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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at 7:30 PM, North Plainfield High School, 34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Linda 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, 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, Dennis McKeever, Board Attorney and approximately 59 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 October 16, 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 October 16, 2019.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the public session minutes of November 4, 2019.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of November 4, 2019.

Financial Report

None.

Student Representative Report – Not in attendance – Provided Separately

Student Representative: Marta Hernandez

Good evening everyone, it is a great pleasure to be here with you tonight.

Last time we met, spirit week, the Tailgate, and Homecoming had all just passed. With all of these events out of the way, all the seniors are finally turning their full attention towards their college applications. A couple of days ago, all the seniors were sent an instant decision day registration, with a variety of college representatives that will be coming to North Plainfield on various days. This is a great opportunity for seniors because it prevents all of

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us from having to anxiously wait weeks in order to get a response back from the colleges we are applying to.

Last Friday, the high school hosted a club fair in the gym. Throughout the morning every grade had the opportunity to go and speak to different representatives from a variety of colleges throughout New Jersey and surrounding states. It was a great opportunity for students to obtain more information about colleges such as their academics, their tuition, their financial aid, and much more.

The Sophomore class was selling candy for Halloween for just one dollar, as a way to fundraise money for the student council. It was a great success, and they were able to fundraise a good amount of money.

On top of that, the Student Counseling Department just announced a new student scholarship named the Ginger Feola Canuck Pride Scholarship in honor of Ginger Feola who worked for the high school 39 years. It is an amazing way to honor Ms. Feola and an amazing opportunity for students to apply for the scholarship.

Our High School is also offering the ASVAB Career Exploration Exam on December 5th, to students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade. This allows students to be scored on verbal, math, science, and technical skills, therefore giving students an idea as to what they would like to do after high school.

The Annual Cabaret Dinner will be hosted on November 22nd and the tickets are now on sale for \$10. Everyone is welcomed for a night of great performances and dinner.

Thank you.

Student Representative: Jasmine Zaher

Good evening everyone.

Today I'm going to start off by talking about the Girls Varsity Soccer team. During October, the Canucks won with a 3-1 victory over Plainfield High School. Sophia Chavez, Holly Evans, and Selma Valjevac each scored a goal for the team. In another game against Bound Brook, Sophia Chavez also netted both goals in the game, leading them a victory with a score of 2-1. Since then, Girls soccer along with boys soccer has ended for the school year.

Next, the Cross Country Team has been doing really well these past few weeks. During a 5K race at the Somerset County Championship meet, sophomore Ian Smith broke the school record by running with a time of 16:35, as well as taking home a 7th place finish. Freshman Arianna Vira also placed 3rd in the girls freshmen race. Last Tuesday at the Quad meet at White Oak Park, Ian Smith also took home a victory as well as having senior Jimena Torres run a personal best time. On November 9th, the cross country team will be competing at the state sectional meet.

The field hockey team played their last game on October 24th, and were able to score one goal with an assist from junior Lindey Depaz and the shot by senior captain Sara Rodriguez. The team ended their season this past week and were happy with the effort they put in throughout the year.

Along with the end of field hockey, the tennis team also recently ended their season, celebrating the final season of their seniors on the team.

Finally, the football team played a game against South Plainfield last week and unfortunately lost. However, tomorrow will mark the final game for the football players and the students this year against Metuchen and I'm sure the student body will motivate the team for a victory.

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It is so great to see all of the hard work and dedication that our athletes put in every day. Thank you for listening.

Presentation

Ms. Aquino read a statement recognizing the election of new Board members and the service of Board members who will relinquish their seats in January.

Ms. Aquino read a statement regarding the finding of elevated levels of mercury vapor in our Middle School gymnasium and the district response to remediation of the problem.

Dr. Richard Lynch and Dr. Elissa Favata discussed and reviewed the technical and actionable determinations surrounding the analysis of the extent of the mercury vapor problem and potential remediation plans.

Following the presentation, both experts responded to questions from the public.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Theresa Fuller commented on the NPEA's understanding of the mercury issue and their efforts to communicate same to the district.

District resident asked about delay in testing.

District resident asked about resolution of mercury issue and timeline for resolution.

District resident asked what the district plans to do with students in the gym.

District resident asked why the testing company (Garden State Environmental) was not present at the meeting.

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 Janeth Perez as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2019-2020 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective November 7, 2019, Janeth Perez shall be placed on Instructional Non-Degree/Step 2 and will be paid the rate of \$17.47 per hour. (Ms. Perez will replace Maria Mallon.)

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

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignations of the employees listed as indicated.

Name	Position	School	Effective
Joy Griffith	School Nurse	MS	10/23/19
Paul Bey	Paraprofessional	MS	10/25/19

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 approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to the positions specified, at the stipends/rates noted.

Name	Position	School	Effective	Stipend/Rate
Yanelisa Reyes	Wrestling Assistant Coach	HS/MS	11/7/19	Volunteer
Taj Belfield	Boys' Basketball Coach	MS	11/11/19	\$5,682.00
Michael Peters	Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach	HS	11/11/19	\$6,982.00
Margarita Manzano	Winter Guard Advisor (50%) Assistant Winter Guard Advisor (50%)	HS	11/7/19	\$1,032.50 \$ 781.50
Stephanie Modzelewski	Winter Guard Advisor (50%) Assistant Winter Guard Advisor (50%)	HS	11/7/19	\$1,032.50 \$ 781.50
Robyn Enderle	Grade 5-6 Health Curriculum Revisions	District	11/7/19	\$50.00/hour (up to 10 hours)
Avecita Justo	Registration and Residency Clerk	District	11/7/19	\$12.86/hour
Marcelle Baricelli	Mathematics Tutor	MS	11/11/19	\$30.00/hour
Aimee Michalski	Mathematics Tutor	MS	11/11/19	\$30.00/hour
Andrea Rodgers	Mathematics Tutor	MS	11/11/19	\$30.00/hour
Michael Chuntz	Math Homework Club	SS	11/11/19	\$30.00/hour

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 approves the school nurses indicated for additional nursing hours, at the rates noted, for up to 10 hours each.

Name	Rate	Effective
Doreen Humiston	\$59.69/hour	11/7/19
Beth DeAngelis	\$55.93/hour	11/7/19

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 employment of Jerald Bell, Sr. as a custodian, at the Custodian/Step 3 rate of \$43,570, plus \$675 for a boiler license, plus \$2,614 for a shift differential, for a total salary of \$46,859 prorated, effective November 7, 2019 through June 30, 2020. Jerald Bell, Sr. will complete his probationary period on February 4, 2020. (Mr. Bell, Sr. will replace Christopher Young who transferred to NPMS.)

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 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.

Mayra Marion
 Stacy Dixon

Andrew Silber
 Asmaa Abdelhafez

Lisa Circelli

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 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
Tracy Buaron	Increase Student Understanding with Game-like Formative Assessments	Tech.	6
Tracy Buaron	Using Your Promethean Panel (2 additional dates added)	Tech.	3
Soyoun Ouh	How to Help our ELs: Sheltered Instruction	ESL	1.5
Soyoun Ouh	Burning Questions About Our ELs	ESL	1.5
Milly Villatoro	The Life of a Dual Language Teacher (Real Talk)	WL	1.5
Melissa Saul	The Life of a Dual Language Teacher (Real Talk)	WL	1.5

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 individuals indicated to convene a committee to assist in completing the 2019-2020 NJQSAC District Performance Review.

Michelle Aquino
Aimee Michalski
Joanne Sung

Linda Bond-Nelson
Adrianna Pequeno
Mary West

Richard Katz
Donald Sternberg

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 adjusts the assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as indicated.

Name	From (hours per day)	To (hours per day)	Effective
Anne Heinzerling	WE – 4.00	WE – 4.50	10/28/19
Jagmahon Goraya	MS – 3.25	MS – 3.50	10/28/19
Dina Aquino	WE	MS	10/28/19
Fred Bradford	SS – 3.75	SS – 4.00	11/7/19

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby places employee #6106 on an administrative leave with pay, effective October 30, 2019 until further notice in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.3.

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves Brian Shanley to serve as Acting Director of Operations (while continuing in his current role of Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds) effective November 1, 2019, and until further action of the Board. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brian Shanley shall be paid at the rate of \$123.18 per day in addition to his regular salary.

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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Courtnee Krug as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2019-2020 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective November 7, 2019, Courtnee Krug shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.95 per hour. (Ms. Krug will replace Victoria Tarquino.)

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 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

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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 – 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 curriculum indicated.

K-4 Art (revision)

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 approves the District's Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2019-2020 school year:

WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting "required" maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the attached document for the various school facilities of North Plainfield School District are consistent with these requirements; and

WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield School District hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the attached Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the North Plainfield School District in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

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 educationally related field trips 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 the Board of Education approves the appointment of Environmental Safety Management Corporation Extraordinary Unspecifiable Professional Certified Industrial Hygiene Services at a rate of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.00, for the period of October 28, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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 RESOLVED, that for the November 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 school year, the Board of Education make the appointments indicated.

Right-to-Know Contact	Brian Shanley
Integrated Pest Mgmt Coordinator	Brian Shanley
Lead Paint Removal and Restoration	Brian Shanley
EPA Designated Point of Contact	Brian Shanley
Indoor Air Quality Point of Contact	Brian Shanley

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 and accepts a donation of \$1,500.00 by the New York Giants and American Heart Association (through Modell's Sporting Goods) to Somerset School for the purchase of athletic equipment.

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 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the sidebar agreement between the North Plainfield Board of Education and the North Plainfield Education Association with respect to custodial vacations.

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 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the sidebar agreement between the North Plainfield Board of Education and the North Plainfield Education Association with respect to paraprofessional health benefits.

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 the Superintendent of Schools to submit the Preschool Expansion Aid Grant to the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

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 BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, 18A-7a-10 establishes the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for evaluating performance of each school district, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the district is based upon five key components of school district effectiveness: instruction and program, personnel, fiscal management, operations and governance, and

WHEREAS, in 2019-2020, the North Plainfield School District must complete a District Performance Review (DPR) and complete the annual Statement of Assurance (SOA).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education does hereby approve the submission to the New Jersey Department of Education of the District Performance Review and Statement of Assurance as certified by the Chief School Administrator and Board President.

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 appointment of Dr. Elissa Ann Favata, Environmental & Occupational Health Associates, P.A. Extraordinary Unspecifiable Professional Certified Industrial Hygiene Services at a rate of \$315.00, not to exceed \$5,000.00, for the period of October 28, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

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 appoints the office of Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC to perform a special District investigation.

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 – Ms. Dodd reviewed items discussed at the most recent meeting. Next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

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

Curriculum – Next meeting date to be determined.

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Sternberg reviewed topics discussed at the most recent meeting.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for December 18, 2019.

Negotiations(NPEA) – None.

NJSBA – None.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

SCESC – None.

Personnel – Next meeting date and time to be determined (November 6, 2019 – rescheduled).

Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report

- For NP, By NP Professional Development Brochure: The fifth year of the *For NP, By*

NP Professional Development effort kicked off on October 10th with teacher and administrator led workshops developed to address the professional development needs of district staff. The program focus and workshop offerings reflect department and district professional development goals and simultaneously serve to cultivate teacher leadership and in-district turnkey efforts. The catalog is a living document, with staff and administrators expected to add additional PD opportunities as we move through the school year. As with all district-provided professional development programs, workshops are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and assist staff in meeting their continuing education requirements.

- Fine, Practical and Performing Arts Update: The 2019-2020 school year has brought the return of the AP Music Theory course offering, a move that coincides with revised College Board standards for AP coursework and a new textbook sequence.

The NPHS Marching Band has had a successful first season under its new director, Ms. Tatyana Louis-Jacques. The band wrapped up its competitive season on November 2nd in Pennsylvania.

The recent North Plainfield Fall Festival provided a wonderful opportunity for our students to showcase their work as our high school Dance CTE, marching band, and choir students performed on center stage. The work of NPHS Art Club student members also had an opportunity to shine with the creation of the community mural currently on display at the North Plainfield Library. Leading the student efforts and performances were the respective program advisors: Rebecca Visintainer, Tatyana Louis-Jacques, Amy Six, and Sarah Van Vliet.

Photos, news, and other departmental highlights will now be featured on our Fine, Practical, and Performing Arts Department Twitter page [@NPSDArts](#). A full list of events can be found on the Fine, Practical, and Performing Arts Department website as well.

Correspondence

None.

Superintendent's Report

- Exit Fall Festival Meeting: In October, our Fall Festival Planning Committee convened for a debrief and 2020 launch meeting. We deeply reviewed what worked and brainstormed about improved practices for next year's event. To date, feedback regarding the festival has been unanimously positive. Marketing efforts will commence this fall in an effort to secure vendors early. Our next planning meeting is November 12, 2019 at 4:00 pm at the Board office. As always, we encourage new members to join the committee.
- Bilingual Waiver Status 2019-2020: Our Bilingual Education Program Waiver request

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for the 2019-2020 school year has been conditionally approved by the NJDOE. Prior to the 2020-2021 school year, our District must establish a program that is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:15. To aid in the development of an appropriate program, Don Sternberg, Joanne Sung, Rich Katz, Regina Acevedo, and I will attend a mandatory technical assistance session on November 20th hosted by the NJDOE. BAC is reconvening accordingly.

- News 12 Scholar Athlete Broadcast Aairs: As I announced in a prior update, Daniel Duncan has been selected as the News 12 Scholar Athlete of the Week. Daniel was interviewed by the News 12 team on October 22nd. News 12 recently aired his feature. [Click here to see the News 12 interview.](#)
- NY Giants Play 60 Donation: On October 22nd, Somerset School received a visit from the NY Giants as part of *Will Play 60*, a program run in conjunction with the American Heart Association to battle childhood obesity. NY Giants players Jon Hilliman (#28), David Sills (#84), and Reggie White, Jr. (#13) participated in sixty minutes of active play with sixth grade students, and emphasized the importance of staying active to live a healthy lifestyle. The visit culminated with the donation of \$1,500 from Giant's team sponsor Modell's Sporting Goods for the purchase of athletic equipment to be used at Somerset School.



- SEPAG Meeting Scheduled for December: SEPAG, the District's Special Education Parent Advisory Group, will host its first meeting of the 2019-2020 school year on December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Harrison School. Three members of the District's Child Study Team will facilitate a presentation on executive functioning. Flyers will be mailed to families inviting them to attend. Additionally, our Department of Special Services will survey parents to gauge interest in future topics for upcoming SEPAG meetings.
- Novartis Disability Mentoring Day (written by John Burke): *On October 23rd, Advanced Pathways and VISTA students attended the Novartis Disability Mentoring Day at Novartis North American Headquarters in East Hanover. The trip focused on college and career readiness skills, career exploration, and social interaction. Our students heard*

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from the CEO of Novartis and representatives from Target about career possibilities open to them in an inclusive workforce. The Director of Disability Support Services at Fairleigh Dickinson University discussed the available accommodations offered to students at her institution. Job coaches and human resources specialists explained the support available to applicants with disabilities for securing employment. Both Pathways and VISTA classes will engage in follow up activities to facilitate their interest in these areas and opportunities.

Disability Mentoring Day is part of a nationwide initiative to promote career development for students and jobseekers who learn differently.

Maschio's Update (written by Gail Fabbriatore): *Maschio's celebrated National Oatmeal Day on October 29th at breakfast with oatmeal and a variety of toppings including fruit, brown sugar, cinnamon, and raisins. On Halloween, Maschio's served all District students an Orange Sorbet, which they call "Spooky Sorbet." The students loved it. November 4th is National Sandwich Day, and in addition to the low-fat deli meat selections that Maschio's serves, they will have introduced a variety of cheeses, such as Monterey Jack and Swiss. On December 4th, Maschio's will be making a presentation at the Board of Education meeting. Representatives from Maschio's corporate office and associates based in the District will be in attendance to discuss several pertinent food-based topics and will bring samples of the newly introduced Bento Box lunch option.*

Old Business

None.

New Business

Mr. Vick moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves for first reading the following new policy:

5142.3 Required Student Identification (ID) Cards

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

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

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 November 20, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. at East End School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal

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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 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg

