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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on April 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM, East End School, 170 Oneida Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. Linda Bond-Nelson, Board President 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
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Vella, Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Student Representatives Radha Patel and Jasmine Muhando, and approximately 42 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Allen abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of April 11, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Allen abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of April 11, 2018.

Financial Report

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated March 31, 2018 in the amount of \$6,582,146.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler 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 February 2018, 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 – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

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

Comments from the Public

Mr. Steven Barna expressed thanks and gratitude to Ms. Dodd for her continued support of students and the basketball program, in particular.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Radha Patel

Good evening everyone, it's great to see everyone this evening. Isn't it crazy how quick time has passed, we're only two months away from the school year being over! As it's coming closer to an end, testing season has approached us. The previous week, students in the high school took the PARCC testing for English. The testing process was a lot more smooth than the previous years. Also while the underclassmen were testing, students in certain AP courses such as Calculus, Statistics, Literature and Language came in early to school to take practice exams. AP Biology and Literature held practice exams on the past two Saturdays respectively. AP calculus is having a practice exam this Saturday as well.

Finally, we approach a very fun time of the year, prom season! The juniors had their prom the previous Friday and it was spectacular. They dressed to impress for sure! A very popular dress color seen this year so far has been various shades of red. I'm excited to see how the senior dress to our prom on May 11 at the Westin in Morristown.

This week the mentors are hosting their annual interviews for their next set of mentors for the 2018-2019 school year. I love seeing the excitement and drive some underclassmen have to want to become part of one of the most exceptional programs in our high school. There have been some amazing candidates who have already been interviewed. Being a mentor since my sophomore year of high school, I know how valuable and impactful the program is. Choosing the next set of mentors is critical for the legacy of the program and I'm proud to say there is a lot of leadership and capabilities by our rising juniors and senior to keep the mentor program effective and honorable.

The Pride Club is currently doing a fundraiser for the Somerset Home of Temporarily Displaced Children in Bridgewater. They are collecting gently used clothing and toiletries until this Friday.

The Hope club celebrated Earth Day this previous Sunday. They held a walk around town which started from the high school to Somerset Street. It was a good turn out with 45+ students coming and some families as well. Even the marching band was involved. Students from freshman to senior came and supported the Hope Club's effort about spreading the message about keeping our planet clean and appreciating what it offers.

The Interact club is holding their annual spring blood drive this Friday in the high school gym. They like to remind people that every two seconds someone in the US needs blood, and blood banks in New Jersey are lower than ever. They positively encourage people to step up to save someone life! It has brought them success in the past and they are looking forward to having a great turnout this time around as well.

Also, this Thursday the talent show is being held in the auditorium. There is going to be a wonderful showcase of some of the most talented young men and women in our high school which is always a pleasure to watch.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening everyone. It has been a while since we last met and a lot has happened.

Last Friday the Boys Varsity Tennis team versed Roselle Park and the scores were very close. However, the boys were able to pull off a win, 3-2. Since then they have played tennis matches against Cranford and Somerville.

The Boys Varsity Baseball team played against Roselle Park last Friday and Bernards the previous Saturday. Yesterday the boys also played Bound Brook. They won 7-0 with Antwan Barbour pitching a five-hit. They are hoping to continue pulling off wins this week.

The Girls Varsity Softball team played well last week. On Friday they secured their win against Manville with a score of 11-10. Anne Joseph went 4-for-5 and scored two runs and Ayah Elsaïs went 4-for-5 as well with one run and an RBI. On Saturday they also versed Bernards and had many runs. They took victory with a score of 13-4. Jessica Cerdena went 3-for-6 with two RBI for North Plainfield. Kiora Aurelien was 3-for-4 with 2 RBI, Anne Joseph made 4 hits with 2 RBI, Riley Appezzato finished 4-for-5 with 3 RBI and Xiomara Cornejo also aided in two runs.

The Boys Varsity Track team ran against Bernards and won thanks to the 4x400 team that helped to maintain their victory. On Saturday they competed at the Somerset County relays. Their shuttle hurdle team placed 3rd, their 4x100 placed 1st, the 4x400 placed 1st.

The Girls Varsity Track team also ran against Bernards and Mount St. Mary's. The team did not win, but they ran well. The girls also competed in the Somerset County relays and they placed 3rd in the 4x100 and 4th in the shuttle hurdles.

Lastly, on Monday, the Boys and Girls Varsity Track team defeated Gill St. Bernards.

Thank you.

Presentation

Ms. Vella and Mr. Sternberg presented the 2018-2019 school district proposed budget and answered questions.

Ms. Vella discussed an overview of the 2017-2018 QSAC I&P results.

Ms. Vella expressed gratitude and recognized volunteerism throughout the district and especially the Board of Education for their service.

Superintendent's Report

Acting Superintendent Report/Curriculum Report

- **Preschool/Kindergarten Flyer:** The Preschool/Kindergarten flyer has been distributed to all NP residents (approximately 8,100 flyers), as well as being included in the TAP and all district social media.

- **Targeted School Progress:** Lauren Meyer and Maura Harrington joined me at the NJDOE - Annual School Planning System Statewide Technical Assistance program as part of our Targeted School efforts. The Extended School Year planning is underway.

- **District Arts Festival:** The District Arts Festival was held on Thursday, April 12th. Ms. Reeves worked during a department meeting to review the evening, solicit feedback, and beginning planning for the upcoming year.

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- **Community Health Fair:** The Community Health Fair will take place Thursday, April 26th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the NPMS gymnasium. This is a free event, offered in conjunction with North Plainfield Education Association to provide a variety of free health screenings and information to community members.
- **Math Pilot** was shared with the Curriculum Committee last week and an information sheet is in your folder. A recommendation will be included in the May 9th agenda for BOE approval.
- **PARCC Appeals** have been submitted and approved! This is great news for our high school seniors and it is an example of how our school district works together to provide quality education and opportunities to our students.
- **Charter Application Resolution** is on tonight's agenda for approval. This is in response to the phase 1 application shared with our district. The Somerset County Vocational High School spoke with the CTE office regarding the Charter school application and their claim to open several "vocational" programs without having any program approvals. They also discussed the difficulty and expense in opening several programs at once. Dr. Hartraft was assured that she would reach out to the charter school office to discuss the viability of this proposal (or lack thereof) considering the required steps for CTE approval.
- **Teacher Leader Information Session:** Twenty-three staff members attended the Teacher Leader Information Session held on April 12th and facilitated by the TLN panel: Charles Rowan, Dan Kushner, Annette Bicksler and Theresa Zimmerman and me. Columbia University will host the Teacher Leadership Cohort I Program on three full-day on-site training days beginning this August through February 2019.
- **Dual Language Program:** The district is gearing up for the second year of our five-year commitment to the Dual Language Program. Marketing efforts are in full swing to educate district families on the monolingual and dual language options. Regina Acevedo and I completed the first of three preschool presentations We will offer two additional parent presentations at our two district providers in the coming weeks.
- **District Crisis Team:** Continuing our commitment to school and student safety, the District Crisis Team met to ensure full emergency and crisis preparedness. Our manual was presented to the Communications
- **ELL Summer Institute:** Based on the feedback received from the February 2018 Professional Development Day and to continue the work that our amazing ESL Coaches have started, the District will host the first annual ELL Summer Institute 2018. This exciting event hosts 2 different sessions:
 1. Sheltered Instruction
 2. Dual Language Immersion

In these sessions, experts specializing in each area of Bilingual Education will share research, theory and most importantly provide hands-on experiences that will be immediately applicable to you and the ELLs in your classroom, upon return in September.

- I would like to take a moment to recognize Suzanne Parmelee who will retire on July 1st after 36 years in our district.

Sue Parmelee - 36 years in NP

Career:

- Special Education Teacher
 - West End School
 - Somerset School
- Resource Center Teacher
 - West End School

Professional Extra-Curricular:

- Building Liaison Committee
- Crisis Team
- School Based Planning Committee
- ScIP
- NPEA
 - Building Representative
 - Vice President
 - Co-President

Student Focused Extra-Curricular - West End School

- Student Council - Advisor
- St. Jude Marathon - Organizer
- FAST Nights
- Smile Train - Fundraising Activities
- Theater Productions - Writer & Director

Favorite Memory:

- West End School Play - *Christmas Menorahs*

Sue and select West End 4th graders worked with the author, the lyricist, and the composer to give their input into the script and music. A few months later, the students and some staff members performed the play with the author and musical composers in attendance.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel

It is understood that the employment of all new personnel is pending completion of the employment process.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS Suzanne Parmelee, special education teacher in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective July 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately thirty-six years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Parmelee its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on April 25, 2018, and be it further

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

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a medical leave of absence for Employee #5369 from April 9, 2018 through April 23, 2018 or until released by his physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Lawrence Emert as an instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 26, 2018, Lawrence Emert shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 4.25 hours per day. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individuals indicated as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Julianne Jimenez

Susan Shapteban

Julia Ferrante

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Kate Moore, ELL teacher at Somerset School, an unpaid leave of absence effective April 16, 2018 through May 4, 2018, or until released by her physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education grants Eleftheria Fiotakis-Moudrakis, special education teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective September 1, 2018 using accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through November 19, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Phyllis Prestamo, human resources director for the district, for reasons of retirement, effective September 1, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 with Mr. Fellin abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Anne-Mary Fellin, paraprofessional at East End School, effective April 23, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the school nurses indicated to plan the Community Health Fair, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, for up to 10 hours each.

Karen Bissett
Doreen Humiston

Thanya Mendez
Tatiana Neri

Beth DeAngelis

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Stefanie Myers to assist at district athletic events, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education appoints Robert Lake as the School Safety Specialist for the district.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the donation of sick days to employee #5369 as indicated.

Employee #	Days Donated
4259	20
4452	10
5186	10
4146	10

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Vincent Del Priore, social studies teacher at NPHS, to serve an administrative internship at NPHS effective June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019, with: Jerard Stephenson, principal at NPHS; Edison Torres, assistant principal at NPHS; and Charles Rowan, assistant principal at NPHS; serving as his supervisors.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as instructors for Advanced Placement Examination Preparatory Review Sessions at NPHS, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, for up to 10 hours each.

Christian Cruz

Argie Kantilierakis

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as proctors for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment for the district, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, on an as needed basis. These positions are funded through the PEEA grant.

Michelle Ononfri
Lynderia Mansfield

Stefanie Martin
Jessica Perdomo-O'Hara

Suzanne Parmelee

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 attached job descriptions as indicated.

Assistant Principal – NPHS Bridge Program
Director of Human Resources

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Nicole Duarte, paraprofessional at East End School, effective April 20, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

Student Name	College	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Fernando Torres	Montclair State University	NPHS/School Counseling	Sept. 6, 2018- Dec. 20, 2018	Joelle Bruno

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years, 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
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the transfer of Pilar Zelaya **from** non-instructional paraprofessional at East End School **to** instructional paraprofessional at East End School for 4.25 hours per day, effective April 26, 2018. There is no change in the hourly rate of pay.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Edith Cuevas, paraprofessional at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence effective April 25, 2018 through June 30, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Melanie Garcia as a non-instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 26, 2018, Melanie Garcia shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day. (Ms. Garcia will replace Pilar Zelaya who is transferring to another position.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Dalissa Canario Padilla as an elementary dual language teacher at West End School for the 2018-2019 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2018, Dalissa Canario Padilla shall be placed on BA/Step 2-3 (2) and will be paid the annual salary of \$59,630, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Constanza Fernandez as an elementary dual language teacher at East End School for the 2018-2019 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2018, Constanza Fernandez shall be placed on MA/Step 6-7 (6) and will be paid the annual salary of \$63,030, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Carol Richardson as a temporary special education English teacher at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective May 7, 2018 through June 30, 2018, Carol Richardson shall be placed on MA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$62,430. (Ms. Richardson will temporarily replace Erin Scott.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignment of the listed paraprofessional as indicated.

Name	From (hours/day)	To (hours/day)	Effective
Cecilia Griffiths	WE – 4.50	WE – 3.50	April 26, 2018

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Kaitlin Rink as a non-instructional paraprofessional at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 26, 2018, Kaitlin Rink shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 1.75 hours per day. (Ms. Rink will replace Cecilia Griffiths who is reducing her hours of employment.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – Aye
 Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with a report regarding HIB incident #

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and the investigation which was conducted following the complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to this matter as well as the Acting Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the result of the investigation; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education votes to affirm the Acting Superintendent’s recommendation on HIB case #

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Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 Kathleen Mullen – 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; BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the attached draft calendar as the 2019-2020 school district calendar.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the curricula indicated.

Introduction to Yearbook Production (revision)
Kindergarten Science (revision)
First Grade Science (revision)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective April 23, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
TTT-17-18	2/7/04	ED	Somerset Elementary Academy	\$51,190.00/year prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective April 30, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
MMMMMM-17-18	2/23/01	MD	Piscataway Regional Day School	\$41,760.00/year prorated

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated March 31, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated April 25, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopts the following school district budget for the 2018-2019 school year:

General Fund	\$ 60,458,867.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 4,160,759.00
Debt Service Fund	\$ <u>1,143,525.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 65,763,151.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$ 30,838,998.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,031,040.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directed the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and submit this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval for advertising as required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive County Superintendent of Schools has reviewed the submitted 2018-2019 School Year budget and approved it as submitted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby established April 25, 2018 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorized the Superintendent and Board Secretary, having advertised this budget on April 20, 2018, does now adopt this budget as presented, and

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

April 25, 2018

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with approval and submission as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, several roof sections of the North Plainfield High School Gym need to be replaced and that this project is necessary for health and safety in the building (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan as several projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the structural condition of the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the district intends to fund this project as “Other Capital Project” through the district Capital Project Fund in the 2018-2019 school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board must now take all actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the project, including the submittal of an application and related schematic drawing; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that upon approval for the project from the Department of Education, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with approval and submission as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, several roof sections and various other roof repairs of the West End School need to be replaced and that this project is necessary for health and safety in the building (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan as several projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the structural condition of the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the district intends to fund this project as “Other Capital Project” through the district Capital Project Fund in the 2018-2019 school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board must now take all actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the project, including the submittal of an application and related schematic drawing; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that upon approval for the project from the Department of Education, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with approval and submission as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, several roof sections and various other roof repairs of the East End School need to be replaced and that this project is necessary for health and safety in the building (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan as several projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the structural condition of the school buildings; and

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WHEREAS, the district intends to fund this project as “Other Capital Project” through the district Capital Project Fund in the 2018-2019 school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board must now take all actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the project, including the submittal of an application and related schematic drawing; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that upon approval for the project from the Department of Education, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with approval and submission as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has determined that, lower Karuche Field access stairs at the North Plainfield High School need to be replaced and that this project is necessary for health and safety in the use of the field for educational and community purposes (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, this project has been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan as several projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the structural condition of the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, the district intends to fund this project as “Other Capital Project” through the district Capital Project Fund in the 2018-2019 school budget; and

WHEREAS, the Board must now take all actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the

project, including the submittal of an application and related schematic drawing; and

FURTHER, be it resolved that upon approval for the project from the Department of Education, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to advertise and solicit bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That the Board of Education approves the following special education transportation jointure with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2018-2019 school year:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District desires to transport special education, non-public, and public school students for the 2018-2019 school year to specific destinations; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of contract costs plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the SCESC, payment will be made according to the billing schedule to be provided. Said formula shall be based on the route costs(s) divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on the actual cost. Any balance due back to the district will be made by June.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby approved to enter into a service agreement with the SCESC for said service.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 field trips for the 2017-2018 school year per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 **WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education desires to transport special education, non-public, public, and vocational school students to specific destinations; and**

WHEREAS, the UNION COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION, hereinafter referred to as the CTSA, offers coordinated transportation services; and

WHEREAS, the CTSA will organize and schedule routes to achieve the maximum cost effectiveness;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that in consideration of prorated contract costs, plus an administration fee of 4%, as presented to the North Plainfield Board of Education as calculated by the billing formula adopted by the CTSA, payment will be made according to the billing schedule attached hereto. Said formula shall be based on the route cost(s) divided by the number of students allocated to each participating district. The total amount to be charged to districts will be adjusted based on the actual cost. Any balance due back to the district will be made by June.

1. The CTSA will provide the following services:
 - a. transportation each day while school or classes attended are in session;
 - b. monthly billing and invoices;
 - c. computer print-outs of student lists for all routes coordinated by the CTSA;
 - d. all information necessary for the accurate submission of the District Report of Transported Resident Students;
 - e. all necessary interaction and communication between the sending district, receiving school, and the respective transportation contractors;
 - f. constant/timely review and revision of routes;
 - g. transportation as soon as possible after receipt of the formal written request;
 - h. a bid analysis to participating district boards of education upon their request; and
 - i. timely submission of contracts, contract renewals or contract addenda to the county office for approval.

2. It is further agreed that the North Plainfield Board of Education will provide the CTSA with the following:
 - a. copies of district policies as they relate to ride time or other specific transportation parameters;
 - b. requests for transportation on forms to be provided by the CTSA, completed in full and signed by authorized district personnel;

- c. forms will contain all necessary and relevant information, medical or otherwise, regarding individual student's condition and transportation needs;
 - d. withdrawal from any transportation in writing, signed by authorized district personnel; and
 - e. strict adherence to the established payment schedule.
3. Additional Cost - all additional costs generated by unique requests, including but not limited to mid-day runs and early dismissals, will be borne by the district making such request.
4. It is understood that any change in the number of students being transported on each route, or changes in mileage during the course of the year will necessitate a reapportionment and adjustment of costs.
5. The CTSA accepts no responsibility for assuring a pupil's use of arranged transportation or attendance on an established route. Once assigned to a route, the monthly billings for the pupil's reserved seat will continue until the CTSA is otherwise notified, in writing, to delete the pupil from the assigned route.
6. Length of Agreement - this agreement and obligations and requirements therein shall be in effect between July 1, 2018 through June 30,2019.
7. Entire Agreement - this agreement constitutes the entire and only agreement between the parties and may be amended by an instrument in writing over authorized signature.
8. It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that this agreement shall be without force and effect until it shall have been approved by the County Superintendent of the County of Union and any additional County Superintendent, where applicable.

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 **WHEREAS**, on March 29, 2018 the North Plainfield School District received a copy of an application submitted to the State Department of Education requesting that the Department of Education approve the creation of a new, additional charter school, named the VoTech Regional Charter High School, within the attendance boundaries of the North Plainfield School District; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education believes the establishment of a second charter school within the North Plainfield School District boundaries is not necessary; and

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WHEREAS, the VoTech Regional Charter High School states its unique instructional approach “using a problem/project based educational model. Students will acquire the necessary skills that will prepare them to move into careers, industry apprenticeship programs, advanced certificate programs and/or at community college vocational training programs.”; and

WHEREAS, those instructional approaches are in fact, not unique instructional approaches, but are common in some form to most public schools including those in the North Plainfield School District; and

WHEREAS, the VoTech Regional Charter High School states in its mission they will work to “provide students with the academic, vocational and technical skills necessary to meet the jobs skills challenges of current and emerging careers in a global economy”; and

WHEREAS, this mission is similar to the missions of the North Plainfield School District, the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School in Somerset, NJ, and the Central Jersey College Prep Charter School in Somerset, NJ; and

WHEREAS, in its application, VoTech Regional Charter High School claims it will fill gaps based on Plainfield Public Schools such as violence and vandalism, teacher efficacy, low student performance on standardized tests, and an unsafe school district, it is important to note they intend to serve students from both Plainfield and North Plainfield but do not address the perceived gaps in North Plainfield, in their application; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District has more highly qualified teachers per student than the State average; a diverse student population who report over 28 different languages as their home language; positive behavior programs; academic intervention programs; an ESL/Bilingual Program, as well as a Dual Language Immersion Program; partnerships with institutions of higher learning such as Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC); state Career and Technical Education Programs in Dance, Biomedical, Cisco Systems and Jr. ROTC; an application for CTE in Engineering and Child Development; a robust elective program at the high school; 9 concurrent enrollment classes with RVCC and 15 Advanced Placement classes; a sending district relationship with Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School which has State approved vocational programs in the areas of Graphic Arts, Culinary Arts, Automotive and Engine Technology, Engineering, and Integrated Technology Systems; and

WHEREAS, the VoTech Regional Charter High School application states that it will be a “green school to protect the environment, keep teachers and students healthy, and promote environmental literacy.” They will include efforts to lessen the school’s carbon footprint and increase environmental and sustainability literacy; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District has over a period of many years made tremendous strides in the area of sustainability and reducing our carbon footprint. Starting with the Board of Education's commitment to improving our environment, as evidenced by the Board passing several district policies that drive our operating regulations such as:

Wellness and Nutrition - 3542.1
Healthy Workplace Environment - 4148
Environmentally Preferable Purchasing - 3320.1
Conservation Sustainability and Green Initiatives - 3501
Green and Health School Cleaning - 3510
Chemical Management Policy - 3516.1

Additionally, millions of dollars have been invested over the last ten years, starting with the addition of rooftop solar panels throughout the district, and replacement of windows, doors, roofs, and bathrooms in all buildings. All of which is to reduce energy and resource waste and inefficiencies. Also four of our schools have achieved Bronze Certification from Sustainable New Jersey for Schools, for efforts at improving the environment and reducing the carbon footprint of the buildings: East End, West End, Stony Brook, and Middle School.

We will continue to create and sustain a culture of environmentally friendly awareness and actions through our developed committees such as our Wellness/Green Committee, Green Teams in all schools, Chemical Hygiene Committee, and Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, according to district and state-level standards-based, criterion-referenced measurements, the North Plainfield School District has demonstrated positive achievement growth in both Mathematics and Literacy meeting a majority of NJ State targets and has passed the Instruction and Programming component of the newly adopted 2018-19 QSAC process; and

WHEREAS, the VoTech Regional Charter High School application states that the Plainfield School District was selected because of an expressed interest by parents and community members for the establishment of an alternative to the district's only comprehensive public high school, however, the application fails to provide details on how information was gathered from North Plainfield stakeholders; and the applicant anticipates an equal number of North Plainfield and Plainfield students; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education believes that the application submitted to the Department of Education is flawed in its lack of detail; and

WHEREAS, the VoTech Regional Charter High School will occupy the facility vacated by the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School, which according to a letter, dated February 29, 2016 to the Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School Board of Directors, the Commissioner of Education expressed similar apprehension when stating, "Concerns have been raised by the lack of diversity in Thomas Edison EnergySmart Charter School's student population." Further, the location of the proposed charter school services a relatively homogeneous population that is not reflective of the township demographic; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield School District's regular operating budget has been significantly burdened to meet the State Department of Education's approved Charter School payment of over \$872,542 in its 2017-18 school budget and estimated \$1,056,428 of the 2018-19 budget; and

WHEREAS, if approval of the VoTech Regional Charter High School is granted it would create undue hardship to the tax paying members of the North Plainfield community in that this would be the second charter school within the North Plainfield School District's boundaries drawing needed resources away from the almost 3,400 students enrolled in the North Plainfield School District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education opposes the VoTech Regional Charter High School's application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the North Plainfield Board of Education urges the New Jersey Commissioner of Education to deny the application made by the VoTech Regional Charter High School submitted on March 29, 2018;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution be certified and submitted to the New Jersey Commissioner of Education, the State Board of Education and the Chief School Administrators of the surrounding school districts, as soon as possible following approval by the North Plainfield Board of Education.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves a full day tuition rate of \$1,233.92 per month per enrolled child, for approved preschool providers to offer pre-kindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education extends the contracts of the preschool providers indicated to provide prekindergarten programs for eligible residents of North Plainfield.

Growing Tree Preschool

Holy Cross Preschool

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – Mr. Fellin discussed topics reviewed including realtor’s presentation.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for June 6, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for May 23, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Negotiations(NPEA) – Next meetings scheduled for April 30, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed various sessions upcoming and recent legislation.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2018 and June 1, 2018 (School Security Meeting).

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Ms. Butler provided an update on the Superintendent search.

New Business

Nothing.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Michelle Robertson asked a question regarding the budget.

Mr. McGovern thanked the Board for providing the AP exam and asked for attachments mentioned.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

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, May 9, 2018 at 7:00 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 and a half an hour.

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

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg