

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, October 16, 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 – Absent  
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 Representatives Marta Mejia-Hernandez and Jasmine Zaher and approximately 3 members of the staff and public.

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

None.

#### **Minutes Approval**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the public session minutes of October 2, 2019.

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of October 2, 2019.

#### **Financial Report**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$6,360,128.27\*

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of August 2019, 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.\*

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

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

### **Comments from the Public**

None.

### **Student Representative Report**

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

Good evening everyone, it is a great pleasure being here with you guys.

I know it's been a while since the last time we saw each other, but I'm so glad to be back and there is so much that has gone on in our school the past couple weeks.

Last week was spirit week in our school. Monday was World Day of Bullying Prevention, which meant that everyone had to wear something blue. Everyone tried to bring at least one piece of clothing that was blue and it was a total success. Tuesday was Twin day, where people had to match with another person. Many decided to match with their best friends or even with a group of people. Wednesday we had no school, however, Thursday was Wacky Tacky day. Everyone in the school brought out their wacky side and dressed up for the day. Last but not least, was Canuck Gear day on Friday. Students and staff showed their school spirit by wearing any type of Canuck gear.

All of this led to the third annual tailgate in school. Different activities and clubs sold food and snacks for everyone, and there were a variety of other entertainments students could participate in. I hope this tradition continues for years to come.

That same day was the senior night for the football team, cheerleading team, and the marching band. All the seniors were called up one by one and all the teams, families, and friends showed their appreciation for their seniors. Many people came out for the event and ended their day with a win from the football team.

Today, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors took the PSAT, in order for them to see what they would get on the real SAT's. It did take longer than expected, but everyone was able to finish.

At the same time, the seniors had their Senior breakfast. The PTO was able to make breakfast for all the seniors, and let me tell you, it was delicious. All the seniors also went out on the turf to take pictures which will come out in the yearbook. It was a bittersweet moment for many of us because of the realization that this is what most of us have been working towards, which is senior year and graduation. However, it is all coming to an end. In a couple of months, we will be embarking on a new chapter of our lives, which means leaving many friends and teachers behind. Nevertheless, all of us enjoyed this special day. Thank you for your time

#### **Student Representative: Jasmine Zaher**

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

Today, I'm going to start off by talking about the Girls Varsity soccer team. Over the weekend, the Canucks had a great win against Delaware Valley with a score of 2-1. Senior player Selma Valjevac scored both goals and brought the win home with the help of her team. Next, the soccer girls also had a game on Tuesday, October 15th against Mount Saint Mary, and unfortunately lost with a score of 8-0, however, this will only motivate them to finish off the season strong.

On October 5th, the Boys Varsity Soccer team lost against Manville with a close score of 2-3. Both goals were scored by Senior Angel Colcas with assists from Menjivar and Gutierrez. On October 8th, the team brought home a great win against Woodbridge Academy with a score of 5-1. The five goals were scored by Jeremy Carranza, Angel Colcas, Christian Vallecillo, Joshua Castillo, and Justin Vargas. Colcas and Vallecillo each also had one assist, along with Carranza at 2 assists.

Next, the Girls Varsity tennis team played a match against Immaculata and unfortunately lost with a score of 5-0. However, this was made up with the match against Colonia on October 10th with an NP win of 4-1.

Continuing on, the Field Hockey team had their senior night on October 8th against Koinonia and ended the night with a tie of 0-0. They also had a game on Monday, October 14th against South Hunterdon, however, they, unfortunately, lost with a score of 0-8. Although their season is coming to an end, it is clear that they will continue to play their hardest at every game.

Next, the football team had a very successful win last week. October 11th was the last home game for the season, and it was also the homecoming game, senior night, as well as the pink out game. The game was played against Voorhees and the Canucks won with a score of 40-16

It is really great to see all of the pride and unity that NP works hard for and stands for, and I can't wait to continue to see their effort. Thank you. Some of the offense plays made during the game were led by Naji Campbell, Gavin Jones, Jah'Quan Allen, and Jordan Bird. The defense was led by Adam Elsaïs, Elijah Roelle, Juan Rosario, and Keiahn Grenald. Naji Campbell was also nominated for Mid-State Player of the Week as he made five touchdowns during the game.

Along with the football team, the marching band is an important aspect of the games. On October 7th, the band won second place at a competition in South Plainfield and also received the award for best percussion. It is so great to see all of the effort that our athletes put in, and I can't wait to continue to see their hard work. Thank you.

### **Presentation**

Ms. Aquino and Ms. Sung presented an overview and analysis of the 2017-2018 school performance reports and noted several highlights.

### **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.**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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.

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Name	Position	School	Guide/Step	Salary	Effective	Replacing
Johanna Torres-Orjuela	Paraprofessional	EE	Instr. Degree/Step 1	\$17.95/hour	10/17/19	Mario Restrepo
Christine Flynn	Paraprofessional	HS	Instr. Degree/Step 3	\$19.00/hour	10/17/19	Adijata Pryor
Kenia Gonzalez	Office Paraprofessional	HS Bridge	Non-Inst./Step 1	\$15.95/hour	10/17/19	Elsy Castillo
Lisa Circelli	Special Education Teacher (temporary)	WE	BA/Step 1	\$61,270 prorated	10/17/19 – 11/22/19	Employee #5493 (temporarily)
Kelly Eagen	School Nurse	HS	BA/Step 20	\$83,360 prorated	11/1/19, or earliest release	Thanya Mendez

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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.

Employee	Position	School	Effective	# Sick Days Used	FMLA
#6421	School Psychologist	District	3/20/20 – 5/25/20	25	4/28/20 – 5/25/20
#5575	Supervisor	District	1/13/20 – 4/19/20	35	3/4/20 – 4/19/20
#5166	Paraprofessional	EE	9/1/19 – 12/31/19	None	None

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as indicated to support students in the SLE program, effective October 14, 2019.

Name	Additional Hours Per Week	Hourly Rate
Pamela Jackson	2.50	\$22.00/hour
Katerine Quinteros	2.50	\$17.95/hour
Pamela Strickland	2.50	\$22.00/hour
Esther Domiciano	5.00	\$22.00/hour
Magda Aguilar	2.50	\$22.00/hour
Jagmahon Goraya	5.00	\$22.00/hour
Gina Ahearn	2.50	\$17.89/hour
Tatiana Navarro	2.50	\$17.43/hour

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Dodd 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.

Name	Position	School	Effective	Stipend/Rate
Cara Colabelli	Winter Track Head Coach	HS	11/1/19	\$6,939.00
David Hooker	Girls' Basketball Head Coach	HS	11/1/19	\$9,146.00
Peter Giousios	Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach	HS	11/1/19	\$6,892.00
James Miller	Wrestling Head Coach	HS	11/1/19	\$9,146.00
James DiPaolo	Weight Training	HS	11/1/19	\$2,365.00
Jessica Ehnat	Cheerleading Advisor-Winter	HS	11/1/19	\$5,033.00
Kathleen Dailey	Girls' Basketball Coach	MS	11/1/19	\$5,682.00
Yuri Urritia	Wrestling Coach	MS	11/1/19	\$5,682.00
Erick Dodd	Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach	HS	10/17/19	Volunteer
Soyoun Ouh	ESL Tutor	HS	10/17/19	\$30.00/hour
Laura Marchelitis	Math Homework Club	SS	10/21/19	\$30.00/hour
Eileen DeMeo	Math Homework Club Substitute	SS	10/21/19	\$30.00/hour
Matthew Mergen	Middle School French Curriculum Revisions	District	10/17/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 5 hours)
Lauren Toro	Middle School Spanish Curriculum Revisions	District	10/17/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 5 hours)
Danielle Paduch	Middle School Italian Curriculum Revisions	District	10/17/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 5 hours)
Joanna Oliver	Responsive Classroom Kindergarten Curriculum (new)	District	10/17/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 5 hours)
Elba Velasquez	ESL Tutor	HS	10/17/19	\$30.00/hour
Katherine Westerlund	Marching Band Percussion Advisor	HS	9/1/19	\$2,319.85

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of Andrew Pleasant as a District substitute custodian, to be paid at the rate of \$18.29 per hour, to be called on an as-needed basis.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the appointment of a dietetic intern from College of Saint Elizabeth as part of a Master of Science program in Clinical Nutrition/Medial Nutrition Therapy to work alongside Maschio’s management employees in various schools throughout the District from January 13, 2020 to February 21, 2020.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education amends the previously approved after school sports advisor at West End School to reflect a shared position as indicated.

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Alexandra Baca	\$8,046.00	\$6,979.68
Christopher Sepesi	\$ 0.00	\$1,066.32

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>College</b>	<b>School/Class</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Coop. Teacher</b>
Alexandra Usuga Ocampo	Kean University	HS/Math	Classroom Observation (4 Hours)	10/17/19	Adrianna Rosario

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 Danielle Paduch to revise curriculum for Italian 3 and Italian 3 Honors for the District.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the individuals indicated to present teacher training workshops for in-district teachers, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, for the hours noted.

Name	Workshop Title	Dept	Total Hours
Carrie Johnson	Trauma-Informed Classrooms: You Don't Know What You Don't Know" An English Language Arts Example	ELA	4.5
Rebecca Young	Implementing the Math Workshop Model in Middle/High School	Math	1.5
Timothy Mentone	Implementing Personal Math Trainer for Go Math	Math	3
Timothy Hollis	Creating Labs using Geogebra for Algebra 1 through Calculus	Math	1.5
Tracy Buaron	Using Your Promethean Panel	Tech.	3

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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.

Jerry Quartsin

John Wesley

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of 10 sick days to employee #4408 from employee #5107, 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 – Absent  
 Michelle Robertson – Aye  
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 – Absent  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

**Curriculum, Instruction & Student Services**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Absent  
Michelle Robertson – Aye  
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves Brian McDonald, LLC, occupational therapist, to provide services to an out-of-district classified student at Watchung Hills Regional High School at the rate of \$75.00 per 30-minute session, not to exceed to exceed \$3,000.00.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd 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 17, 2019. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
IIII-19-20	10/26/10	OHI	Lake Drive School for the Hearing Impaired	\$65,000.00/yr. prorated

Add'l Speech Therapy \$2,000.00/yr. prorated

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

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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated August 31, 2019.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves educationally related field trips per the attached list.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the use of the attorney Eric L. Harrison, Esq., of the firm Methfessel and Werbel having an office located at 2025 Lincoln Hwy., Suite 200 Edison, NJ 08818, for general legal services on an as needed basis not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the period of November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the use of the entities indicated to provide substitute athletic trainers on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour.

JAG Physical Therapy (continuing) SD Gameday (continuing)  
Premier Sports Medicine of New Jersey (new)

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves and accepts the donation of physical education equipment by *YES YOU CAN!* (NJ Physicians Advisory Group) to NPHS at a value of \$1,000.000.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Maria Farraye-Biggs to apply for an NPEA Pride/FAST Grant for the purpose of purchasing early literacy, fine motor and parent outreach materials for families attending the District’s preschool orientation to be held in June 2020 at a total value of \$440.00.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes Karen Lewis to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing a high table for her classroom at Somerset School at a total value of \$178.58.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to accept the College Readiness Now Grant at a total value of \$5,500.

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

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

**Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – Next meeting scheduled for October 30, 2019.

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

Curriculum – Next meeting date to be determined.

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

Policy Meeting – Mr. Vick reviewed policies discussed at meeting including student code of conduct.

Negotiations(NPEA) – None.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin mentioned delegate assembly taking place in November.

SCSBA – Ms. Robertson reported on topics discussed at the most recent meeting including vaping.

SCESC – None.

Personnel – Next meeting scheduled for November 6, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

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

- **Artist in Residency Grant**

As a recipient of the **Artist in Residency Grant from Young Audiences**, Stony Brook students and staff will have the opportunity to work with professional dance artist during the 2019-2020 school year. The grant allows for (16) student-centered working sessions, (1) Professional Development session for staff, a student assembly and a finale performance. The program design is Modern Dance with the development of Character Education themes. Planning began over the summer at an AIE workshop, followed by two additional meetings to solidify program structure with a broad group of stakeholders including district and departmental administrators, Rebecca Visintainer, NPHS dance teacher; Samantha Clarke, AIE Administer and Lisa Grimes, professional dance instructor. Events will begin in January 2020 utilizing a rotating schedule to minimize instructional impact.

- **College Readiness Now Program**

The College Readiness Now program is a partnership among the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), 19 New Jersey county and community colleges, and more than 60 New Jersey high schools.

The purpose of the College Readiness Now program is to support projects designed to prepare more students for college by the time they graduate from high school. Each individual project involves a locally-designed collaboration among county and community colleges and area high schools, using diagnostics and other measures to target and identify students who need support to be college ready.

North Plainfield High School has been in partnership with the College Readiness Now program for a number of years with Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC), and our partnership with RVCC has been extended for the 2019-20 school year. During this school year, the grant will focus on supporting 49 senior academic support students at the high school. The grant will cover the use of an online intervention program called EdReady, a visit to RVCC tailored to student interest, graphing calculators, and an opportunity to take the Accuplacer assessment that may count as a graduation assessment requirement. Overall the grant will cover these expenses for a total of \$5,500.

- **Literacy Coaching Update**

Literacy Coaching began on October 1. Holly Chopak joins North Plainfield as the new K-2 Literacy Consultant and Melanie Brown returns for her third year as the Literacy Consultant with the 3rd through 5th grade teachers. With the first Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessments completed, Holly and Melanie will be

working with teachers to continue the focus on small group instruction during independent reading time.

- **Assessment Update**

The first round of Fountas and Pinnell assessments have been completed! Teachers will be engaging in data analysis with building principals and grade level teams.

- **DER Consulting Update**

Dual Language teachers, building administrators, and Ms. Acevedo were joined by our lead consultant Dr. Willaum to visit all 12 classrooms in early September.

Visitations were designed to assess classroom structure and routine, and to ensure full alignment with the foundation of dual “mirrored” principles.

In the coming months, the Dual Language teams will participate in lab site coaching. In this model, grade level teams will craft lessons, present these lessons to our own students, and debrief with one another to share strengths and areas for growth. This progressive model of professional development invites real time support, as teacher teams implement new strategies alongside the consultants.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Superintendent’s Report**

#### **Updates:**

- Exit Surveys: Last week, I sent surveys to the parents of students who have left the District for charter, private, and homeschool during the past two years. In addition, I sent the survey to all parents of charter school students. Going forward, each school office will hand a paper copy of the survey to any parent leaving the District, and our team will review them at several checkpoints throughout the year.
- I am excited to share that we are planning to institute a **Staff Wellness Committee** and asked staff to email me if they were interested in serving on the planning board of this committee. The goals will include, but not be limited to, Wellness, Mind, Spirit, and Nutrition in order for our community of educators to have access to wellness knowledge to nurture their mind, body and spirit.
- Congressman Malinowski Visits NPHS: Last year, Mr. Christian Agresto, a 6th-grade social studies teacher, had his students write letters to various elected officials, one of whom was Congressman Malinowski. In September, Congressman Malinowski's office approached Mr. Rowan and asked if we would be interested in having Congressman Malinowski speak with our students (he requested a specific course at a minimum from the high school). On October 8th, Congressman Malinowski addressed about 150 high school students. During his talk, he described the basics of his job in Washington and our congressional district, and he provided

an update on the issues and bills on which he is currently working. After his presentation, Congressman Malinowski took questions from our students.

[Click here to read coverage of this event in TAPinto.](#)

- Voter Registration Results: On October 8th, the League of Women Voters visited the High School to register students during their lunch periods. They registered 40 students as new voters, and 24 additional students took home registration forms.
- Vaping Presentations: The Middle School and High School will educate students about vaping as indicated.
  - Class lessons by SAC (Mr. DaSilva) in Middle School 10/16 - 10/30
  - Class lessons by SAC (Mr. DaSilva) in High School 11/15 - 11/27
  - Former DEA agent, Douglas Collier, will present at the Middle School and High School on 11/18/19
  - Staff presentation on 2/4/20 by Steered Straight
  - Parent presentation on 2/4/20 by Steered Straight
  - Vaping posters hung around building
  - Vaping precautions on televisions in cafeteria
  - Resources on school counseling website
- USDA Survey: The District has been selected to participate in a survey conducted by Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. for the USDA to review the nutritional quality and cost of school meals. The survey is intended to provide critical information about the nutritional quality, cost, and acceptability of school meals throughout the country. Don Sternberg and Patty Fragioudakis from Maschio's will be working with the company to provide the necessary information.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Sternberg reviewed information packet for NJSBA annual conference.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ms. Reagan inquired about district payroll issues.

### **Future Agenda Items**

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

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday November 6, 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.

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Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

