

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, September 18, 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 Hernandez and Jasmine Zaher and approximately 18 members of the staff and public.

**Introduction of New Staff**

None.

**Minutes Approval**

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the public session minutes of September 4, 2019.

Ms. Bond-Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the executive session minutes of September 4, 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 August 31, 2019 in the amount of \$4,655,058.76\*

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 July 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**

Ms. Bond-Nelson read a detailed statement providing an overview of the public comment process.

\*The complete description of the process for commentary is available at the meeting and posted on the district website.

### **Student Representative Report**

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

Good evening everyone, it is a great pleasure of mine to be back with you guys this year and I hope everyone had an awesome summer 'cause I definitely did. I am both delighted and nervous about this school year. Senior year is a year of many memories, but also a year of much stress with college applications and the many deadlines that come with them. However, I'm excited to be your student representative once again, and Jasmine will be joining me this year as the junior representative.

Prior, to the beginning of the school year, the mentors once again hosted freshmen orientation on August 15th and it was a great success. Many freshmen came to the orientation and with the help of the mentors, were able to get a tour of our school and transition from the middle school to the high school without a problem. The class of 2023 has started high school on a high note and hopefully, their high school experience will continue this way.

Up until now, the school year has been going great and students and staff are back to their routine. Last Thursday the mentors were able to meet with their freshmen during extended homeroom and speak about goal setting. They discussed in small groups the importance of setting long and short term goals throughout their four years of high school. The mentors were even able to give their mentees some words of advice and encouragement because I know that this transition from middle school to high school is not easy for every student. On top of that, the mentors got to bond even more with their mentees on Friday during Freshmen Field Day. Both the mentors and their mentees got to learn more about each other and play various activities that only made their bond stronger. It was both a success and a day to remember for everyone.

Last Wednesday, Ms. Visintainer held a dance company rehearsal for anyone interested in dancing and performing. It is open to anyone in grades 9-12 and Ms. Visintainer is excited and ready to work with all those who went to the meeting.

In addition, various clubs have begun to meet again in order to plan and organize for this school year. The freshmen class had their first meeting last Wednesday. The NPHS robotics team also had a meeting on Monday in order to discuss competitions and

membership. The NHS had a meeting last Thursday to discuss officer positions and this Thursday they will be able to vote for their new leaders. In addition, other clubs like the Cultural Alliance, the FHS, the SHS, and Rho Kappa have had their meetings this week or will have them in the following days.

Everything so far is off to an amazing start in the school and I hope it continues this way for the entire year.

Thank you

**Student Representative: Jasmine Zaher**

Good evening everyone, it's so nice to see everybody here today and I'm happy to be here for my first board of education meeting.

Today, I am going to start off by saying that the Girls Varsity Soccer Team has had a great season so far with a victory of 3 to 2 against Warren Hills Regional High School on September 7th. The three goals were scored by Sophia Chavez, Aline Galvez, and Kathy Pimentel, leading the girls soccer team into a hopeful direction.

On Tuesday, September 12th, the Boys Varsity Soccer Team played against Somerville, winning with a score of 2 to 1. The goals were made by Jeremy Carranza and Abraham Menjivar with assists by Christ Pasteur and Angel Colcas, exhibiting the teamwork of the group. The goalie of the team, Alex Thompson, had 12 saves that truly allowed the team to bring the victory home. Continuing on, the Boys JV Soccer Team had many victories through their season so far, winning against Bernards, Middlesex, and Delaware Valley, as well as tying with Somerville with a score of 2 to 2. Their most recent game was against Perth Amboy Vo-tech on September 16th, and both JV and varsity brought the victory home with a score of 17-0, truly making the team proud of their win.

Next, the Girls Varsity Tennis Team has also had a successful start to their season as they played against Colonia High School on September 11th and won with a score of 3 to 2. On Friday, although the team lost against Bernards with a score of 0 to 5, the team still kept their head high and their motivation even higher to win during their next match.

Also on Friday was the first Cross Country meet of the School year at Ocean County Park with NP placing within the top ten times. Ian Smith placed in 6th with a time of 16:39 and Chris Manzano placed in 10th with a time of 17:09. The team will have their next meet this Saturday at Thompson Park, hopefully bringing NP another victory.

Next, the field hockey team has had a rough start to their season with three losses against Belvedere, Franklin, and Mount Saint Mary's. However, this does not stop the team from trying their best throughout every game and working harder as the season goes on. Varsity goalie Valerie Havrilla said, "NPFH is a family. We play together, fight together, lose together, and win together. Every game we play, we support and encourage each other, play our hearts out completely, and never let our heads down."

Continuing, the football team has brought out the school spirit throughout the high school with the start of their season this school year. Their first game was played on September 6th against Governor Livingston, and NP took the win with a score of 26 to 7. Naji Campbell and Jamaad Murkey each scored touchdowns throughout the game, and the defense was led by Adam Elsaïs, who was also nominated for Midstate Conference, a huge accomplishment for himself as well as NP. Their next game was played against Somerville on September 13th, however, they, unfortunately, didn't take the win.

Along with the football team, the Marching Band plays an important role during the halftime shows as they practice hard every week. They placed second at their competition in Manchester, gaining a score of 77.30.

All of the sports teams have put in so much effort so far and have had many successes already with many proud wins. All of the hard work going into their teams is not going unnoticed, and NPHS is definitely prideful. Thank you for listening.

### **Presentation**

Ms. Sung and Ms. Armento presented an overview of testing results for the 2018-2019 school year and answered various questions from the Board. Also, an overview of the changes to curriculum and instruction and the impacted testing results were discussed.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Updates:**

- Commissioner Repollet recently shared that New Jersey schools have earned the national rank of #1 in a recent publication. Education Week magazine announced this milestone in an article entitled "[In National Ranking of School Systems, a New State Is On Top.](#)" The Commissioner specifically wrote the following, "This can be attributed to a holistic approach to public education: One that focuses on fair funding that bolsters preschool, STEM and innovative opportunities ... providing greater post-secondary opportunities such as pre-apprenticeship programs and the ability to earn industry-valued credentials while in high school ... and helping schools to provide a diverse student body with the academic and social-emotional skills needed for success." When I reflected upon that statement, it made me so proud of North Plainfield, as we are knee deep in not only all the areas he listed but so much more.
- Due to increased enrollment during the first week of school, high school administration shared a concern about class sizes. After a meeting and review of information, it was agreed that an additional high school English teacher is warranted for effective class size.
- Sports Information Night: On September 9th, Karl Gordon facilitated a Sports Information Night at the High School. Approximately 40 parents attended this productive meeting. Concerns were voiced about topics such as: coaches, communication, recreation leagues, the ability for students to train off-season, and the current state of District facilities. Outcomes of the evening included the establishment of a parent liaison group which will meet throughout the school year (16 parents have already agreed to join) and the commitment to attend the September 17th NP Recreation Department meeting in support of their programming. There was also a request for seasonal parent informational meetings, which Mr. Gordon will explore.
- Dragon Newscast: Somerset School premiered its very own Dragon Newscast on September 10th as a way to impart information to students during homeroom. Ms. Weber, Assistant Principal and the producer and creative director of Dragon News, received help from the Somerset School staff and students. They are working on a school video for the public.

[Click here to view a video clip of Dragon News](#)

- September 11th Commemoration Ceremonies: Across the District, our schools remembered September 11th with various commemorations. I had the opportunity to attend the solemn yet beautiful program that Michael Mulry organized for our high school students, as well as the East End School ceremony.
- Marching Band Competition: On Saturday evening, the HS Marching Band placed second at their first competition of the season, with a score of 77.3. The band was within fourth tenths of a point of the first place band in their group. Students, staff, and parents were all happy after the marching band's performance. In addition to next Friday's football game, the band will compete next Sunday afternoon at Metuchen High School.
- Fall Festival Update: September 28th, the date of Fall Festival is approaching quickly. Our full planning committee met on September 12th and will reconvene on September 24th. We are well on our way to an exciting event. Anticipation about this event is creating a buzz of excitement throughout the community.
- Our Back to School Night season is underway, and the events have been well attended so far.
- One of our EES teachers, Corinne Cecala, will be serving as a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. Her taping date is at the end of this month, and we look forward to announcing her air date.
- Safe Routes to School Program: The Safe Routes to School Program launched its 10th year in our District with a Walking Wednesday on September 11th. This successful and well attended program focuses on the benefits of walking to school at the elementary and intermediate school levels. As in past years, East End, West End, Stony Brook and Somerset Schools will actively participate. Look for our students the first Wednesday of each month, as they adopt the healthy practice of walking to school.
- Maschio's Update (written by Gail Fabbriatore): *Chef Beth Anne Carroll has been joined by Chef Angel Franco who has already proved to be a great asset to the District. Maschio's is generating excitement among students with a wide array of fresh fruits and vegetables, including watermelon, peaches, plums, peppers, tomatoes and eggplant, from Race Farm in Blairstown. Chef Angel Franco prepared a dish of roasted vegetables, as well as fresh marinara sauce and eggplant parmigiana, with the bounty. All were very well received by our students. On September 24th, Somerset School, in conjunction with Maschio's, will be hosting a Farmers Market. Our Somerset students look forward to this event which provides them with the opportunity to take home fresh produce to their families.*

**Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction Report**

• **Preschool New Year Kick-Off**

The 2019-2020 school year marked North Plainfield's third year offering full-day preschool programming funded by the PEA grant. Nine classrooms, across four sites welcomed 131 nervous and excited families as they began their journey into formal education as North Plainfield preschool students. Overall, our youngest learners transitioned well and are getting acclimated to their new schools.

As defined by the grant requirements, all PEA-funded classrooms must not exceed fifteen students and are supported by a certified teacher and paraprofessional. Three days of professional development, offered through **GROW NJ Kids**, began just before the official start of school. Training included foundations in our district selected Creative Curriculum, followed by a focus on intentional teaching practices on September 4th. These opportunities assisted both our novice and veteran teachers in solidifying sound teacher practices. After placing students to capacity, we begin the year with 30 students on the wait-list for placement.

• **Kindergarten New Year Kick-Off**

Eleven classrooms were filled with excitement on September 5, 2019, as 204 kindergarten students kicked-off a new academic year. Eighty-six of those kindergarten students were chosen by lottery to participate in the third cohort of the Kindergarten Dual Language Academy. As an expression of the program's growth, we continue to welcome siblings and have a number of participating families that have multiple children enrolled in the Dual Language Academy.

**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, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Guide/Step</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Replacing</b>
Elizabeth Petrillo	Special Education Teacher	MS	MA/Step 15	\$70,580	9/19/19, or upon earliest release	Deborah Reiss
Veronica Zyska	School Nurse	WE	BA/Step 19	\$79,550	9/19/19, or upon earliest release	Tatiana Neri
Shaniece Wright	Program Assistant	HS Bridge	Para. Instr. Degree/Step 1	\$17.37/hour	9/19/19	Evan Dickerson

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, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the employee listed as indicated.

Name	Position	School	Effective
Sonia Alvarenga Ramirez	Paraprofessional	SB	8/30/19
Martha Tejada-Schultz	Teacher	EE/WE/SB	9/18/19

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 employment of James Morgan as a District substitute maintenance worker, 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 for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the staff indicated as District chaperones, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, on an as needed basis.

Kaitlin Valentine  
 Amy Six  
 Victor Roque

Ivan Izeppi  
 Tatyana Louis-Jacques  
 Sonya Russomanno-Rizzo  
 Vanessa Cerasani

Kyle Skrivanek  
 Gupreet Kaur  
 Kimberly Dawson

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 rescinds the previously approved recommendation to employ Guisella Penafiel as an office paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2019-2020 school 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

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 appointment of the individuals indicated as Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) proctors for the District, at the rate of \$30.00 per hour, on an as needed basis. These individuals are paid through Accounts #11-000-221-104-14-06-110, 11-000-221-104-14-05-090, and 11-000-221-104-14-03-060.

Michelle Dos Santos  
 Ruby Carter  
 Keren Fonseca

Stefanie Martin  
 Andrea Legiadre  
 Jessica Perdomo-O’Hara

Ashley Davidson  
 Stacey-Ann Louis

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 teachers indicated to teach a sixth period class, for the additional annual salary noted, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

<b>Name</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Kathleen Banko	HS	Phys. Ed. 9	\$10,060.00	9/1/19 – 6/30/16
Heather Sullivan	HS	English 9	\$10,405.00	9/10/19 – 6/30/19
Erin Scott	HS	Adaptive Phys. Ed. Option 2	\$10,893.33	9/11/19 – 6/30/19
Jordan Gelber	MS	Special Education	\$10,405.00	9/12/19 – 6/30/19
Therese Boulanger	MS	Special Education	\$10,060.00	9/12/19 – 6/30/19

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 RESOLVED, the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts the letter of resignation of employment for employee #4798, effective December 31, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board approves the Separation from Service Agreement between employee #4798 and the Board effective September 18, 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 RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the 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 adjusts the guide and salary of Kelli Dunston, teacher at West End School, from the MA Guide to MA+30 Guide/Step 10 at the annual salary of \$67,360, effective September 1, 2019, to reflect her attainment of an additional 30 credits beyond her Master's degree, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

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 staff indicated on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and August 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 for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of 5 sick days from employee #4146 to employee #5369.

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

Name	Position	School	Effective	Stipend/Rate
Laurie Pfundheller	School-based Planning	SS	9/19/19	\$30.00/hour
Alexandra Hill	Head Softball Coach	HS	3/1/19	\$8,032.00
Diego Calle	SIT/SAT Detention	MS/HS	9/19/19	\$30.00/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 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 Qudisia Asim as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute paraprofessional.

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 appointment of the individuals indicated to write curriculum for the courses specified, at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.

Dept.	Curriculum	Hrs.	Staff Member	New/Revised
ELA	ELA Honors (Grade 10)	10	Andrew Risoli	Revision
ELA	English Grade 11 Honors	10	Leah Iannacone	New
ELA	AP Language and Composition	10	Argie Kantilierakas	New
ELA	AP Literature and Composition	10	Christine Mattei	New
WL	HS Spanish 1	3	Isabel Roca	Revision
WL	HS Spanish 2 and Spanish 2 Honors	3	Maria Orejuela	Revision
WL	HS Italian 3 and Italian 3 Honors	3	Danielle Paduch	Revision
WL	Spanish WL K-5	5	Joanna Oliver	Revision
ESL	MS ESL Social Skills	5	Stefanie Myers	Revision

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

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 transfer of Gabriela Colon from ESL teacher at Stony Brook School to Grade 2 dual language teacher at East End School, effective on or before October 1, 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 for the 2019-2020 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as indicated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>From (hours per day)</b>	<b>To (hours per day)</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Yahaira Soto	WE – 3.75	WE – 4.50	9/19/19
Wendy Gaetan	WE – 4.00	WE – 4.50	9/19/19
Janice Branan	WE – 3.75	WE – 4.50	9/19/19
Elaine Viola	WE – 3.75	WE – 4.50	9/19/19
Amy Lourenco	WE – 2.00 (non-instr.)	WE – 1.50 (non-instr.) WE – 3.00 (instr.)	9/19/19
Patricia Chwialkowski	WE – 0.50 (non-instr.) WE – 3.75 (instr.)	WE – 4.25 (instr.)	9/19/19
Pamela Lefanto	WE – 3.75 (instr.)	WE – 0.50 (non-instr.) WE – 3.75 (instr.)	9/19/19

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 adjusts the guide and rate of pay of Agne Tchubabria, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, from Instructional Degree/Step 1 to Instructional Non-Degree/Step 1 at the rate of \$16.37 per hour, effective September 1, 2019, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Absent	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Michelle Robertson – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – 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 school nurses indicated for additional nursing hours, at the rates noted, for up to 10 hours each.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Doreen Humiston	\$59.69/hour	9/19/19
Beth DeAngelis	\$55.93/hour	9/19/19

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

**Curriculum, Instruction & Student Services**

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 September 19, 2019. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
GGGGG-19-20	6/27/04	SLD	Collier High School	\$331.00/day

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

Big History – Grade 8 (revised)

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approves the submission of the North Plainfield School District's "School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the *Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act*," as per the attached report.

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 July 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 authorizes and approves attendance at the NJ School Boards Annual Convention to be held October 22-24, 2019 in Atlantic City for the individuals identified per the attached list, not to exceed a total cost of \$5,000.00.

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 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 WHEREAS, the Board of Education and the North Plainfield Education Association have agreed upon a Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Guides for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, and July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, both parties are in agreement with the substantive changes to the contracts as outlined in the Memorandum of Agreement and Salary Guides for both periods.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the Memorandum of Agreement and corresponding Salary Guides and that the President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

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 an unpaid Kean University required program internship for Ana Paucar, paraprofessional at Somerset School, in the district business office. The employee will complete 120 hours of service from September 2019 through December 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 and accepts the donation of an outdoor *Lending Library* at Stony Brook School at a value of \$250.00.\*

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

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

\* Ms. Aquino recognized the efforts of students who developed the Lending Library.

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Dodd and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education authorizes the payout of accumulated vacation days for Ms. Virginia Feola in the amount of \$2,806.31. Amount to be adjusted pending final contract amount.

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

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

**Correspondence**

None.

**Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – None.

Communications – Mr. Fellin provided an update on topics discussed in district newsletter as well as the Fall Festival and district website. Next meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019 at 5:45 PM.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for September 18, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting date to be determined.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2019 at 5:30 PM.

Negotiations(NPEA) – None.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin provided an overview of recent legislation.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The topic will be vaping.

SCESC – Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2019.

Personnel – Ms. Bond-Nelson asked that the Board discuss committee meeting times and dates at a future meeting.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Ms. Aquino discussed committee development for preparation of NJQSAC evaluation and asked for volunteers.

### **Comments from the Public**

Ms. Fuller extended gratitude for contract settlement and mentioned NPEA community event.

Ms. Kasper asked about Spanish II class coverage and mentioned Maschio's food preparation.

Ms. Martinez asked about issues with her child.

### **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 October 2, 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 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

September 18, 2019

