

January 3, 2018

The minutes of the reorganization meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on January 3, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the oath of office was administered to Willie Vick Jr., Thomas Allen and Bianka Butler at the call of roll the following members were present:

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - 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 16 members of the staff and public.

The Board Secretary called for nominations for the office of President for the ensuing year. Ms. Mullen nominated Ms. Bond-Nelson and was seconded by Mr. Fellin.

A call for a vote for President had Ms. Bond-Nelson elected by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was turned over to the President, Ms. Bond-Nelson, by the Board Secretary.

The President called for nominations for the office of Vice President for the ensuing year. Ms. Mullen nominated Ms. Butler and was seconded by Mr. Fellin.

A call for a vote for Vice President had Ms. Butler elected by a unanimous vote.

**Organization Meeting Recommendations:**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the following individuals be authorized on behalf of the Board of Education to sign checks issued on the General, Payroll Agency, Unemployment Trust, and Food Service accounts:

President - Linda Bond-Nelson  
Secretary - Donald Sternberg  
Treasurer of School Funds - Annette Wells

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye	

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that be it RESOLVED, that the Regular Meetings of the Board of Education be scheduled on the first and third Wednesday of each month, with the possible exceptions of July and August 2018, and January 2019. Schedule of meetings will be confirmed by June 30, 2018 and held at Watchung School (unless scheduled elsewhere), beginning at 7:30 PM.

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 COURIER NEWS and STAR LEDGER be named the official newspapers for the publication of legal notices and classified ads.

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 meeting notices shall be submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, Comcast, and posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall, North Plainfield Public Library, and on the district website [www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org).

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 following banks be named approved depositories for Board of Education Investment Funds:

TD Bank  
NJ/ARM

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 TD Bank be named the depository for the following funds:

Payroll  
Food Service  
Payroll Agency  
Flexible Sending

General Account  
High School Student Account  
Unemployment Insurance  
Summer 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 be it RESOLVED, that the following banks be named as depositories for Bond and Interest Funds:

TD Bank  
NJ ARM

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 Bylaws, Policies, and Regulations of the Board of Education as amended be adopted and that all matters not contained therein be guided by existing practices.

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 that the following recommendation be tabled:

RESOLVED, that the President make the following appointments:  
Committees

Board/Staff:  
Communications:  
Curriculum:  
Finance & Facilities:  
Negotiations:  
Policy:

Delegates

NJSBA:  
Legislative:  
SCSBA:  
SCESC:

Liaisons

Borough Council:  
Education Foundation  
Youth Services  
Alt:

Parliamentarian      Ad Hoc Committees

Evaluation:  
Personnel:  
Other:

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 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to invest funds not immediately required for the payment of bills and payrolls on behalf of the school 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 be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education in accordance with NJSA 18A:19-4.1 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to make payment of bills and payrolls upon review of the Superintendent of Schools prior to presentation to the Board for approval.

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 in accordance with the adopted schedule of Meetings Calendar for the 2018-2019 school year, when regular meetings of the Board of Education will not be scheduled, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to offer employment to potential candidates during this period.

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 authorize the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator to develop and implement the 2018-2019 school district budget pursuant with local and State policies and regulations.

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 name the Bank of New York as the paying agent for bonding.

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 approve the financial chart of accounts.

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 authorize the awarding of contracts up to the bid threshold of \$40,000 and set the quote threshold of \$6,000.

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 be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the following bank to act as depository for the student activity accounts for all schools funds. Elementary school accounts will be a subset of the main student account, managed within the high school account:

TD Bank

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 approve PennServ to be the third party administrator for the district tax shelter annuity plans, and that the following companies/brokers to provide 403B and 457 plans as follows:

AIG, Valic,  
AXA, Equitable  
Lincoln Financial Group  
MetLife

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 approve the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics, and shall be considered the official code of ethics of the North Plainfield Board of Education pursuant to NJSA Title 18A:12-21 et seq., as attached.

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 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to procure goods and services utilizing state agencies (state contracts).

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 authorize the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to procure goods and services utilizing Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ Bids).

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 reaffirm the organization chart of 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 be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirm the Job Descriptions of 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 be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Education reaffirm policy #6164.1 Intervention and Referral Services for General Education Pupils.

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 adopt and reaffirm the Mission Statement, District Goals, and Board Goals as affirmed by the March 4, 2015 document affirming same.

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 adopt Roberts Rule's of Order as the official parliamentary procedure manual to be used to conduct meetings and appoint the board secretary and/or the board attorney to act as the parliamentarians for the 2018-2019 school 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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, that the Board of Education approves for the 2018-2019 school year the recreation agreement between the school district and the North Plainfield Borough Recreation Department.

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

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

**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. Vick abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of December 20, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Vick abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of December 20, 2017.

**Financial Report**

There was none.

### **Comments from the Public**

There was none.

### **Student Representative Report**

#### **Student Representative: Radha Patel**

Good Evening, and Happy New Year! It is very nice to see all of you again for the first time in 2018 and I hope you had a wonderful winter break.

Over winter break, many of our seniors were finishing up their college applications before their early January deadlines. Some of our students, including myself have had interviews for colleges over the break as well. Many of my fellow classmates and I also got accepted into various state schools such as Rutgers University, Fairleigh Dickinson, Seton Hall, and William Patterson over our holiday break.

The drama club has announced that their spring musical will be Legally Blonde.

Rehearsals started today and the cast members are super excited to give us this show in the spring time.

The Mr. Canuck pageant is being held by the PTO on Friday January 19 in the auditorium. Some of my male friends have even signed up. It will be great to watch the boys from my class go head to head to earn the title of Mr. Canuck 2018. This is an event everyone is looking forward to.

Color wars is being held by the senior class on January 26th. I am personally looking forward to this event because it has been two years since the last time color wars was held. It's so awesome to see each class battle one another for the top spot as a class in various competitions and overall best class winner. Of course, however the seniors are ready to dominate this event!

There are going to be two NPHS alumni guest speakers this week and the coming week who are going to talk about their experiences in college and their transitions into their universities post high school.

Also, before winter break started, Jihad Womack, an NPHS alumni who went to Yale University came back to give a presentation on his journey throughout college and life after it. It was very inspirational to see a former NPHS student go onto achieve big things in life and is continuing to do so. His presentation along with the upcoming presentations have been very beneficial to many NPHS students.

#### **Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando**

Good evening, it is so nice to see you all again. I would like to wish you all a happy new year and I hope you all enjoyed your break. I would also like to thank you all for the present and card. It was greatly appreciated and very delicious.

Although many of us were on break the Canuck sport teams were still hard at work preparing for their other competitions.

The winter boys and girls track team were successful at the Merli Invitational, in Toms River on December 23rd. Ryan Smith placed 4th in the 1600m dash. In the 400m dash Edgardo Villafane placed 1st with a time of 6.78, Daniel Duncan placed 4th, and Quinn Gilmore placed 6th. In the 4x400 relay the boys placed 2nd. In the 55m hurdles Brandon Smith placed 2nd, Rey Fowler placed 4th, and Quinn Gilmore placed 7th. In the 55m dash the boys almost cleaned swept with Edgardo Villafane coming in 2nd, Daniel Duncan coming in 3rd, and Brandon Smith coming in 4th. Lastly, in the boys shot put Trevor Sullivan placed 1st throwing an unbelievable 41-07. Jefferson Matos placed 3rd and Joshua Brown-Campbell placed 10th. In the girls 1600m dash Jennifer Vargas placed 9th. In the 400m dash Alyssa Pompey placed 4th. Similar to the boys the girls 55m hurdles almost cleaned swept as well with Sydney Muhando coming in 1st with a time of 9.79, myself

coming in 2nd, and Ashley Muhando coming in 4th. In the 55m dash Alyssa Pompey came in 5th. Also for girls shot put Brianna Galarza came in 10th. Overall the track team did a great job and the Canucks are especially proud of the boys for winning the overall meet, and receiving their second plaque. Last Saturday the winter track team also had a meet against Somerset County. Although the results were not as pleasant they still managed to pull off a few wins. The girls 4x200m relay placed 8th, the girls 4x400m relay placed 7th, the girls 55m shuttle hurdles placed 4th, and Zhane Clarke placed 5th in the girls open 55m hurdles. For the boys, Ryan Smith placed 3rd in the 1600m dash, the boys 4x200m relay placed 3rd, in the boys open 55m hurdles Brandon Smith placed 1st with a time of 8.11, Rey Fowler placed 3rd, and Quinn Gilmore placed 4th, in high jump Rey Fowler placed 2nd, and finally in the boys shot put Trevor Sullivan and Joshua Brown-Campbell placed 5th, and Jefferson Matos placed 7th.

Last week the boys Varsity basketball team versed Bernards, Pingry, and Manville. While the boys JV basketball team versed Bernards. Neither teams were able to pull off a win, but hopefully that will all change this week.

The girls Varsity basketball team last week pulled off their first win of the season against Perth Amboy Tech. They won with a score of 47-9. Kierra Adams scored 17 points aiding her team to victory. The girls JV basketball team are still working towards a victory.

Lastly, the boys wrestling team also had a quad match last Sunday against Newark and Colonia. They won against Newark and lost to Colonia. Right now they have won 2 matches and lost 3 and they are currently working on being aggressive. Jonathan Guardado and Adam Elsaïs have been leading the team to victory so far.

### **Presentation**

None Scheduled.

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Board Report (Combined for Acting Superintendent and Curriculum)**

Happy New Year to our school district community. It is my hope that 2018 brings peace and continued learning for all of us. I read a post on New Year's with 20 quotes and while I enjoyed them all, the one that spoke most to me was one that I think represents our district's character. This will be at the forefront of my mind throughout the upcoming year:

**"You never regret being kind."** Nicole Shepherd

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Willie Vick, our newly elected Board member.

Mr. Sternberg and I had the opportunity to sit with Mr. Vick before break, and we are looking forward to him joining the Board.

I am proud to share that at the end of the month, we will have two teams presenting at Techspo, Thursday, January 25th through Friday, January 26th. I will only attend the conference Thursday, and will return to district Friday, but the team will attend Friday's workshops together. The two presentations we will be facilitating are titled:

1. The Power of Shared Leadership to Provide a Culture....Google Coaches and Beyond
2. Making Opportunity from Mandates to Create Impact: Using GAFE for Curriculum Writing and Lesson Planning

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In December, Bucky attended a training for a week and was named a Student Resource Officer (SRO). The MOA states that every district shall form a law enforcement unit and have a liaison to the police. That person must attend a 40-hour SRO training.

The District was selected to join the second cohort of the New Jersey Teacher Leader Network. The two goals of the Teacher Leader Network are to develop and share thinking that informs the practical development of high-quality teacher leader programs, and to provide recommendations for building strong and sustainable teacher leader initiatives in school districts. We will be sending Charlie Rowan, Dan Kushner, Theresa Fuller and Annette Bicksler.

Our district is currently switching our internet service provider to Optimum Lightpath. We anticipate being able to double our internet speed while also taking advantage of cost savings. On January 15th, Mr. Taylor will be onsite to cut over to the new internet provider, but work has been underway on the transition since before winter break. We will unveil the new website during the upcoming January 11th Communications Committee meeting, with the intention to go live before the close of January.

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 with Mr. Vick abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Maureen Mintzer as a half-time temporary school psychologist at East End School and a half-time behaviorist for the district for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 4, 2018 through April 23, 2018, Maureen Mintzer shall be placed on PhD/Step 2-3 (3) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$68,630. (Ms. Mintzer will temporarily replace Catherine Pate as a school psychologist.)

FURTHER, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Maureen Mintzer as a behaviorist for the district for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective April 24, 2018 through June 30, 2018, Maureen Mintzer shall be placed on PhD/Step 2-3 (3) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$68,630. (This position is new and fully funded through NJDOE Preschool Education Expansion Aid funding.)

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

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. Vick abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the teachers indicated to teach an additional class, effective January 2, 2018 until no longer needed, for the additional prorated salaries indicated.

Name	Dept.	School	Course	Add'l Prorated Salary‡
Teresa Luu	Math	NPHS	AP Statistics	\$13,093.33
Mary Kraus	Math	NPHS	Geometry	\$14,423.33
Timothy Hollis	Math	NPHS	Precalculus	\$9,938.33
<b>Yuri Urrutia</b>	<b>Math</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>Academic Support Math</b>	<b>\$10,005.00</b>

‡To be prorated per pay period.

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

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. Vick abstaining; 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. – Abstain

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. Vick abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Lovely Atis as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 4, 2018, Lovely Atis 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. (Ms. Atis is replacing Deysi Aldas who transferred to another position.)

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

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. Vick abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Diana Saez as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 4, 2018, Diana Saez shall be placed on Instructional Non-Degree/Step 5 and will be paid the rate of \$18.55 per hour, for 3.50 hours per day. (Ms. Saez is replacing Susan Megaloudis.)

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

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. Vick abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the staff indicated be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between September and December 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Michelle Vella (Acting Superintendent)	Clinical Practicum	Kean University	3	\$2,554.50	\$1,915.88
	Program Assessment & Evaluation	Kean University	3	\$2,554.50	\$1,915.87

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

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 that the following recommendation be tabled:

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 this 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 results 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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Vick abstaining; that WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education received nonpublic technology aid in the amount of \$4,329.00 and nonpublic security aid in the amount of \$5,850.00 from the State of New Jersey in FY 2018; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey directed the North Plainfield Board of Education having nonpublic schools within its boundaries, the responsibility for providing security services, equipment, or technology to help ensure a safe and secure environment for students attending nonpublic schools and for providing nonpublic students technology within the limits of the funds provided by this program in the FY 2018 school year; and

WHEREAS, Sundance School, the Giving Nest, NJ Classical Academy, and Yeshiva Tifires Boruch representatives along with the SCESC consultant reviewed the proposed technology and security expenditures with the Business Administrator and Director of Special Services; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey requires that the local Board of Education authorize the specific nonpublic expenditures for each of these grant awards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the following nonpublic expenditures:

**Nonpublic Technology**

Sundance School	Total
ELMO visual presenter document camera, 4 Acer travelmates	\$996.84
FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$1480.00
Giving Nest	Total
Headphones, iPad, and case	\$457.00
FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$481.00
Classical Academy	Total
3 Laptop Computers	\$914.00
FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$962.00

**Nonpublic Security**

Giving Nest	Total
Maffey's- Repairs to front and rear entrance doors	\$400.00
FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$975.00
Yeshiva Tifires Boruch	Total
Security cameras, hard drive, and installation	\$2825.00
FUNDING ALLOCATION	\$2925.00

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

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 adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

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. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board adjourn to Public Session at 9:20 PM.

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. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved that the following recommendation be removed from the table:

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 this 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 results of the investigation; and

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

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

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

Ms. Mullen 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 this 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 results 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

**Correspondence**

There was none.

**Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – Next meetings scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm, then January 31, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Superintendent Search Committee – No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed and reviewed the School Board Code of Ethics.

**Comments from the Public**

Ms. Gibbons inquired about credit for electives at NPHS.

Dawn Casper asked about input from public for Superintendent selection.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://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, January 10, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one and a half an hour.

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg

January 3, 2018