participate and look at the different stands located around the high school. This was the first of hopefully a new tradition in our town.

Thank you.

**Student Representative: Jasmine Zaher**

Good evening everybody, it's a pleasure to be here again for another week.

Today, I am going to start off by talking about the Girls Varsity Soccer team. On September 24th, they played against Voorhees and lost with a score of 2-1, with the goal being scored by junior Holly Evans. They also played Warren Hills on September 26th and unfortunately lost with a score of 3-1. Today is also the day of their senior night and I am sure the team will have a great game. They are continuing on with a hard working season and will keep playing their hardest.

On Saturday September 21st, the Boys Varsity Soccer team played against Delaware Valley and lost with a score of 6-2, with goals being scored by players Jeremy Carranza and Walter Gutierrez. On Thursday September 26th, the team played Somerville and won with a score of 3-2, making a comeback in the season. Down 2-1 in the final minutes of the game, Carranza and Gutierrez scored the winning goals, along with Angel Colcas scoring the first goal. Joshua Castillo also had assists, and goalie Douglas Ayala had 13 saves throughout the game, showing their hard work and dedication.

Next, the Girls Varsity Tennis Team has been playing with true commitment, however, they have unfortunately been unable to score a win recently. On September 20th, they played Mount Saint Mary's and lost with a score of 5-0, and played Bound Brook on September 24th and lost with a score of 4-1.

The Cross Country team has been doing very good this season. For the past three consecutive weeks, the Canucks have been placing within the top 10 times. On September 21st, four medals were brought home by sophomore Ian Smith who placed in 5th, sophomore Chris Manzano who placed in 8th, and senior Kenny Bradley and sophomore Cillaty Elias who also ran and placed.

Next, the field hockey team has accomplished a great success for their season with their first win recently. On Friday September 20th, they played Koinonia and won with a score of 2-0. The goals were made by junior Shayla Marrow and sophomore Giselle Escobar. Goalie Valerie Havrilla had 4 saves with 4 shots on goal, and was able to bring the win home.

Finally, the football team has been working very hard this season and their effort is paying off with the result of very close games. On September 20th, they played a home game against Summit and lost with a score of 36-57. The proud cheering and chanting in the stands by students motivated the players to pick up the score during the last half, truly showing what NP is all about.

It is so clear to see all of the hard work and dedication that our athletes put in every day, and I can't wait to continue to see this tremendous effort. Thank you for listening.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools

**Personnel**

**It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process including S-414/3381 documentation.**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of the staff indicated, to the positions specified for the 2019-2020 school year, at the salaries noted.

<i>Name</i>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Guide/Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
<i>Kaitlyn Carroll</i>	Paraprofessional	WE	Instr. Degree/Step 1	\$17.95/ hour	10/3/19	Sonia Alvarenga
<i>Zoe Schumann</i>	Paraprofessional	SB	Instr. Degree/Step 2	\$18.47/ hour	10/3/19	Roland Parla
<i>Rocio Quispe</i>	Office Paraprofessional	HS	Non-Inst./Step 3	\$17.00/ hour	10/3/19	Desiree Lopez (transferred)
<i>Lachelle Hamright-Carter</i>	Residency Officer	District	Exempt	\$22.00/ hour	10/3/19	New
<i>Emily Smeraldi</i>	ELA Teacher – Grade 5	SS	BA/Step 10	\$64,170	10/3/19	Angela Maroulis
<i>Lisa Cerchio</i>	Elementary Teacher (temporary)	SB	BA/Step 1	\$61,270 prorated	10/10/19 – 3/22/20	Employee #6027 (temporarily)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education grants the employees listed leaves of absence as indicated.

<b>Employee</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b># Sick Days Used</b>	<b>FMLA</b>
#6468	Teacher	WE	1/2/20 – 4/24/20	16	1/27/20 – 4/24/20
#4547	Paraprofessional	HS	9/1/19 – 6/30/20	None	None
#5166	Paraprofessional	SS	9/1/19 – 10/27/19	None	None
#5420	Teacher	SS	10/29/19 – 1/1/20	35	None

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignations of the employees listed as indicated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Regina Silverii	Teacher	EE	9/3/19
Maria Mallon	Paraprofessional	SB	10/4/19
Melissa DeCos-Palma	District Registrar	District	12/1/19

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to appoint Alexis Holbrook as computer club advisor at East End School.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianca Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and approved by roll call vote with Ms. Robertson and Mr. Vick abstaining that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to the positions specified, at the stipends/rates noted.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Stipend/Rate</b>
Derrick Canada	Boys' Basketball Head Coach	HS	10/3/19	\$9,146.00
Jeffrey Robinson	Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach	HS	10/3/19	\$6,892.00
Laurel Hanns	Track and Field Coach	MS	3/1/20	\$4,138.00
Christian Agresto	Intramural Volleyball Coach	MS	3/1/20	\$1,388.00
John Donatelli	Volunteer Football Coach	HS	10/3/19	Volunteer
Jill Fogarty	Computer Club Advisor	EE	9/12/19	\$1,595.00
Thomas Bailey	HOPE Jr. Advisor	MS	10/3/19	\$1,366.00
Marcelle Baricelli	Team Leader	MS	9/23/19	\$550.00
Ruth Li	Volunteer Science Tutor	HS	10/3/19	Volunteer
Doreen Humiston	Lead Nurse (shared position)	District	10/3/19	\$2,500.00
Jose Lopez	Marching Band Volunteer	HS	10/3/19	Volunteer

Beth DeAngelis	Lead Nurse (shared position)	District	10/3/19	\$2,500.00
Joe Protomastro	Breakfast Program Supervision	HS/MS	10/3/19	\$16.00/session
Kate Friedman	SIT/SAT Detention	HS/MS	10/3/19	\$30.00/hour
Jennifer Mariani	SIT/SAT Detention	HS/MS	10/3/19	\$30.00/hour
Vanessa DeHart	Credit Recovery/Tutor Math	HS	10/3/19	\$30.00/hour
Beth DeAngelis	Alternative School Nurse	HS	10/3/19	\$32.00/hour
Jocelyn Dewe	Gifted & Talented Program Preparation & Curriculum Revisions	District	8/15/19	\$50.00/hour
Matthew Mergen	French 2 & French 2 Honors Curriculum Revisions	District	10/3/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 3 hours)
Nicholas Russo	Italian 3 & Italian 3 Honors Curriculum Revisions	District	10/3/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 3 hours)
Stefanie Meyers	MS ESL Social Skills Curriculum Revisions	District	10/3/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 3 hours)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Abstain  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Abstain

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individuals indicated as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Carolyn Stallone

Jeffrey Robinson

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the teachers indicated to teach a sixth period class, for the additional annual salary noted.

Name	School	Course	Salary	Effective
Michael Mulry	HS	US History I	\$10,299.40	9/25/19 – 6/30/20
Tatyana Louis-Jacques	MS	Band	\$9,394.73	9/25/19 – 6/30/20
Elba Velasquez	HS	POE	\$12,810.07	10/7/19 – 6/30/20
Soyoun Ouh	HS	ESL	\$9,622.38	10/7/19 – 6/30/20

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of sick days to employee #4408 as indicated on the attached list, as per the previously approved sidebar agreement between the North Plainfield Board of Education and the North Plainfield Education Association regarding employee #4408.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and August 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the Board member and/or staff conference and travel expenses as per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the transfer of Christopher Young, custodian, from East End School to NPHS and NPMS, effective October 3, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

### **Curriculum, Instruction & Student Services**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective October 3, 2019. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
HHHHH-19-20	10/12/14	OHI	Somerset Elementary Academy	\$56,675.00/yr. prorated
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye		Sandra Dodd – Aye		
Bianka Butler – Aye		John Fellin, Jr. – Aye		
Michelle Robertson – Aye		Thomas Allen – Aye		
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye				

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the adoption of NJ Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (PEPL) as the evaluation instrument for principals, assistant principals, and supervisors.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Michelle Robertson – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the curricula indicated.

AP Music Theory (revision)  
K-4 Music (revision)  
Grade 8 Social Studies (revision)  
Sociology (revision)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Michelle Robertson – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves Lara-Marie Hechtenberg, Mattea Hilcke, and Marlene Gores as exchange students at NPHS, effective October 7, 2019 through November 1, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Michelle Robertson – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the funds necessary to exceed the amount budgeted for Dr. Kavita Sinha by \$5,000.00 to meet the neurological evaluation needs of students in the District.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accepts and approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report of Completion for September 2019, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Kyle Skrivanek to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing percussion mallets for his classroom at NPHS at a total value of \$500.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education affirms the attached *A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials, 2019 Revisions, Approved by the New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety and the New Jersey Department of Education* and between the North Plainfield School District and the North Plainfield Police Department.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
 John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
 Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the following change order #4 due to credit for adjusted billable hours for the roof repair project at West End School, Stony Brook School and the High School as follows:

Original Contract Price:	\$94,447.82
Change Order #RRP-001	2,275.38
Change Order #RRP-002	8,813.73
Change Order #RRP-003	3,252.31
Change Order #RRP-004	<u>-960.54</u>
Total New Contract Price	\$107,828.70

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – None.

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 5:45 PM.

Curriculum – Ms. Sung discussed topics reviewed at the most recent meeting.

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting scheduled for October 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Policy Meeting – Mr. Vick discussed policy regarding monitoring of online activity. Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Negotiations(NPEA) – None.

NJSBA – None.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM at Somerset County Vocational Technical High School. The topic will be vaping.

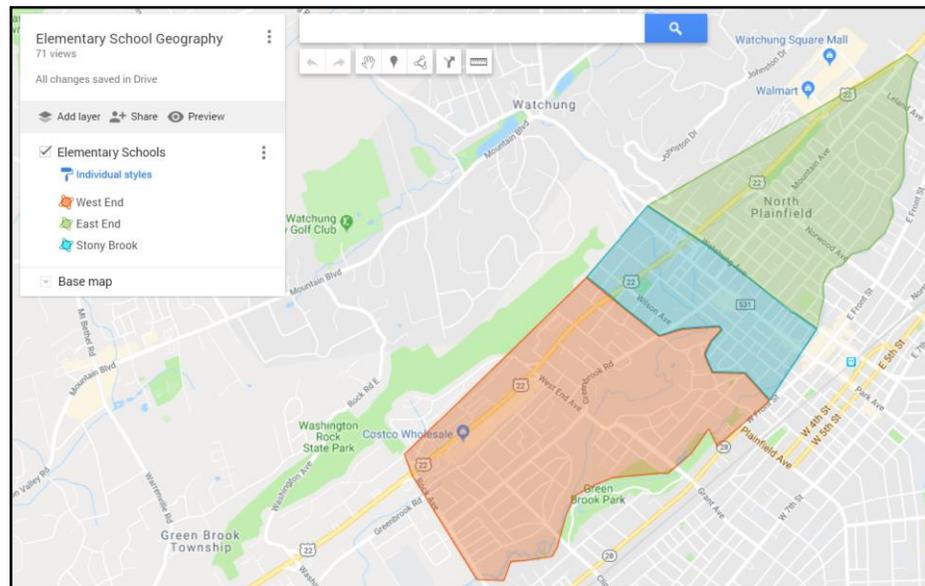
SCESC – Ms. Robertson discussed topics reviewed at the most recent meeting.

Personnel – None.

### **Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report**

#### Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

- In-House Creation of Student Placement Tool: The District Data Manager, Giancarlo Colosimo, modified a standard Google Map tool to provide North Plainfield specific school assignment information. Mr. Colosimo layered the most recent district mapping data from the demographer study onto a Google Map search tool. The modification allows the district registrar to type in the registrants' address and the application aligns the registrant with one of the three color-coded elementary school map segments. The tool eliminates errors and aligns with the newest demographic data, while ensuring accurate student placement within the 2-mile radius guideline.



- TCI Update: The use of the new science and social studies resource, TCI, has begun in the Somerset 5th grade classrooms. Students are starting the year enjoying the use of their Chromebooks to complete interactive activities as well as learning to

practice their literacy skills in their digital science notebooks. Teachers see the excitement in the students as they blend their learning through hands-on activities and technology, and the additional Spanish language supports are helping our English Language Learners in the areas of science and social studies.

- Trimester Update for ELA: The trimester expectations for English Language Arts have been reviewed by the kindergarten through 5th grade teachers. The Curriculum Committee also reviewed the new standards-based expectations. At this time, all the grade level teachers are in receipt of the rubrics that coincide with the trimester expectations, and teachers will provide feedback accordingly. We are in the final stages of finalizing this important work!
- GoMath Update: The Go Math program is in full swing as teachers rolled out the new program after their second training during in-service. Since the start of school, teachers have been focused on creating unit plans along with implementing the workshop model in mathematics. All students and staff have been added to the online component of Go Math, called Think Central, which gives access to grade level material. A video was created by Mr. Darrell Taylor and Ms. Lauren Heckendorf to highlight Go Math and to give the community an insight into what the program looks like in a classroom. The featured video can be found on elementary websites or this link: <https://npsis.nplainfield.org/>
- National Geographic/Cengage EDGE Program: The much anticipated National Geographic/ Cengage EDGE materials have been delivered to the North Plainfield High School ESL department, providing English Language Learners and their teachers a comprehensive and cohesive source of reference materials. These materials are not only leveled to meet the unique needs of ELLs, but they are culturally relevant and include high interest readings for high school-aged students, as noted by a sampling of the submitted NP user reviews:

“The vocabulary at the beginning of the chapter is very, very helpful.” Level 1, ELL student

“I am impressed by the text images, vocabulary recommendations, the organization of the textbook, and the online teacher resources. I think EDGE allows students to acquire language through literature, which is a research-based and proven method of language instruction. I believe that the key takeaways for the students were vocabulary and analyzing different types of literature (using plot, elements, etc.). Students also learned how to use reading strategies and text features to sharpen their reading comprehension.” T. Cobbs, ESL teacher, NPHS.

### **Correspondence**

None.

## Superintendent's Report

### Updates:

- The Fall Festival was a great success, and we are so appreciative of all the support from Board members in making this inaugural community event possible. Feedback has been glowing, and we are having our 2019 debrief-2020 planning meeting on October 15, 2019.
- 2019 NPHS Graduation Rate: The preliminary graduation 4-year rate data for the 2019 school year is 88.6%, which is an improvement from 2018's rate of 86.3%. The number for 2019 can increase based on any appeals. To date, we have had one student file an appeal.
- NJNS Meeting: Joanne Sung and I had the opportunity to attend the New Jersey Network of Superintendents' meeting on September 20th. This organization includes superintendents who are invited into the organization from across the State. Its mission is to improve efforts to secure equitable outcomes for all students and to ensure that all learners have access to a teaching and learning environment based on equity. NJNS is working with Dr. Edward Fergus, a Temple University professor and author, who has contributed groundbreaking work to the study of equity in education. We will have the opportunity to reconvene with this beneficial group several times throughout the school year.
- Advanced Pathways and VISTA Students Take CBI Trip: On September 26th, Advanced Pathways and VISTA students participated in their first CBI trip of the school year: a combined visit to the Raptor Trust in Millington and Great Swamp Greenhouses in Gillette. The goal of this trip was to provide students with an opportunity to explore fields of study and employment outside the classroom setting. At the Raptor Trust, students learned about the work the organization performs and had the opportunity to explore their aviary. They then visited the Great Swamp Greenhouses where students made the connection between how their greenhouse operates and the similarities with a professional greenhouse.
- Maschio's Update (written by Gail Fabbriatore): *Maschio's continued the celebration of Farm to School Week with an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables in each school's cafeteria that the students enjoyed. We held several Food Advisory Committee meetings throughout the schools and discussed "eating the rainbow," the importance of breakfast, and following good eating habits, not only at school but at home as well. The September 24th Farmers Market at Somerset School was well received by students who had the opportunity to fill their bags with various fruits and vegetables and share the bounty with their families.*

October 2, 2019

**Old Business**

Mr. Sternberg confirmed attendance at the annual NJSBA conference.

**New Business**

Mr. Sternberg reviewed the 2020-2021 school budget calendar.

**Comments from the Public**

None.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar [2019-2020 Special Presentations Calendar](#)

**Adjournment**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one half an hour.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

