

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 14, 2018 at 8:00 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Linda Bond-Nelson, Board President called the meeting to order and made the following announcement: In accordance with NJSA 10:4-10, required advance notice of this meeting was filed with the Borough Clerk; submitted to the COURIER NEWS, STAR LEDGER, AND Comcast; posted at Watchung School, Borough Hall and the North Plainfield Public Library and the school district website. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

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

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Vella, Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, and approximately 10 members of the staff and public.

Special Training Session

Ms. Bond-Nelson conducted a discussion along with a question and answer session with district administrators and the Board.

Ms. Bond-Nelson conducted a review and discussion of the Board Self-Evaluation. The overall evaluation was positive.

Mr. Sternberg provided an overview of reading and interpreting monthly financial reports and how to apply to Board discussions.

Introduction of New Staff

There was none.

Minutes Approval

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of February 21, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of February 21, 2018.

Financial Report

None.

Comments from the Public

None.

Student Representative Report (As Submitted)**Student Representative: Radha Patel**

Good Evening everyone, it's wonderful to see you all tonight. In the past two weeks, there has been several new happenings at NPHS.

The interact club has started their annual fundraiser "Pennies for Patients". The money collected will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society. The fundraiser is going well so far and President Fiona Chen is hoping to collect as much money as possible with the target goal of \$500.

The drama club has been working hard day in and day out to present the spring musical Legally Blonde. It will be shown from March 22 to March 24 with tickets being sold at \$8 for students and \$10 at the door.

This Friday the senior class is hosting the annual volleycheese tournament. 13 teams are ready to play their best at the event. I'm personally excited to attend this event because it's exciting to see if the Fly Guys will hold their reign and be undefeated for the third year in a row.

Tomorrow afterschool is the language honor society induction ceremony. High achieving students taking either French, Italian, or Spanish will be recognized for their outstanding work in their designated language and be inducted into an honor society. It is my third year participating in the language honor society induction ceremony, this year as the president of Spanish Honor Society along with Edgar Castaneda. It's meaningful to my peers as well as myself to be able to celebrate the accomplishments in a part of education that is not necessarily seen as common core. I'm also looking forward to the ceremony because I will be receiving my first graduation cord out of six.

I wanted to mention the student driven walkout that happened this morning. I am very happy with my peers for being able to pull off such a meaningful demonstration. The mentoring program along with the student activities committee have worked together to commemorate the 17 lives lost in Florida along with making our students aware of gun violence happening in our country. Senior Nadia Hussein also delivered a well written speech. The purpose of our students joining the national movement today was all about school unity and getting rid of ignorance formed by people not being aware of what is happening in our world today. Change starts with us, and I am glad my fellow peers and I could be a part of it today.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening, it is great to see you all well and safe again after that intense snow storm.

To begin, all winter sports came to an end as of last week and the spring season has already begun. On behalf of our high school I would like to congratulate the winter sports teams for the tremendous effort they put in during their season. Everyone did a great job at representing our school and making a name for the Canucks.

The girls softball team and boys baseball team is still in the process of tryouts to see who will make the cuts for the Varsity or JV. The boys baseball team is also preparing for their season as well. They will be having their first game in April.

The girls and boys spring track team started their season two weeks ago and they are now preparing for their first meet in April as well.

The boys tennis team has already begun practicing at the East End tennis court as of last week. They will also be having their first match in April.

Also, to add on to what Radha said about the walk out, I believe it was a very memorable and powerful moment that we as a Canuck family shared. The seventeen minutes of silence gave us time to reflect and Nadia's speech really hit home. I was glad to be a part of it and I am certain as a school this experience has united the student body and has shown us that children can in fact make a change.

Presentation

None.

Superintendent's Report

Board Report (Combined for Acting Superintendent and Curriculum)

- In partnership with Barnes and Noble, Stony Brook School and West End School will be the beneficiaries of a complimentary author visit on March 29th. Laura Sassi, a Union County author, will present her newest children's book, Diva Dolores and the Opera House Mouse, which addresses the need for manners.
- Study Skill Presentation: At the request of our parent community, Adrienne Graubard will be presenting a second session of the Study Skills/Study Habits Workshop on Thursday, March 8th in the Community Room at West End School. The new website, as well as Constant Contacts messaging, was used to communicate the opportunity to parents and the community.
- We are hosting a District Safety Meeting (March 27th) and recently attended a county roundtable with police chiefs and superintendents. It was reiterated that uniform implementation of Standard Response Protocol and regular drills are the most proactive education for students and staff. Our administrative team had a tabletop drill during our meeting this month, and Mr. Buckman took the opportunity to review procedures and answer questions. Staff meetings will be used an opportunity to review procedures as well.
- DIP Progress-We have a visit scheduled with the County Department of Education on March 12th to review the DIP and the I&P of the new QSAC.
- We are looking forward to the Board Retreat on March 14th. Administration will have the opportunity to attend the retreat as well to discuss strengths and next steps.
- Great news for the North Plainfield High School Arts Department came in the form of an approval of our Dance CTE program for the 2018-2019 school year. Students will have the opportunity to participate in 84 minutes of dance instruction per day for 3 years, as well as have the opportunity to participate in master level classes and internships, and be awarded a certificate at the completion of the program.
- The high school arts department recently presented to the 8th grade class on the variety of arts electives available to 9th graders. 8th grade students viewed a performance from Dance, Theater, Choir and Band and were given information to assist them in making an informed choice when it comes time to pick their classes for their first year of high school. We are grateful to the middle school for affording this opportunity to the department teachers and students.
- The elementary literacy committee met on March 5th to discuss the schedule, professional development, strengths and next steps. I can provide an update accordingly on Wednesday.

Recommendations from Superintendent of Schools
Personnel

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of KellyAnne DiBenedetto as a temporary preschool special education teacher at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective March 5, 2018, KellyAnne DiBenedetto shall be placed on MA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$62,430. (Ms. DiBenedetto will temporarily replace Lauren Bamber.)

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 Amanda Carmichael to serve as a volunteer assistant spring track coach at NPHS.

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.

Candice Mabry

Debbie Ledger

Timothy Hollis

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 Denise Laffer as a K-12 district substitute teacher/substitute 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 and 2018-2019 school years, the Board of Education grants Erica Moyer, elementary teacher at West End School, a leave of absence effective June 1, 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 November 26, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Peter Ahlert, maintenance employee for the district, a leave of absence effective February 5, 2018 using accrued sick days until released by his physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act, if necessary.

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 following staff be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between September 2017 and December 2017.

Name	Course	School	Crds	Paid	Reimb.
Maria Annette Bicksler (Science/HS)	History of Biliteracy & Bilingual Education in the US	William Paterson University	3	\$1,833.00	\$ 916.50

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 accepts the resignation of Kristin Szawan, Director of Special Services for the district, effective April 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 and the summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the following staff for registration, at the rates indicated.

Position	Hourly Rate	Staff Member
Nurse	\$41.00	Patricia Glen
Secretary/Clerk	\$12.86	Deysi Aldas
Secretary/Clerk	\$12.86	Piedad Escamilla

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 appointment of the individuals indicated to write physical education curriculum for grades 5 and 6, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, for up to 25 hours each.

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 Girls Who Code as an extracurricular activity at NPMS.

Further, that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves Joseph Beselinoff as an advisor to Girls Who Code for the stipend of \$866. This position is funded through Perkins funds.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education adjusts the assignment of the listed paraprofessional as indicated.

Name	From (hours/week)	To (hours/week)	Effective
Irene Kakas	NPHS – 18.75	SS – 18.75	March 5, 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 and 2018-2019 school years, the Board of Education adjusts the leave of absence of Katherine McDonald, elementary teacher at East End School, from May 14, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, through November 26, 2018 to May 14, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, through December 17, 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 Danielle LaFredo to replace Allison Longley as an Extended Day instructor at East End School, effective March 13, 2018, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour. This position is funded through Title III.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves a paid administrative leave for Employee #5369 from March 6, 2018 through April 6, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby directs Employee #5369 to submit to a medical evaluation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-2a.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Peter Turnamian as a per diem acting principal at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Peter Turnamian shall be paid the rate of \$500 per day, on an as needed basis, for up to five days per week, effective March 15, 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

Curriculum, Instruction and Pupil Services

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, the Acting Superintendent of Schools has provided the Board of Education with 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
 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 modification of the 2017-2018 school district calendar to change the second semester conference days/4-hour sessions for grades K-6 from March 7, 8, 2018 to March 27, 28, 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

Finance, Purchasing & Agreements

Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that Pursuant to the official action taken at the meeting of the North Plainfield Borough School District (hereinafter referred to as the “District”), held on March 14, 2018, the Board agrees that the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (hereinafter referred to as the “Commission”), administer the district’s Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Improvement Act funds, pursuant to the requirements of the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act and Grant application, on behalf of the District. The Services shall be limited to those permitted under the grant application and pertinent regulations.

The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019.

The District agrees to pay the Commission the monthly amount of the Nonpublic School IDEA proportionate share grant funding in support of the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. The following payment schedule is hereby agreed to: 100% of the monthly services as defined in Attachment A plus any other additional fees for services allowable by law with prior District approval. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

In the event the District fails to remit the funds according to the schedule indicated above, the Commission retains the right to postpone service under this contract until funds are released.

The parties agree that if the District shall no longer be eligible for funding pursuant to the Nonpublic School Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, or if such funding shall terminate, either party may terminate this agreement.

It is understood that the Commission will provide services to all of the eligible Somerset County nonpublic schools identified by the District’s grant application and as authorized by the District. Also, the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

The Commission will provide an annual report of I.D.E.A funded services, equipment and/or technology and provide input into the grant process for each school served.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the North Plainfield Borough School District and the Board of Directors of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission have by resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019
NONPUBLIC SCHOOL NURSING SERVICES

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; THIS AGREEMENT is made the 1st day of July 2018, between the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, hereinafter referred to as SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District, County of Somerset and State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors, acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing auxiliary services and any other service or supply provided under grant guidelines to eligible students attending nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with Chapter 226, Laws of 1991, and the Rules and Regulations governing nursing services to nonpublic schools; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible nonpublic schools within its district to assure equal access to specified nursing services; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed to contract with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to said legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The terms of this Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2019.
2. The SCESC will provide services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school within the limitation of State funds and according to State guidelines.
 - a. Nursing services for pupils in grades K-12 who are enrolled full time in the nonpublic school. The services shall include:
 1. Assistance with medical examinations including dental screening
 2. Screening of hearing
 3. Maintenance of student health records and notifications of local or county health officials of any student who has not been properly immunized
 4. Scoliosis examinations of students between the ages of 10 and 18.
 5. The extension of emergency care provided to public school students to full time nonpublic school students who are injured or become ill at school or during participation on a school team or squad pursuant to NJAC 6A:16-1.4 and 2.1(a)4. These health services include:
 - a. The emergency administration of epinephrine via epipen pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:40 12.5;

- b. The care of any student who becomes injured or ill while at school or during participation in school-sponsored functions;
- c. The transportation and supervision of any student determined to be in need of immediate care; and
- d. The notification to parents of any student determined to be in need of immediate medical care.

The nursing services provided to nonpublic schools shall not include instructional services.

3. The SCESC shall purchase nursing supplies for nonpublic schools, if requested, with remaining funds after required nursing services are provided as per the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education and with authorization by the Public School District.
4. The SCESC shall contact the nonpublic schools within the district and determine the services they will require within the parameters of the law and limitation of funds.
5. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
6. The Public School District agrees to pay to the SCESC a sum equal to the full funding that is allocated by the State Department of Education for nursing services to nonpublic schools within its district pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 226 Laws of 1991. Payment shall be made monthly during the school year and forwarded to the SCESC within sixty (60) days after district's receipt of the SCESC's monthly invoice of services provided and supplies purchased. See Attachment A for rate charged for nursing services. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the payment as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic School Nursing Services Program implementation. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC, the SCESC shall have the right to give notice of discontinued services.

ATTACHMENT A FOR IDEA 2018–2019 AGREEMENT

The fees below are subject to change pending any release of new Federal funding figures in 2018–2019. If fees are modified from the prior year, the SCESC reserves the right to modify the rate schedule accordingly and the SCESC will notify the Public School District. All other sections of this contract remain in effect.

2018–2019 Rate Schedule for IDEA Services

Speech (per student on active roster/ per month)	\$110.00
Supplemental (per student on active roster / per month)	100.00

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

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

Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019
CHAPTERS 192/193

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; THIS AGREEMENT made the first day of July 2018 between the Somerset County Educational Services Commission, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the SCESC, and the North Plainfield Borough School District, in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the Public School District.

WHEREAS, the SCESC, by authority of its Board of Directors acting on approval of the State Board of Education, is capable of providing New Jersey's Chapter 192 and Chapter 193 programs to eligible students enrolled full-time in nonpublic elementary and secondary schools in New Jersey. Chapter 192 programs provide nonpublic school students with auxiliary services such as compensatory education, English as a second language, and home instruction. Chapter 193 programs provide nonpublic school students with remedial services such as evaluation and determination of eligibility for special education and related services, supplementary instruction, and speech-language services.

WHEREAS, the SCESC services are in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:46-6, 8, 19.1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 193), N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 et seq. (Laws of 1977, Chapter 192), and the Rules and Regulations governing auxiliary services to nonpublic schools; and,

WHEREAS, the Public School District is under obligation to provide said services to all eligible students attending nonpublic schools/facilities within its district; and

WHEREAS, the Public School District has by Resolution of its Board, agreed with the SCESC to provide said services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46A-7 as authorized by the Public School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree to as follows:

1. The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be in effect for one (1) year from July 1, 2018 through and including June 30, 2019.
2. All services will be provided based on available state funding and the economical allocation of staffing resources available.
3. SCESC will provide the Auxiliary Services in Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction, Corrective Speech and/or Home Instruction for eligible students at nonpublic schools/facilities.
 - a. COMPENSATORY EDUCATION will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be assessed, and

an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P.) will be developed, instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.

- b. ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE will be provided to students who meet the established State requirements. Every eligible student will be tested and assessed with a state approved Language Assessment Battery, an Individual Student Improvement Plan (I.S.I.P) will be developed, and instruction will be based on the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards/Common Core, provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed twice per year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - c. SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION will be provided to students examined and classified by a Child Study Team under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.5. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P.), provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as the funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Progress reports will be distributed as per State guidelines during the year. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - d. CORRECTIVE SPEECH will be provided to students who meet established requirements under N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.6. Every eligible student will receive instruction based on the Individual Student Plan (I.S.P) provided per session as applicable to the student, and as long as funding is available, based on the Commission's calendar. Student instructional services shall be scheduled for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes per week, based on the Commission's nonpublic services calendar.
 - e. HOME INSTRUCTION will be given in lieu of regular classroom instruction to an eligible student who is enrolled full-time in a nonpublic school and is unable to attend school for 10 consecutive school days or 15 cumulative school days or more during the school year due to temporary or chronic health condition or need for treatment which precludes participation in their usual educational setting. The teacher providing the instruction will be appropriately certified for the subject and grade level in which instruction is given pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.1(b).
4. SCESC will provide the auxiliary services in examination and classification to nonpublic school students who are identified by a nonpublic school as having potential learning problems. Examinations and/or classifications will be

- conducted in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.3(c) by appropriate certified personnel.
5. Nothing contained herein shall prevent a Public School District from electing to provide all of the above services for any individual nonpublic school student within its District boundaries.
 6. All nonpublic transportation funding will be allocated according to State guidelines.
 7. For the Auxiliary services of Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, Supplemental Instruction and Corrective Speech services described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 10% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193, based on the active roster of students, which will be considered the official enrollment, and provided to the Public School District through monthly invoices of services rendered.
 8. For the Auxiliary services of Examination and Classification, and Home Instruction described in this Agreement, the Public School District agrees to pay to SCESC a sum equal to 100% of the funding that is allocated for the contract year per pupil by the State Department of Education for Auxiliary Services to Nonpublic Schools pursuant to the provisions of the Laws of 1977, Chapter 192 and 193 when services are rendered. The SCESC will submit monthly billing of services rendered.
 9. The SCESC, as per New Jersey Department of Education guidelines effective October 7, 2003, will retain 6% of the total monthly invoice as reimbursement for programming, supervision and administrative expenses associated with the Chapter 192/193 program implementation. The SCESC shall be required to provide service only to the extent of the amount of state aid received.
 10. It is the responsibility of the nonpublic school to notify the SCESC in writing when a student has exited and is no longer on the active roster within 10 (ten) business days.
 11. The Public School District agrees to pay SCESC within sixty (60) days following receipt of invoices for such services.
 12. The Project Completion Report for Chapter 192/193 services shall be prepared by SCESC and submitted to the Public School District by July 30.
 13. In the event a Public School District fails to remit funds to the SCESC within the time schedule set forth above, SCESC shall have the right to discontinue services without further notice.
 14. The SCESC shall act as agent for the Public School District in the distribution, collection, processing and preparation of the Request for Additional Funding

Under the Provisions of Chapter 192/193 required by the State Department of Education for the implementation of said services pursuant to the laws of 1977, Chapters 192/193. The SCESC Business Administrator may act as the local district's agent by filing for Additional Funding Under Provisions of Chapters 192/193. The Public School District will provide the SCESC access to the NJ DOE Homeroom for submission of the requests.

15. Due to the wide variation in district school calendars, the SCESC will develop and adhere to their master calendar for teacher scheduling.
16. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the Public School District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
17. During the performance of this contract, SCESC and the Public School District agree to the following affirmative action:

The SCESC and the Public School District, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The SCESC and the Public School District will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The SCESC and the Public School District agree to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.

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

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

Addendum to Nonpublic Instructional Services Agreement School Year 2018-2019 CHAPTERS 192/193

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; The Somerset County Educational Services Commission will act as the signer of all 407 forms for Chapters 192/193 student services on the behalf of North Plainfield Borough School District as permitted by New Jersey Department of Education guidelines. This addendum will be in effect from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the Somerset County Educational Services Commission and the North Plainfield Borough School District have by Resolution directed their Presidents and Secretaries to set their signature and affix their seal.

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

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

Nonpublic Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019
NEW JERSEY NONPUBLIC TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, 18A:58-37-1 et seq., as amended by Chapter 121, Laws of 1984, requires that the state and local community purchase and loan textbooks upon individual request to all students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12 in nonpublic schools located within the local school district; and,

WHEREAS, no Board of Education is required to expend funds for the purchase and loan of textbooks in excess of the amounts provided in state aid; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the purchasing and processing of nonpublic school textbooks for local public school districts for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District enters into an agreement with the SCESC whereby the SCESC will administer a nonpublic textbook program for those eligible students attending nonpublic schools located within the county for the 2018-2019 school year, in accordance with 18A:58-37-1 et seq, and as authorized by the District. The SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District agrees to pay the total amount allocated by the State for the New Jersey Nonpublic School Textbook Program and a 6% administrative fee not to be paid through State program funds to the SCESC by August 31, 2018 or 30 days after State funding is announced, whichever is first. The 6% administrative fee will be waived if all other nonpublic program services for the District are provided by the SCESC. Any unexpended funds will be refunded to the local district.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District have by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

Nonpublic Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019 NEW JERSEY NONPUBLIC TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018–2019; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide technology to all students attending a nonpublic school located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the technology to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon technology which may include equipment, software, professional development and/or maintenance of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enter into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2018–2019 school year and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District pay the State-approved administrative percentage (5% in 2017–2018) of the allocation for the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program to cover the SCESC's cost for administering the program. The SCESC will invoice the District for technology items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the New Jersey Nonpublic

School Technology Initiative Program and State-approved administrative percentage of the total amount spent as reimbursement for administrative expenses associated with the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of Directors of the SCESC and the North Plainfield Borough School District have by Resolution directed their respective Presidents and Secretaries to set their signatures and affix their seals.

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

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

Nonpublic Services Agreement School Year 2018–2019
NONPUBLIC SECURITY AID PROGRAM

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that WHEREAS, the Nonpublic Security Aid Program has been authorized in the Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2018–2019; and

WHEREAS, Nonpublic Security Aid shall be paid to school districts and allocated for nonpublic school pupils in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the federal and state constitutions; and

WHEREAS, said program requires the Board of Education in each public school district in New Jersey to provide security services, equipment, and technology to the nonpublic schools located in the public school district; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the chief school administrator of the public school district or designee to confer with the administrator of each participating nonpublic school within the district to advise the nonpublic school of the limit of funds available and to agree upon the security to be provided to the nonpublic school within the limits of the funds that are available for the nonpublic school; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the public school district to send written verification that conferences were held with each nonpublic school administrator to the County Superintendent, along with a copy of each agreement, prior to the State's deadline; and

WHEREAS, it shall be the responsibility of each public school district to provide the agreed upon security which may include security services, equipment, and technology; and

WHEREAS, the Somerset County Educational Services Commission (SCESC) has agreed to administer the responsibilities associated with this program for the purpose of greater cost effectiveness through joint purchasing and centralized administration,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the North Plainfield Borough School District (District) enters into an agreement with the SCESC, whereby the SCESC will administer the Nonpublic Security Aid Program for nonpublic schools located within the boundaries for the 2018–2019 school year and are awarded funding and as authorized by the District, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will coordinate the Annual Consultation Meeting between the District and its nonpublic schools, according to the provisions set forth by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SCESC will invoice the District for security items as expended in accordance with the Guidelines for Administering the Nonpublic Security Aid Program. No other funding is due the Commission in order to operate this program.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve additional funds for Aspire Payroll LLC., having office located at 14 Main Street, Madison NJ 07940 to provide payroll and reporting services beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 for the final amount of the total contract balance in the amount of \$29,000.00.

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 Kyle Skrivanek to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing upgraded mouthpieces for the band at NPHS at a total value of \$2,276.15.

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 Meghan Reeves to apply for a Walmart Community Grant to provide funding for new counter tops and cabinets in the cooking classroom at NPHS at a total value of \$5,000.

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 the Acting Superintendent of Schools to submit the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) One-Year Operational Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education 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 authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to submit the Preschool Education Expansion Aid (PEEA) One-Year Operational Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education 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

Correspondence

There was none.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

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

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting scheduled for March 19, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations (NPEA) – Next meeting scheduled for March 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm, then April 30, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Negotiations (NPAEAS) – No meeting scheduled at this time

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Old Business

Superintendent Search Committee – Ms. Butler provided an update on the Superintendent Search Committee. Membership was changed due to availability of time and attendance.

NABE Conference Report

New Business

Mr. Sternberg updated the Board on timeline for the annual school budget.

Ms. Vella discussed honoring students at various Board meetings.

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, March 21, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at Watchung School for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law. It is anticipated that Executive Session will last approximately one and a half an hour.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg