

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on January 17, 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:

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

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Absent
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 3 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; to accept the public session minutes of January 3, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of January 3, 2018.

Financial Report

Mr. Allen moved, seconded by Ms. Bond-Nelson and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the revised lists of bills and payrolls dated December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$5,650,937.37

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

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

Mr. Allen 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 November 2017, 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. – Absent
Thomas Allen – Aye

Comments from the Public

None.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Radha Patel

Good evening everyone, it's wonderful to see you all tonight. This is a very busy time of year for NPHS, from midterms to scholarship applications, to some exciting school events! The mentors had their January meeting with their mentees the previous Friday. This month's topic was Conflict and Resolution. This was a very critical topic to discuss with the freshmen because conflict resolutions skills are needed lifelong to engage in all types of real world situations.

The Italian Honor Society sold chocolate covered strawberries to celebrate national hug day on January 21st, how sweet! They are also running a pet food and product drive for the local pet shelter, the Plainfield Humane Society. All the proceeds will be donated on Valentine's Day. The Spanish Honors Society was able to fill eight more boxes for their winter clothing drive! They donated the clothing to a local church who distributes them to people in need. The newest NPHS club, the Pride Club is finally in full swing. They provide a safe and supportive community for NPHS students who are part of the LGBTQ+ community.

This Friday, the Mr. Canuck pageant show is being held in the auditorium at 7:00 pm. Many of my fellow classmates and I are excited to see the senior class boys go head to head to see who is worthy of earning the title of Mr. Canuck 2018. You won't want to miss out on this one! Finally, I want to give a shout out to my varsity competition cheerleading team. We won first place this previous Saturday at a competition in Montville! The JV competition cheerleading team also won first place! Both teams put on a wonderful performance and came out on top, keeping the NPHS Cheer program successful.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening everyone, it is great to see you all again. Since the last time we met a lot has happened for the Canuck sports teams.

To begin, the boys wrestling team did very well last week. They competed in 5 matches with one strong win against Rutgers Prep. They also competed in the SCIAA tournament against other schools in Somerset County. Two wrestlers placed fourth, Zohaib Chaudry and Raja Ahmed, and they definitely made our school proud. Overall they did an amazing job.

The girls JV and Varsity cheerleading team placed first in the non-tumble division last weekend at Gotta Cheer. They all did a great job performing their routines and executing their stunts. Their coaches were very proud.

The Lady Canuck Varsity basketball team won their game against Somerset County last week and are looking to take home a victory tomorrow against Bernards High School.

The boys Varsity basketball team won against South Hunterdon last week, with Sean Taylor and Tony Godwin carrying the team to victory. Tomorrow is an exciting game for senior Tony Godwin and the team overall because Tony will hopefully score the thousandth point of his high school career. That is truly amazing.

Lastly, the boys and girls track team did not compete last weekend, but are looking forward to potentially placing this weekend at the Relay Championships. Thank you.

Presentation

Ms. Barbara Murphy and Mr. Craig Klein presented to the Board an overview of the Diploma Joint Insurance Fund and reviewed insurances policies managed on behalf of the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Board Report (Combined for Acting Superintendent and Curriculum)

Ms. Vella thanked the Board for all of their work on behalf of the district in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

On Monday, January 8th, several teachers from Ridgewood High School visited our ELL classes. Ridgewood High School is currently in the process of bringing back sheltered instruction courses. They have heard excellent things about how we handle our ELL students, and their visit was a successful one.

The NJDOE has required school districts to name an administrator as a School Safety Specialist. This will be a position to support Mr. Buckman as our SRO and assist in serving as a liaison with local law enforcement and government agencies. The School Safety Specialist will be Bobby Lake for our district.

School Performance Reports were released on January 12th and are posted on our website. The School Performance Reports provide families, educators and the public a picture of overall school performance and offer valuable information across many elements, including schoolwide academic achievement and progress, demographics, school climate, chronic absenteeism, and college and career readiness. This information can be used to compare a school's performance to other schools and to statewide results. It can also be used to identify a school's strengths and areas for improvement. The format of the state reports has been updated by the NJDOE based upon feedback from stakeholders around the state.

Our school district was recently notified by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) that Somerset School has been identified as a Targeted School and will receive targeted support for student growth. The specific focus will be mathematics. In the coming months, we will organize our stakeholders to look in-depth at student academic results and, together with the input we gather from our educators and families, we will build a plan with goals, action steps and timelines for growth. At a minimum, our stakeholder group will be discussing extended day, summer programs, classroom resources and options to support staff with teaching and learning. This work is already in progress in the 2017-18 school year with professional development, deeper academic support for students and a new textbook series for 6th-8th grades.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:40-41.10, public school districts, participating in an interscholastic sports program must distribute the Opioid Use and Misuse Educational Fact Sheet to all student-athletes and cheerleaders. In addition, schools and districts must obtain a signed acknowledgement confirming receipt of the fact sheet from each student-athlete and cheerleader, and for students under age 18, the parent or guardian must also sign. Mr. Gordon is working to finalize the procedures for implementation.

The Equivalency submitted in late December was recently approved by the State Board of Education. The approval is a means to seek immediate regulatory relief and to develop innovative and cost-effective solutions to meet the needs of our district. This equivalency will relieve us from the 2013-2014 DIP and afford us the opportunity to use the Instruction

and Program portion of the District Performance Review (DPR) that will go into effect on July 1, 2018 under the Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) during the 2017-2018 school year. The data is being pre-populated by the State, and we await next steps.

Governor Murphy has publicly vowed to eliminate PARCC testing in his opening speeches. We will await more details as he works with our newly appointed Commissioner of Education, Lamont Repollet.

Our district SRP video has been completed and will be reviewed by staff and students in February. Ms. Sapega and Mr. Lensi have worked collaboratively to produce a video involving our very own staff and students. Principals are committed to revisiting the video multiple times throughout the school year to ensure the message and steps are fresh. In addition, the video will be posted on our district webpage and during appropriate parent meetings.

The website rollover is anticipated to take place by the end of this week, and we look forward to the upcoming Board presentation. Mr. Taylor shared the website during a Communication Committee meeting, and we received positive and constructive feedback to make the website more user-friendly.

It was reported in the fall that the Great Schools website information was not updated. School principals have been reviewing the data and making recommendations for changes. Ms. Scola is currently working with the company to ensure the data is in the process of being edited to more accurately represent our school community.

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. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Deborah Lockley-Thompson, elementary teacher at East End School, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Susan Pellegrino, special education teacher at NPMS, for reasons of retirement, effective July 1, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Belkis Moreno, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, effective January 15, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Anabela Oliveira, special education teacher at NPMS, a leave of absence effective January 5, 2018 using 12 sick days and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence through April 1, 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. – Absent
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Christina Rivera, elementary teacher at West End School, a leave of absence effective May 4, 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. – Absent
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to appoint Mario Della Fortuna as an assistant baseball coach at NPHS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Mario Della Fortuna as a volunteer assistant baseball coach at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education amends the previously approved Grade 1 Group Leader for the district to reflect a shared position as follows:

	FROM	TO
Regina Silverii	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
Theresa Knauer	\$0	\$250.00

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education amends the previously approved Student Council Advisor at Stony Brook School to reflect a shared position as follows:

	FROM	TO
Kathleen Landadio	\$1,527.00	\$763.50
Leanne Borbely	\$0	\$763.50

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education rescinds the previously approved recommendation to employ Jacqueline Hubbard as a paraprofessional at NPHS during the 2017-2018 school year.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 Edith Cuevas as an instructional paraprofessional at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 18, 2018, Edith Cuevas shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 4.00 hours per day. (Ms. Cuevas is replacing Maria Cotto who transferred to another position.)

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Amanda Carmichael to serve as a volunteer assistant winter track coach at NPHS.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 Suci Torres as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 18, 2018, Suci Torres shall be placed on Instructional Non-Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$16.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day. (Ms. Torres is replacing Belkis Moreno.)

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves Erin Keenan, health and physical education teacher at NPHS, to serve an administrative internship at NPHS effective January 18, 2018 through May 9, 2018, with Jerard Stephenson, Edison Torres and Charles Rowan, administrators at NPHS, serving as her supervisors.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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. – Absent
Thomas Allen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 Desiree Lopez as a non-instructional paraprofessional at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective January 18, 2018, Desiree Lopez shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 4.50 hours per day. (Ms. Lopez is replacing Doreidy Lopez who transferred to another position.)

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the teacher indicated to teach an additional class, effective January 18, 2018 through June 30, 2018, for the additional prorated salary indicated.

Name	Dept.	School	Course	Add'l Prorated Salary‡
Soyoun Ouh	ESL/World Languages	NPHS	ESL 1	\$10,438.33

‡To be prorated per pay period.

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

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

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

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

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and the investigations which were conducted following these complaints; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education was advised of any consequences and/or remedial measures related to these matters as well as the Acting Superintendent's recommendations regarding the results of the investigations; and

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

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen 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 January 5, 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
JJJJ-17-18	12/29/06	MD	Bright Beginnings Piscataway	\$44,100.00/yr. prorated

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that That for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective January 9, 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>		<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
GGGGGG-17-18	8/12/10	OHI	NuView	Academy	\$40,664.00/yr. prorated

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the following curriculum:

Introduction to Music Composition (new)

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the funds necessary to exceed the amount budgeted for Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC by \$7,000.00 to provide behavioral support to students within the district.

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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated November 30, 2017.

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated January 17, 2018.

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts ESSA additional funding titled “School Improvement Award Funds” for Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of \$50,357.00.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves reimbursement to the following employees for unused vacation days and/or carried over days based on last day of service per the negotiated agreement and/or employment contract:

Name	Retirement Effective	Days	Amount
Marla Miksa	January 1, 2018	14	\$ 3,186.40
Diana Sefchik	January 1, 2018	30	\$18,609.30

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves the board committee assignments effective as of January 3, 2018 per the attached list.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That the Board of Education approves the following field trips:

Date	Purpose	Location	Cost	Transportation
1/22/18	History	Franklin Institute, Philadelphia	\$475.00	GAT
2/26/18	Harrison School	Devry Institute North Brunswick	94.50	District

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

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

Correspondence
 There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

- Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time
- Communications – Next meeting scheduled for 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 – Next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm.

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

Negotiations – Next meetings scheduled for January 31, 2018 at 5:30 pm and February 12, 2018 at 4:30 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 – Next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ms. Bond-Nelson discussed the need for a Board retreat in March to include self-evaluation and discussion with a representative group of administrators. The possible date targeted is March 14, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Vella discussed the development of a Board shared Google calendar and asked the Board to choose a preferred format.

Ms. Vella mentioned the presentation on Somerset School as a targeted school and gave an overview of efforts to address issues that created the designation.

Mr. Allen inquired about the possibility of building principals providing a state of the school presentations.

Ms. Dodd asked for an update on the Bridge Program.

Comments from the Public

None.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Adjournment

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 31, 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. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg