

March 28, 2018

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 28, 2018 at 8:00 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 – Absent  
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 Representative, Jasmine Muhando and approximately 29 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 March 14, 2018.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes of March 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 February 28, 2018 in the amount of \$5,586,955.11

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

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

### **Comments from the Public**

Neil Thompson read a statement on behalf of the NPEA regarding Chapter 78.

### **Student Representative Report**

Good evening everyone. Radha is unable to make it tonight's meeting because she is receiving several college decisions at this very time and will open them with her family. On her behalf I will also read her report.

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

The past two weeks have surely been busy ones! This week is fantastic because a lot of activities are happening in NPHS.

First off this week is spirit week. This time the theme days have been changed around a bit. Monday was Matching Monday, Tuesday was Too Tired Tuesday aka pajama day, today was Work It Wednesday which is to dress your best, and tomorrow is school spirit day where students wear school gear. Tomorrow is also the winter/spring pep rally. It's a bittersweet moment as it will be my last time going to and performing at a pep rally after four years. I am most excited for tomorrow night, to conclude spirit week the mentors are hosting the first annual Spring Fling dance. It will be an amazing opportunity for students of all grades to come together and enjoy good music, dancing, and snacks.

Two weeks ago, the language honor society induction ceremonies were held. It went beautifully with the help of faculty and our students. It was an honor to give a speech and induct bright young scholars into the historical and prestigious language honor societies. Parents, students, and staff came out to celebrate the accomplishments of so many students. I also received my first cord which I am very proud of.

The hope club took an overnight trip to Ocean City for the program NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES. While the students were there, they learned about all different kinds of recycling and why it is so crucial to our planet. Prior to going there, the members made presentations on anti-littering, pollution, and reduce/reuse/recycle. The students met other students from different schools to share their presentations. The new groups came together to create a large overall project displaying the message "lets keep our communities clean".

The hope club is really stepping up this year and we will keep seeing more from them.

The drama club put on an excellent performance of Legally Blonde. It was entertaining to say the least and there was an excellent turnout each night. The songs sure are catchy and I cannot stop singing them! The seniors of the drama club also got recognized on their last show the previous Saturday for their dedication, effort, and love for drama and the performing arts.

Yesterday morning, 9 of my classmates and I got called down to the office for officially being in the top ten of the 2018 graduating class. It was surreal to see my great friends and I being able to hold such a prestigious title, it sure is an honor.

Also, today at 7 pm, many prestigious colleges are sending out their admissions decisions. Many of my close friends and I have been looking forward to this for several months. It's nerve wracking but we believe what happens is meant to be for the best. Hopefully I have more good news to share with you all at the next meeting!

**Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando**

Good evening everyone it is wonderful to see you all again. The Spring season has finally begun and the Canuck spring teams are back in action.

To begin, the girls softball team and boys baseball team are swinging their way to victory as they prep for the season with scrimmage games. The girls have versed Roselle, Somerville, Rahway and Delaware Valley. The boys have versed and won all their scrimmage games against Emerson, Rutgers Prep, and Dunellen. Tomorrow they will verse Delvale. Both the boys and girls team will be having their first game in April.

The girls and boys spring track team have been continuously working hard to prepare for the season and their first meet will take place in one week.

The boys tennis team is also still practicing hard and working on their skills to get ready for their first match in April.

Oh my gosh oh my gosh you guys the drama club performed the musical Legally Blonde last week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Hopefully you all were lucky enough to attend, but I must say it was an amazing performance. The actors had so much talent and it was a very successful musical.

Thank You

**Presentation**

Kristin Szawan and John Tarnofsky presented an overview and current status of the Bridge Program and the Pathways Program.

Ms. Monica Palistis, Board Attorney, provided an update on the Superintendent search process.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Acting Superintendent Report/Curriculum Report**

- Five freshmen participated in the North Plainfield Optimist Club Oratorical Contest on Monday, March 19th. They spoke on the topic "Where are My Roots of Optimism?" Congratulations to the following winners: Olafade Omole, 3rd place; Alexandra Hernandez-Mejia, 2nd place; Malia Jones, 1st place. Malia will advance to the next round of competition in Reading, PA in May.
- **NJ Grade-Weighted Law:** On January 19, 2016, then Governor Christie signed the **Arts Education Grade Weighting** bill into law. The law addresses research that illuminated the propensity for unequal weighting among art courses, which had the impact of influencing student course selection and the perceived choice between true interest in the arts and potential impact on GPA and grade ranking.
- **Preschool Funding:** The fiscal year 2019 budget proposed by Governor Phil Murphy increases the state formula aid to school districts as well as increased aid for expanded preschool, STEM programs and other educational priorities. North Plainfield will continue to offer full school day preschool to four year olds according to district policy. A mailing will be sent regarding full school day preschool and kindergarten to residents of North Plainfield.
- **Biliteracy Academy Parent Sessions:** Four one-hour parent information sessions have been scheduled at EE, SB, Growing Tree and Holy Cross to begin recruiting for the Dual Language Immersion program and to allow parent Q&A over program components. As a tandem effort, a community two-sided mailer has been drafted with the intention of providing core information on full-day preschool and

the Biliteracy Academy option. The plan is to distribute the mailer in advance of the parent sessions that begin on April 19th.

- **Columbia Teachers College Leadership:** We will be partnering with Columbia University to cultivate and continue our efforts with shared leadership for our teaching staff. Teachers were invited to participate in a voluntary Teacher Leadership Cohort I Application Information Session on Wednesday, March 26th. The three sessions for next year will be August, November and February. During workshops with school and district administrators, we will explore common challenges, engage in critical reflection and celebrate successes as we consider our progress on 2017-18 goals and refine goals for 2018-19.
- **Realtors Meeting:** An Administrative planning session was held on March 15th for the upcoming breakfast panel on April 25th. This will be our second annual program for local realtors. New this year will be a panel discussion that will include administrators from across the district. Mayor Giordano has committed to attend as well.
- **School Safety/Community Partnership:** I recently met with Chief Parenti, Lt. McKay and Stuart Buckman to continue the conversation about school security and the partnership between school, community and police.
- **World Language Honor Society Induction Ceremony** was held March 15, 2018 at the NPHS. The World Language Honor Societies (French, Italian, and Spanish) recognize excellence in the study of a World Language and commitment to the study of the language and its culture. These organizations emphasize community service and leadership. This student-led event boasted the following new members:
  - French - 17 inductees
  - Italian - 15 inductees
  - Spanish - 26 inductees
- **Production of Legally Blonde:** The HS production of Legally Blonde ran from Thursday, March 22nd through Saturday, March 24th.
- **Interviews for the Director of Special Services** have started. A day was dedicated to gathering feedback from stakeholders about the needs for the department, as well as characteristics they would like in a Director. Meet and greets occurred on Monday, March 19, 2018 and a committee interviewed finalists on March 27, 2018.

**Coaching** continues in literacy, phonics and dual language immersion.

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 Kimberley Leary as a temporary elementary teacher at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective May 4, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, through June 30, 2018, Kimberley Leary shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,430. (Ms. Leary will temporarily replace Christina Rivera.)

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Nicole Ditriani (English/NPMS)	Curriculum& Methods/ Multilingual Population	The College of NJ	3	\$800	\$400

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
 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 William Disla, attendance/residency officer for the district, effective March 30, 2018.

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>From (hours/week)</b>	<b>To(hours/week)</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Geraldine Burns	EE – 17.50	SS – 18.75	March 19, 2018

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
 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 stipends paid as indicated.

<b>Position</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
NPBS Fall Cheerleading Assistant Advisor	\$5,033	\$3,070
NPBS Winter Cheerleading Advisor	\$3,070	\$5,033

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
 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 Kimberley Leary to replace Christina Rivera as an Extended Day instructor at West End School, effective April 9, 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 – Absent  
 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 Christina Cruz to replace Tracy Buaron as an Extended Day instructor at Somerset School, effective March 29, 2018, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour. This position is funded through Title I-SIA.

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

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

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Sean Flaville as a district chaperone at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
 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 – Absent  
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, that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education appoints Robert Lake as the School Safety Specialist for the district.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 Sandy Marrow, paraprofessional at East End School, effective April 9, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 – Absent  
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 rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective March 13, 2018.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
TTT-17-18	2/7/04	ED	Somerset Elementary Academy	\$51,901.00/yr. prorated

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; That for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective April 9, 2018. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
JJJJJ-17-18	6/16/05	MID	Somerville Middle School	\$3,091.80/month

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Acting Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the modifications to the 2017-2018 school district calendar as indicated.

- Add April 4, 2018 as a 4-hour session for students and staff at Stony Brook School, NPMS, NPHS, and the NPHS Bridge Program.
- Add April 5, 2018 and April 6, 2018 as full days for all students and staff.

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

**Finance, Purchasing & Agreements**

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated February 28, 2018.

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler 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 March 21, 2018.

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopts the following preliminary school district budget for the 2018-2019 school year:

General Fund	\$ 60,458,867.00
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 4,160,759.00
Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 1,143,525.00</u>
Total Base Budget	\$ 65,763,151.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

General Fund	\$ 30,838,998.00
Debt Service	\$ 1,031,040.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proposed budget includes sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction that will enable all students to achieve the Common Core State Standards and the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and is in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A and N.J.A.C. Title 6 and 6A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and submit this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval for advertising as required by law, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby establish April 25, 2018 as the date for the public hearing on this preliminary budget and authorize the Superintendent and Board Secretary, upon approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, to advertise this budget on or about April 20, 2018.

BE IT FINIALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education now adopt this budget as presented and that this resolution take effect immediately.

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

Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has enacted P.L. 2007, an Act concerning school district accountability (A-5) requiring boards of education to annually approve the total amount of funds budgeted for travel and conferences for all faculty, staff, administration, and board members, and

WHEREAS, the Act became effective on March 15, 2007 and requires prior approval of all travel and conference costs before they are incurred, and

WHEREAS, there are three categories of travel and conferences that faculty, staff, administrators, and board members generally attend, including routine meetings held on annually scheduled dates, meetings of an emergent nature with little prior notice, and meetings/conferences that can be scheduled with at least two weeks' notice, and

WHEREAS, it is practical to anticipate as many activities as possible, and receive annual approval for those and monthly approvals for unanticipated activities,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budget amounts, excluding federal funds, are acknowledged and costs of travel and conferences are approved for January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017:

Amount estimated spent for travel and conferences as of June 30, 2018 -	\$41,312.15
Amount established for travel and conferences, 2016-2017 -	\$80,000.00
Amount established for travel and conferences, 2018-2019 -	\$80,000.00

Intra-District business mileage for administrators and where required, for members of the faculty and staff, including but not limited to faculty who teach in more than one school, child study team members, secretaries, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel at a cost not to exceed \$2,000 per person annually.

Out-of-District business travel for administrators to attend professional meetings and conferences affiliated with, but not limited to, the NJ Department of Education, the County Superintendent of Schools, the Somerset County Education Services Commission, professional organizations, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate of (.31) in effect at the time of travel at a cost not to exceed \$5,000 per person annually, and an individual conference expense not to exceed \$3,000.

Out-of-District business travel for faculty and staff to attend conferences and professional development opportunities as approved by the superintendent at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel and an individual conference expense not to exceed \$1,500.

Out-of-District business travel for members of the Board of Education to attend professional meetings and conferences affiliated with, but not limited to, the New Jersey School Boards Association, the Somerset County School Boards Association, etc. at the BOE approved mileage reimbursement rate (.31) in effect at the time of travel and at the conference cost not to exceed \$2,000 per person annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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; A RESOLUTION BINDING THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PURCHASE NATURAL GAS SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from natural gas suppliers for retail natural gas supply services including interstate transportation to the local natural gas distribution utility company (Natural Gas Supply Services) through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain natural gas services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to natural gas suppliers following said bids for natural gas services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023, hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for natural gas services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale natural gas market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Natural Gas Supply Service in each service territory to one or more natural gas suppliers that submits bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous natural gas usage and utility provided Basic Gas Supply Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said Natural Gas Supply Services to natural gas suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic gas supply service; and

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WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for natural gas supply services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase natural gas at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the districts relative to the price charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until

May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

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

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

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Mr. Fellin moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote; A RESOLUTION BINDING THE NORTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2023 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

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WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2023 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 authorize the administration to enact the following corrective action plan for the findings detailed in the Department of Agriculture Administrative Review for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 in accordance with the documentation provided to the Board:

#1. It was found that twelve applications were found to have been incorrectly determined.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

**Of the 525 total applications, the 12 identified as incorrectly determined will be corrected and resubmitted as identified by April 15, 2018.**

#2. The SFA is required to inform the public of the most recent assessment of the implementation of the district wellness policy.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

**The District will conduct an analysis of the implementation of the school district wellness policy and post the results on the district web site for public information by April 15, 2018.**

#3. The SFA is required to conduct an onsite review of all breakfast programs in the district.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

**The District will conduct an onsite review of all breakfast programs by April 15, 2018.**

#4. The SFA must complete a verification of 3% of determined applications.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

**The District will verify the required number of approved applications (total of 21) and submit confirmation of same by April 15, 2018**

#5. The SFA must return funds to the cafeteria account based on unallowable capital expenditures charged to the food service account.

**Corrective Action Plan:**

**The District will transfer \$120,803.40 to the cafeteria account to replace the cost of three capital improvement projects deemed not allowable per the audit by April 15, 2018.**

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 approve field trips for the 2017-2018 school year per the attached list.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 approves the use of additional State Aid, received after the budget was developed for 2017-2018, and not spent or used for tax reductions, in the amount of \$941,115.00, should now be used for the support of expenditures in the 2018-2019 school budget.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 authorizes the Acting Superintendent of Schools to accept the Preschool Education Aid (PEA) One-Year Operational Plan grant from the New Jersey Department of Education for the 2018-2019 school year at a total value of \$2,357,552.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 authorizes Karl Gordon to receive a donation of feminine hygiene products from Refuel Agency for student athletes in the district at a total value of \$300.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – Absent  
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 and May 17, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

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

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time.

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

Negotiations(NPEA) – Next meetings scheduled for April 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Negotiations(NPAEAS) – Next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin provided an overview of various legislative issues currently being considered.

SCSBA – Next meeting scheduled for April 26, 2018 and June 1, 2018 (School Security Meeting).

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Ms. Vella and Mr. Sternberg presented an overview of the proposed 2018-2019 school budget.

Ms. Vella mentioned honoring students at Board of Education meetings.

**Comments from the Public**

None.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://www.nplainfield.org))

**Adjournment**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, April 11, 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 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg