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The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on February 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Bond-Nelson called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
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, Jasmine Muhando and approximately 5 members of the staff and public.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of January 17, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of January 17, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of January 31, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of January 31, 2018.

Financial Report

None.

Comments from the Public

None.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Radha Patel

Good evening, it is so nice to see you all again. Since the last time we met, so much has happened in NPHS.

To being with, the mentor program is having their monthly meeting with their freshman tomorrow during homeroom. The topic for February is relationships. It's a critical topic to discuss with the freshman because they engage with different kinds of relationships every day and we want to help them understand that positive relationships are key to having a

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healthy mind. In addition, I personally created an event on behalf of the mentoring program. We are hosting a spring fling dance on March 29th. It will be open to all grades because our purpose of this dance is inclusion of all NPHS students. The mentors seek to promote school unity and spirit, so what better way than having a memorable dance for everyone!

In addition, the NPHS dance show with the theme of Eleanor and Park was executed beautifully. Many of our talented dancers were recognized for their capabilities and overall the dance program put on a spectacular performance.

Today was the national signing day to students who have gotten accepted to certain colleges based off of their athletic performance and will continue to pursue that sport in college. The seniors who got signed today include Ashley Atubi to Rutgers University for soccer, Brandon Smith to Kutztown University for football, Bamnjo Bannavti to Del Val University for football, and Jude Okolo to Illinois State University for football. We have some amazing individual seniors going to play D1 sports in college, congrats to them!

The Interact Club is wrapping up their Rutgers Concession volunteer work with their last game being on Sunday, February 25th. To celebrate the Valentine's holiday, the club is selling cupcakes to be delivered to homerooms the day of. Soon Interact will be starting up their Pennies for Patients fundraiser to collect money to help children with Leukemia.

The Italian Honor Society has been very successful with their recent Nutella-covered strawberry fundraiser to celebrate National Hugging Day. They were able to raise over \$150 in sales. Currently, to get in the spirit of Valentine's Day, they are running an animal drive to collect items that will be donated to North Plainfield local animal shelter on the day of. Please help them out by donating items for the animals in need.

Finally, two fridays ago was Color Wars. It was such a fun event to bring back to NPHS after the previous year without it. My favorite event was the dance off between each class, there was some serious competition there! In addition, the underclassmen created beautiful cupcakes like the sophomores creating cookie monsters. Overall the event was lots of fun for everyone and the senior class won first place in Color Wars as a whole.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening everyone it's so nice to see you all again. Since the last time we've spoken the canuck sports teams have been hard at work as their seasons are coming to an end.

The boys wrestling team had their senior night last Friday where they had a match against Plainfield. Although they did not win they did their best in representing our school and they put up a great fight for their many supporters that night.

The girls Varsity Basketball team had their senior night on January 25th. Not only was it a lucky night for the seniors, but a great night for the team as a whole because they beat Manville 36-33. Kierra Adams scored the most points for her team that day making 18 baskets, and leading her team to victory.

The boys Varsity Basketball team had their senior night yesterday. They played Warren Hills. It was a very close game however with strong assistance from Tony Godwin they were able to successfully win with a five- point lead. The girls Varsity competition cheer team also had their senior night yesterday. The seniors were able to enjoy their night under the lights and cheer on the basketball team.

Lastly the winter track boys and girls team was very successful. At the Skyland Conference Edgardo Villafane placed 4th in the 400m dash and 6th in the 55m dash. Sydney Muhando became the 2018 Skyland Conference champion for the girls 55m hurdles. She came in 1st place with a personal best of 8.89. Last weekend the boys won the Group 2 Sectional Championship with an exciting one- point victory over West Side. The Canucks 4x400 relay team, consisting of Edgardo Villafane, Ryan Smith, Quinn Gilmore, and Daniel Duncan

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beat the school indoor record. Also three more school indoor track records were set at the meet. Daniel Duncan placed 4th in the 400m dash and 2nd in the 55m dash breaking the school record with a time of 6.68. Edgardo Villafane came 4th in the 55m dash and placed 1st in the 400m dash breaking the school record with a time of 51.09. Lastly, Trevor Sullivan came in 3rd in the shot put and broke the indoor record with a throw of 46' 4.5 ". Along with these record breakers Brandon Smith, Rey Fowler, and Sydney Muhando will be moving on to groups in 2 weeks.

Thank you

Presentation

Mr. Taylor and Ms. Schutz presented to the Board, an overview of the district's new website. The Board expressed approval and thanks for the hard work of updating the site.

Superintendent's Report

I am pasting the link for the press release regarding the Somerset County Superintendents/High School Principals meeting that was held on January 9th to discuss vaping in school. The spirit of the conversation is not only the harm vaping can do but how we can educate the community about the dangers. We are seeking policy updates for our district as well.

SCASA Article

A December parent forum resulted in some quality feedback regarding questions the community has about our schools and programs. As a result, we have published our first FAQ document and pushed out electronically to the school community, as well as be posted on the website. In addition, we have a space for questions to be posted and we will respond monthly. A link to the first website edition is included for your review: FAQ/English & Spanish

Targeted School Update: The Somerset stakeholder team, led by Ms. Harrington and Ms. Meyer, have been meeting and solidifying plans for next steps. We have posted for extended day teachers for math assistance, as well as homework club. In addition, letters are being sent to families to register students.

In response to our internet connection being lost due to issues with the current internet provider, Data Network Solutions, Mr. Taylor worked to switch our internet to Optimum Lightpath immediately (it was scheduled for one week later). This provided the opportunity to upgrade some aging equipment and route the internet through a secure and faster router. We are now up and running with Optimum Lightpath.

The new district website is up and running and looks clean, crisp and updated! We appreciate the presentation Mr. Taylor provided to the board and welcome any feedback. We will be sending an announcement to the community this week highlighting the new website and some of the critical changes.

I am proud of the presentations delivered at the Techspo and they were both well attended. As a result, several districts have reached out to me to learn more about the work we are doing.

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I met with Mr. Kushner to assess our usage of Perkins funding for our CTE program. We realized that we have club funding in excess of what was needed and would like to implement a middle school club to prepare and recruit students for our Engineering & Cisco CTE programs. The title would be Girls Who Code, as we realize there is a disproportionate representation of females in these programs. The club would be held this year and fully funded by Perkins (not LEA).

North Plainfield hosted a visit from the Somerset County Educational Specialist to look at our full-day preschool program, as well as the dual language immersion program in our Biliteracy Academy. Email from M. Stager regarding DLI.

I am proud to share that 71 families out of 130 attended the family math event held this past week as part of the Preschool Family Academy.

“Yes You Can” Grant Opportunity Overview

The New Jersey Physicians and Advisory Group received a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services in which they implemental the YES You Can..Make Smart Choices program. The program will be offered to our 9 th grade students in Health Classes. Instructors from the group will provide information during 9 teaching lessons which includes the YES You Can..Make Smart Choices! High school curriculum which were written to address the New Jersey State Educational Standards for: 2.4 Human Relationships & Sexuality, 2.1 Wellness, 2.2 Integrated Skills, 2.3 Drugs & Medicine.

The YES You Can! Curriculum is currently found in 285 New Jersey schools and in 11 other states and provides instruction in the following areas listed below:

- Ø recognize the importance of developing personal maturity
- Ø critique the elements that are necessary in order to have healthy relationships
- Ø assess the detrimental impact of alcohol and drug use on sexual decision making
- Ø analyze the emotional impact experienced with sexual activity
- Ø identify aspects of pregnancy health and fetal development
- Ø evaluate the risk of acquiring STDs and apprise their potential life impact
- Ø defend the significance of establishing personal limits
- Ø identify the elements to successfully communicate boundaries
- Ø summarize strategies necessary to move away from early sexual activity

Our goal is to join families to educate all students in making healthier decisions.

Thank you for all of your endless support for our students and staff. I feel blessed to be a part of this team and honored that you entrust me with leading the work

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools

Personnel

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

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Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS Deborah Lockley-Thompson, elementary 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 twelve years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Lockley-Thompson 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 February 7, 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. Lockley-Thompson.

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 Susan Pellegrino, 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 eighteen years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Pellegrino 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 February 7, 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. Pellegrino.

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 guide and salary of Maria Annette Bicksler, science teacher at NPHS, from the MA Guide to, effective February 1, 2018, MA+30 Guide/Step 14 at the annual salary of \$71,585, to reflect her attainment of an additional 30 credits beyond her Master's degree.

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 nurses.

Karin Doss

Winifred Weber

Allida Valentin

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.

Scott Barnes
Milton Soler

Lynderia Mansfield
Khaleedah Wright

Peter Aganyo
Roger Graubard

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 Evan Dickerson to serve as an assistant baseball coach at NPHS at a stipend of \$6,121. (Mr. Dickerson will replace Mario Della Fortuna.)

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 Aimee Michalski, to develop a video tutorial on Compass Learning, for up to five hours, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour. This position is funded through the Title I Parent Account.

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 Damian Bauman as a part-time security guard for the district for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 8, 2018, Damian Bauman shall be paid the rate of \$22.00 per hour, on an as needed basis.

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 10 sick days from employee #5484 to employee #6267.

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 Erin Scott, special education teacher at NPMS, a leave of absence effective May 7, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act 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 for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Jagmohan Goraya, paraprofessional at NPMS, a leave of absence using available accrued sick days effective January 24, 2018 through March 29, 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as facilitators for online course work, for the hours noted, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Name	Course	Hours
Michelle Falluca	English	Up to 3 hours per week
Nicole Hawker-Daniel	English	Up to 3 hours per week
Renee Heller	Mathematics	Up to 6 hours per week

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 Eman Mobarak, paraprofessional at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective February 1, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick and personal days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through April 13, 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to assist at district athletic events, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Roger Graubard

Steven Caraccio

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 Wendy Alvarez **from** health and physical education teacher at West End School **to** health and physical education teacher at Somerset School, effective February 5, 2018. (Ms. Alvarez is replacing Donna Patton who retired.)

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 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 individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

Student Name	College/Placement	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Julia Ferrante	Rutgers University/ Field Placement	NPMS/8 th Grade Algebra Honors	Spring 2018	Jennifer Riolo

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 to serve as volunteer assistant girls’ track and field coaches at NPMS.

Caitlin D’Armiento

Lidia D’Armiento

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 Geralyn Nuber as an instructional paraprofessional at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 5, 2018, Geralyn Nuber shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 3.50 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 for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves Ruth Li as a volunteer in 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 grants Vanessa DeHart, mathematics teacher at NPHS, a leave of absence effective April 16, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through June 13, 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 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Mery Solis, paraprofessional at NPMS, an unpaid leave of absence effective February 5, 2018 through February 28, 2018 for personal reasons.

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 advisors for the Homework Help Club at Somerset School, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, not to exceed a total of 4 hours per week. These positions are funded through the Title I-SIA funds.

Molly Gasior

Sabrina Cruz

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 the Somerset School extended day mathematics program, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour, not to exceed a total of 20 hours per week. These positions are funded through the Title I-SIA funds.

Marcelle Farhat
Tracy Buaron

Camille Ragin
Therese Boulanger

Kate Moore

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 Alexander Gurvits as a science teacher at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 9, 2018 or upon earliest release, Alexander Gurvits shall be placed on BA/Step 6-7 (7) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$60,030. (Mr. Gurvits will replace Michael Nardi.)

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 Paige Fasnacht as a special education preschool teacher at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective February 20, 2018, Paige Fasnacht shall be placed on BA/Step 2-3 (2) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,630. (Ms. Fasnacht will replace Rachel Sawyer.)

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 Tracee Cobbs as an ESL teacher at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 12, 2018, Tracee Cobbs shall be placed on MA/Step 4-5 (4) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$62,830. (Ms. Cobbs will replace Cristina Gonzalez.)

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 for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective December 13, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
YYY-17-18	1/12/10	AUT	Bright Beginnings Learning Center	\$54,360.00/yr. prorated

Further, that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective February 8, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
YYY-17-18	1/12/10	AUT	Rutgers Day School at University Behavioral Health Care	\$62,830.00/yr. prorated +\$24,773.30/ yr. prorated (1:1 paraprofessional)

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 February 12, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
HHHHHH-17-18	2/24/09	ED	NuView Academy	\$62,790.00/yr. 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 scheduled educationally necessary field trips 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 the Board of Education authorizes the disposal of school bus #24 (as listed) whose legal and useful life has reached the expiration point. Approval is also given for the bus to be auctioned off at the Somerset County District Facility, South Garage located at 402 Roycefield Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844. The proceeds of the public auction will be provided to the district.

Make:	GMC
Model:	Bus
Year:	2002
VIN:	#1GDHG31R521105185

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 use of Sciarrillo Cornell, LLC. for the purpose of conducting a search for the position of Superintendent of Schools per the proposal, not to exceed \$10,000.00.

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 Tracy Buaron to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing MP3 players for her classroom at Somerset School at a total value of \$530.49.

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 Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing Dash Robot accessories and coding themed board games for the library at West End School at a total value of \$258.51.

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 Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing Code-a-Pillars and expansion packs for the library at West End School at a total value of \$387.46.

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 Leeanne Chiaramonte to apply for the NBC R.I.S.E. grant to provide funding for the theater program at NPHS at a total value of \$10,000.

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 Renee LaGala to accept a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services to implement the *YES You Can...Make Smart Choices!* curriculum at NPHS at a total value of \$1,500.

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 – Next meetings scheduled for March 15, 2018 and May 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for February 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm and April 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – Ms. Bond-Nelson provided an overview of meeting held on January 24, 2018 including capital projects and the 2018-2019 school budget. Next meeting TBD.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – Next meetings scheduled for February 12, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

February 7, 2018

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for March 8, 2018 at Somerset County RVCC.

SCESC – Ms. Mullen discussed major issues from the last meeting.

Superintendent Search Committee – Ms. Butler discussed where the committee is in the search process and the timeline for upcoming input sessions.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Comments from the Public

None.

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, February 21, 2018 at 7:45 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.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg