

May 23, 2018

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 23, 2018 at 7:30 PM, East End School, 170 Oneida 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. – Aye  
Thomas Allen – Aye

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Vella, Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Student Representatives Radha Patel and Jasmine Muhando, and approximately 25 members of the staff and public.

### **Introduction of New Staff**

There was none.

### **Minutes Approval**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of May 7, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of May 7, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the public session minutes of May 9, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of May 9, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Mullen abstaining; to accept the public session minutes of May 14, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Mullen abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes of May 14, 2018.

### **Financial Report**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated April 30, 2018 in the amount of \$5,558,479.70.

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

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of March 2018, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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

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

**Comments from the Public**

None.

**Student Representative Report**

**Student Representative: Radha Patel**

Good evening everyone, it's nice to see you all tonight. There are some exciting events coming up in NPHS.

This Thursday is senior service day. Seniors had the option of ranking where they want to conduct community service. A few of the options included the animal shelter, Somerset school field day, Vermeule community center, and town hall. It will be a nice way for the seniors to give back to the community who provided so much for them in their years here in North Plainfield.

The annual powderpuff game is being held next Wednesday at upper Krausche field starting at 6 pm. The juniors claim that their girls have what it takes to beat the senior girls. That being said, however, the seniors are coming back stronger than last year and are looking to take a second powderpuff win for the class of 2018. You'll want to be there, especially for the entertaining cheer performances the junior and senior boys are going to put on!

Yesterday night the music department held Java and Jazz in the cafeteria. It was a wonderful evening filled with coffee, treats, and most importantly good jazz music played by our very own jazz band.

The senior picnic is being held on Monday June 4th at Forest Lodge. It will be a great afternoon for seniors getting one of the last chances to celebrate with their class. In my opinion, the best part of senior picnic will be getting back our freshman letters. I can't wait to read what I wrote to myself in the beginning of high school and see how much I have grown since then.

Next Wednesday, Rho Kappa is taking a trip to the state house in Trenton. This will be the honor society's first field trip. It will be an educational opportunity for the members to learn more about their home state as well as possibly getting to meet and greet some state legislatures.

Next Friday is the annual military ball. It is always a wonderful evening to be a part of. I have had the chance to attend the ball all years of high school including this year and I know the ROTC staff, students and parents never disappoint. They always put on a night to remember, making the evening fun and still respectful towards the armed forces.

**Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando**

Good evening everyone. It is nice to see you all this evening.

Like the previous weeks the Canuck Sports teams have continuously been working hard to make a name for our school.

The boys tennis team won against Union High School last Monday. They won 3 out of the 5 matches.

On the previous Monday the boys baseball team played Belvidere and showed them how well Canucks can play. They beat Belvidere with an outstanding score of 10-0.

On Monday they versed Voorhees and even with their great efforts the boys sadly lost their game. Today they versed Belvidere for the second time and Bruce Weyand was luckily able to hit his 100th home run at late noon. Hopefully they were able to pull off a win as I was not able to stay the entire time.

The girls softball team has been hard at work these past weeks and today they competed against Bound Brook. It was a close game, but they unfortunately lost 5-6.

The boys Varsity track team competed at the Somerset County Championships the previous Tuesday and did an outstanding job. Daniel Duncan placed 2nd in the 200m dash and the 400m dash, Ryan Smith placed 8th in the 1600m run, Rey Fowler placed 2nd in 110m hurdles and Brandon Smith followed, placing 3rd. Brandon Smith placed 4th in long jump and Trev Sullivan placed 4th in discus. Jude Okolo placed 5th in Shot put, Trev Sullivan followed, placing 6th, and Bamnjo Bannavti placed 8th. Also the boys surprised themselves by breaking the 4x400 relay school record. The relay team consisted of Quinn Gilmore, Edgardo Villafane, Daniel Duncan, and Ja-Quan Edwards, who together ran a time of 3:23. The girls Varsity track team also competed at the County Championships. There was amazing performance from Sydney Muhando who broke the school record in the 100m high hurdles, running a time of 15.3. She also placed 7th in the 400m intermediate hurdles. The girls also competed at East Coast relays on Monday. The girls broke the school record for the 4x100 shuttle hurdle relay with a time of 1:07. The team consisted of myself, Jasmine Muhando, Troi Ford, Ashley Muhando and Sydney Muhando.

Also, the cheerleading client has now begun. The high school girls are displaying how much spirit they have and are hoping to land a spot on the football field in the fall.

Thank you.

**Presentation**

None.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Acting Superintendent Report/Curriculum Report**

**Columbia University Teachers College:** Representatives from Columbia University Teachers College partnered with the full district administrative team on Friday, May 11th to facilitate *Past, Present and Future: Goal-Setting for 2018-2019*. The day-long session was the first of a two part program with phase II scheduled for the June Administrative Team Meeting. TC facilitators lead a reflective discussion on effective goal designation, planning, and assessment and structured instruction to allow for personalized reflection. Administrators reviewed their department and school-based goals for the 2017-2018 school

year and assessed the level of completion and effectiveness. The evaluative process was used as a springboard for identification and development of district and school-level goals for the coming school year inclusive of an action plan framework to guide administrative effort.

**National School of Character:** *West End Designated as a National School of Character.* North Plainfield Public Schools have a long history of incorporating Character Education into the daily curriculum, teaching, and ultimately our student practice. A thoughtful and deliberate effort has been invested into weaving the principles of character education into the fiber of our district. I see that in our schools as well as in the alumni I am so fortunate to meet along the way.

Those strong roots of character education have afforded our schools to be recognized and we are beyond proud that Somerset School and the North Plainfield High School have been named both NJ Schools of Character, as well as National Schools of Character.

I am honored to share the following proud news with our school community:

- Stony Brook School has been designated as a Promising Practice School for implementing unique and specific strategies in character education.
- West End School, already recognized as a New Jersey School of Character, has been formally announced as a National School of Character.

**Operation Safe School Partnership Featured on MyCentralJersey.com:** Our safe school partnership with the North Plainfield Police Department was recently featured on MyCentralJersey.com, the news website of the Courier News. The article provides a summary of our recent [press release](#), along with additional insights from Chief Parenti and myself about the philosophy of the program. Operation Safe School Partnership began on Monday, May 14th and allows police officers, while on foot patrol, to randomly visit our schools on a daily basis. The program is conducive to our sense of community and security. [Link to MyCentralJersey.com Article](#)

**Communicable Conditions Parent Notification:** Karl Gordon and school nurse, Ms. Bissett, will present at the May 23 Principal Meeting to communicate the consistent protocol on parent notification of school or district level communicable conditions (i.e. head lice). Moving forward, parents will be notified via a honeywell alert when the communicable conditions noted below are identified. Nurses will contact the director of technology to advise on the school and presenting condition. A blast related to the identified condition will be sent school-wide; individual classroom notification will not be made for communicable conditions:

- Head lice - active lice only
- Strep throat
- Conjunctivitis
- MRSA
  - Suspected cases will be referred to Dr. Kelly for physician follow up and confirmation of condition. Honeywell sent out after two confirmed cases exist in one school.
  - Superintendent will be included in communication protocol.

**Hiring, Recruitment, Replacements, and the Law:** NJPSA is hosting a session designed to assist leaders in understand the new "*Pass the Trash*" law that was signed on April 11 and that goes into effect on June 1, 2018. This workshop will review the role of the

affirmative action officer, superintendent, director of HR & other admins in the recruitment & hiring process. It will provide a framework for districts for recruiting a diverse pool of highly qualified candidates, establishing legally defensible procedures for responding to recommendations from the BOE & others, conducting interviews & making hiring decisions, addressing the practical & legal issues that arise when replacing existing staff and ensuring that appropriate procedures are in place when considering internal candidates for promotions. The session, originally scheduled for May 24th, is pending a reschedule date at the request of the NJPSA. I look forward to sharing session information on this very timely topic.

**Chronic Absenteeism Preschool Improvement Plan:** We have written a preschool chronic absenteeism corrective action plan to decrease preschool chronic absenteeism for the NJDOE. Although the plan has not been formally adopted, we anticipate seeing decreases. [Chronic Absenteeism Preschool Improvement Plan](#)

**Clarification of Graduation Assessment Requirements for the Class of 2020:** The NJDOE recently published a clarification of the 2020 graduation assessment regulations (originally adopted in September 2016), as the document could have been improperly interpreted if not read in its entirety. A summary follows:

Members of the graduating class of 2020 have three pathways by which to meet the graduation assessment requirements:

- **First Pathway:** Students pass the PARCC Algebra I and English language arts/literacy (ELA) grade 10 assessments.  
*If students have taken all applicable PARCC assessments for each of the courses in which they are enrolled, they may then utilize the next two pathways.*
- **Second Pathway:** Students achieve scores defined in the amended supplemental guidance on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer, PARCC ELA 9, ELA 11, Geometry, Algebra II; or
- **Third Pathway:** District submits students' portfolios through the NJDOE's portfolio appeals process.

Students who did not participate in the PARCC assessments necessary to utilize the second and third pathway above can make them up at the following times:

- **Spring 2018:** Available through June 8, 2018. The Office of Assessment can work with districts to develop a make-up testing plan.
- **Summer 2018:** Available from the end of the school year through the end of August. More information on summer PARCC administration will be forthcoming next week.
- **Fall Block:** Available November 26, 2018 to January 15, 2019.

[Click here to view the full NJDOE document](#)

**NPMS Holocaust Museum:** This year marked the 6th annual Holocaust Exhibition for the North Plainfield Middle School. The halls are decorated with photographs, artifacts, and information from the Holocaust. Middle School students provided interactive and informational sessions for visitors with the live exhibits offering families the opportunity to interact with the exhibits and pose questions to the students. For the first time this year, the event was open to participation outside the North Plainfield school community. We look forward to growing the event and expanding participation with additional school districts in the years ahead.

As an expression of the impact created by the dedication and effort of our MS students, the Director of Jewish Outreach and Programming at the Jewish

Community Center of Middlesex County, Ms. Esther Fendrick, reached out to Matthew Iannucci because information regarding the NPMS Holocaust Initiative was brought to her attention. Ms. Fendrick is responsible for organizing the annual Yom HaShoah Holocaust Remembrance Program, attended this year by 150 people from Metuchen/Edison and the surrounding community. Ms. Fendrick would like to incorporate the NPMS program into the program she annually organizes.

Student prepared video clip of the event: [NP Student Holocaust Exhibit](#)

**HS College Fair:** On 5/18 the high school hosted a college fair for juniors. Over 30 representatives from different colleges in the tri-state area were in attendance, including, but not limited to Kean, Seton Hall, William Patterson, West Point, and the United States Naval Academy. Students were able to gather information about several college topics including, the the financial aid process, application process for grants and aid, various college majors that are offered at each college, admissions requirements that are upheld by the school and college deadline dates. The event successfully provided students the opportunity to gain information about several colleges in one place, and our goal moving forward is extend the event to allow parents exposure to the information as well.

**Summer PD Academy:** Formation of the Summer Professional Development Academy is underway, with staff and administrators crafting opportunities for district teachers to expand their knowledge base and enhance skills. Program offerings are still filtering in, but will include a collection of district-sponsored PD and peer-driven PD covering NGSS, Google, Classroom Management, Literacy, and the English Language Learner sessions highlighted below.

**ELL Summer Institute 2018:** Based upon feedback from the February 2018 Professional Development Day, and as a continuation of the ESL Coaching work throughout the school year, Regina Acevedo has established the ELL Summer Institute. The program will include a 3-day Sheltered Instruction session and a 3-day Dual Language Immersion session. Both programs are voluntary offerings and will be led by Bilingual Education experts who will share research and theory while providing hands-on experience and feedback.

The Sheltered Instruction sessions will be facilitated by consultants from the Language & Literacy Associates for Multilingual and Multicultural Education (LLAMAME, LLC).

Participants will commit to 15 hours of training on July 9th - July 11th and will come away having completed the essence of a graduate level course. Administrative training in Sheltered Instruction will take place on August 21st as part of the Administrative Team Week. The material and timing of training will provide participants with ready knowledge to apply upon return in the fall.

[Click the link to read about the consultants](#)

**Dual Language Immersion Program:** A DLI program will also run for 15 hours with training taking place July 23 - July 25. Detailed training plans are in progress to continue our work with Elizabeth Willaum and DER.

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, that for the summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the school counselors indicated to work the number of days noted, at the per diem rate indicated, to coordinate the closing and opening of school.

**June 2018:**

<b>Counselor</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Per Diem Rate</b>
Maddie Gill	1	\$331.80
Zoraida Otero	1	\$316.15
Joelle Bruno	1	\$347.95
Michelle Fallucca	1	\$327.95
Lindsey Mulry	1	\$316.80
Kari Jeliffe	1	\$313.15
Nancy Reyes	1	\$392.80

**End of Summer/September 2018:**

<b>Counselor</b>	<b>Number of Days</b>	<b>Per Diem Rate</b>
Maddie Gill	5	\$331.80‡
David Raupp	5	\$313.15‡
Nancy Reyes	5	\$392.80‡
Joelle Bruno	5	\$347.95‡
Michelle Fallucca	5	\$327.95‡
Lindsey Mulry	2	\$316.80‡
Kari Jeliffe	2	\$313.15‡

‡Final Per diem salary pending completion of negotiations.

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 employment of the individuals indicated as district substitute custodians, to be paid at the rate of \$18.29 per hour, to be called on an as-needed basis.

Jessica Depaz

Steven Grimes

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education grants Kourtney Gissonna, elementary teacher at West End School, a leave of absence effective September 1, 2018 using accrued sick days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through November 30, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education grants Victoria Tarquino, paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program, an unpaid leave of absence effective May 21, 2018 through June 20, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That for the summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the employment of the staff indicated to teach summer school between June 25, 2018 and July 27, 2018, at a rate of \$52.24 per hour, for up to four hours per day.

Susan Garatino  
 Kourtney Gissonna  
 Mary West

Kelly Schmitz  
 Tara Venturino-Scott  
 Suzanne Dahlinger

Alexis Holbrook  
 Megan McFadden  
 Monica Litvinchuk

Substitute Teachers:

Keren Fonseca  
 Stefanie Martin  
 Joarlynn Fernandez

Wendy McClellan  
 Lynderia Mansfield  
 Heather Higgins

Ridhima Bajaj  
 Kelly Feeney

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 staff indicated be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and May 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Michelle Vella (Acting Superintendent)	Dissertation Seminar	Kean University	3	\$2,502.00	\$1,876.50
	Clinical Practicum	Kean University	3	\$2,502.00	\$1,876.50

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 for the summer of 2018 and the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Michelle Onofri to prepare the district's application for Grow NJ Kids, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, for up to 60 hours. This position is funded through the PEEA grant

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 summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Cynthia Crawford for program preparation and curriculum revisions for the Gifted & Talented Program, at the rate of \$49.74 per hour, for up to 50 hours.

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 employee #6446, temporary teacher, be terminated for good cause, effective May 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 summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated on the attached list to work for the Special Education Summer Extended School Year Program, at the hours and rates indicated.

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 summer of 2018, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as school nurses for summer school and the Special Education Summer Extended School Year Program, at the rate of \$41.00 per hour, for up to four hours per day.

Thanya Mendez

Karen Bissett

Doreen Humiston

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 Anne Heinzerling 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 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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Diego Calle as a mathematics teacher at NPHS for the 2018-2019 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2018, Diego Calle shall be placed on MA+30/Step 14 and will be paid the annual salary of \$71,585, to be adjusted pending settlement of the negotiated Agreement. (Mr. Calle will replace Alfred Streicher.)

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Donald Sternberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2018-2019 school year, the Board of Education approves the continued employment of Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. It is understood the contract will be determined in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11.

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

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

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

Name	From (hours/day)	To (hours/day)	Effective
Karen Kayalo	SS – 3.75	SS – 4.50	May 24, 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 amends the previously approved Grade 1 Group Leader for the district to reflect a shared position as follows:

	FROM	TO
Regina Silverii	\$750.00	\$500.00
Theresa Knauer	\$250.00	\$500.00

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

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

**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 #

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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approve line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated 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 the Board of Education approve payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated May 23, 2018.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That the Board of Education approve pricing for paid lunch for the 2018-2019 school year with no increase in pricing, pursuant to the Section 205 of the Health, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and federal paid lunch equity calculations tool as follows:

Current Year    2018-19 Price    Max. Allowable

a. Elementary

Paid Breakfast	1.50	1.50	2.00
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	2.75	2.75	3.75
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40

b. Middle School & High School

Paid Breakfast	1.75	1.75	MS-2.25 HS-2.50
Reduced Breakfast	.30	.30	.30
Paid Lunch	3.00	3.00	MS-4.00 HS-4.25
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	.40

Elementary A La Carte Entre = 2.75  
 High School A La Carte Entre = 3.00

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 approve field trips per the attached list.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That the Board of Education approves Thomas Bannon, physical education teacher at NPHS, to apply for the Brain Injury Alliance of NJ-U Got Brains Champion School Grant in the amount of \$750.00 for the purpose of creating a teen safe driving program project.

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 authorize the disposal of broken and irreparable operations equipment as follows:

Box Truck; Year 1993, Make GMC, Vin #2GDHG31KXP4514902

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

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

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Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of education approve the purchase of replacement box truck from Beyer Ford through the Education Service Commission of NJ cooperative purchasing bid program, bid #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 17/18-21 for a total cost not to exceed \$55,000.00 (Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars).

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 is awarding the following bid for the purpose of replacing roofs and making associated repairs at East End School, West End School, and NP High School:

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2018, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) conducted a public bid opening for the award of the replacement and repair of roofs located at East End School, West End School, and NP High School; and

WHEREAS, five vendors submitted a bid for consideration at the bid opening; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Board’s Architect, Parette Somjen Architects, has evaluated the bids received and the Board has determined to award the contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., the Board has determined that Pravco, Inc., having offices at *245 Wescott Dr., Rahway, NJ 07065*, is the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the Project, with a Lump Sum Base Bid of \$665,178.00 (Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars), including an allowance of \$65,000.00 (Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board make the following award of contract:

Pravco, Inc. is hereby awarded the contract for the Project, for the total base bid sum of \$665,178.00 (Six Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-Eight Dollars), including an allowance of \$65,000.00 (Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this award is subject to Pravco, Inc. executing the Owner/Contractor Agreement for the Project, and providing Performance/Payment Bonds and an Insurance Certificate(s) evidencing coverages in accordance with the Project Specifications (“Contract Documents”); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board’s Counsel is authorized to prepare and transmit for signature the Owner/Contractor Agreement applicable to this award, as well as to secure from Pravco, LLC. such other documentation as required by the Project Specifications and this Resolution.

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

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of education approve the purchase of Transit minivan from Beyer Ford through the Education Service Commission of NJ cooperative purchasing bid program, bid #65MCESCCPS-ESCNJ 17/18-21 for a total cost not to exceed \$27,000.00 (Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars).

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 Musumecchi to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing picture books and storage bins for her classroom at Stony Brook School at a total value of \$532.51.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

There was none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – No meeting scheduled at this time.

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

Finance & Facilities – Mr. Sternberg provided an overview of issues and topics discussed at the meeting held on May 17, 2018.

Policy Meeting – Ms. Dodd mentioned that reviewed policies will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Negotiations(NPEA) – Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned recent meetings held and future dates planned.

Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Ms. Bond-Nelson mentioned recent meetings held and future dates planned.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed recent legislation.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Butler updated the Board on the search for Superintendent. The next meeting of the Search Committee is scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

**New Business**

Ms. Vella discussed a proposal to recognize student athletes at the June 5, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

Ms. Butler discussed the process for responding to questions or comments from the public by recording questions.

Ms. Vella mentioned her willingness to respond when appropriate to concerns or questions.

**Comments from the Public**

Ms. Fuller commented that the recognition program should be for teachers only.

Ms. Holbrook commented on PARCC testing.

Several members of the public commented on the condition of district fields.

Ms. Robertson commented on her desire to see the completion of the Superintendent search.

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, June 5, 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 half an hour.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law.

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

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

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:50 P.M. at which time action was taken.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Allen and Ms. Dodd abstaining; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Casey McKeen as student liaison at the NPHS Bridge Program, employed from May 29, 2018 through June 30, 2018, at the prorated annual salary rate of \$68,735.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Casey McKeen as assistant principal at the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2018-2019 school year, at the annual salary rate of **\$105,000**±, effective July 1, 2018 or upon issuance of his State principal's certification. Until that time, Mr. McKeen will remain in the

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position of student liaison, at the prorated annual salary rate of \$68,735‡. (Mr. McKeen will replace John Tarnofsky who transferred to another position.)

‡Final salary pending completion of negotiations

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

Bianka Butler – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Abstain

John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

Thomas Allen – Abstain

**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 to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg