

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Ms. Bond-Nelson 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
David Branan – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Absent

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Michelle Vella, Assistant Superintendent, Student Representatives Jasmine Muhando and Radha Patel and approximately 22 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 October 4, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; to accept the executive session minutes October 4, 2017.

Financial Report

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the lists of bills and payrolls dated September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$5,497,105.16.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds, for the month of August 2017, and further recommends in compliance with NJAC 6:23-2.11(B), that the Board of Education certify that to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the remainder of this fiscal year.

Comments from the Public

Several teachers commented on the need for additional in class support for students with IEP's.

Ms. Michelle Arlan commented on her support for Dr. McLaughlin.

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Ms. Fuller mentioned a public forum for candidates running for the Board of Education to be held on October 24, 2017 sponsored by the PTO and North Plainfield Education Association.

Ms. Bond-Nelson expressed her regrets at not being able to attend due to the New Jersey School Boards Association convention on October 24, 2017.

Dr. McLaughlin commented on having this issue brought to his attention recently and the investigation of this issue using staff and administration.

Student Representative Report

Student Representative: Radha Patel

Good evening everyone, it's so nice to see you all again. There have been many new happenings in NPBS since the last time we met.

The drama club is currently prepping for the Bullying Prevention show which they are very excited and honored to perform for the whole high school tomorrow. In addition, the drama club held a fundraiser at buffalo wild wings this previous Friday and they had a great turnout. The Interact club is in the works of prepping for their first fundraiser of the year and getting ready to start heading to the Rutgers basketball games to volunteer in the concession stand once again.

The mentors had an extended homeroom this previous Thursday with their freshman. The topic was respect, which was introduced to the freshman through a skit done by the mentors which their mentees had to analyze. They broke out in smaller groups and discussed the importance of respect in all aspects of life, not only in high school but throughout their whole life.

The national honor society has resumed their tutoring for all students in the high school and has extended an invite to middle school students who would like extra help from their older peers as well. Rho kappa has gotten all applications for the 2017-2018 school year and has handed out acceptance letters to 25 bright students this previous Friday. The Spanish Honor Society sent members to the previous PTO meeting to help Spanish speaking parents to ensure that they also understood what was discussed at the meeting and they will continue to do this for all PTO meetings.

In addition, the Step Team did an amazing performance throughout each lunch period in honoring bullying prevention. The team is also holding tryouts for this year in the coming week.

Finally, the student activities club is working hard on getting the news of the homecoming tailgate to all the families and members of the community. They are working on spirit week banners and prepping for the spirit week fashion show for the lunch periods this Friday which will display what each day of spirit week the coming week should look like. In addition, today during the school day the student activities council hosted the club and sports expo in the gym. It was a great way for all the high schoolers to get an opportunity to find out what our school has to offer and join some programs of their choice.

Student Representative: Jasmine Muhando

Good evening everyone, continuing on with what Radha said, a lot of exciting events have happened since the last time we met. Two Sundays ago the Marching Canucks struck gold with their 3rd consecutive win. They received awards for the best music, visual, and percussion. Their score was 84.31. The Marching band is truly making our school proud. The freshman football team had a game on October 9th, and they were victorious against Voorhees. They scored 36-8 with great performance from Jamaad Murkey, and amazing plays on the field amongst the team. Last Wednesday, the girls tennis team won for the

second time against Colonia high school, with amazing serves and strokes from the starting line up. Thursday the 12th, the Canuck varsity soccer team beat the Dayton Bulldogs 5-2, with Ashley Atubi scoring 5 goals. This was her 100th career goal! Jenna Guevara, the goalie made 10 saves helping to maintain the win. Coach Colabelli was very pleased, and so was the crowd. Also, that Thursday, the cross country team had a vigorous meet against many schools, at the Somerset County cross country championship. Ryan Smith placed 10th overall with a personal record of 16:58. The cross country canucks will be competing at an even bigger event, the skylands conference championship this Thursday. Last Friday, the tennis team defeated Franklin making North Plainfield high school proud. Lastly, the Marching Canucks are still undefeated as of the weekend. They received first once again, with a score of 87.07. They are now preparing for the Region 10 Championships that will take place this Sunday, and hopefully they will preserve their first place title.

Presentation

Ms. Armento presented and discussed with the Board the results of district wide testing.

Superintendent's Report

As a follow-up to the recent concerns, Ms. Reeves worked with Mr. Bak regarding the condition of the Marching Band instruments and shared the following:

- Significant ordering occurred at the end of the last school year to replace percussion equipment.
- At this point in time, there are three instruments in need of repair, but they are not major issues and they can be sent out for repair at the end of the season.
- The instrument that the parents referred to as being "tied together with shoelaces" has long since been replaced.
- Overall, we have three percussion instruments that will be repaired at the end of the season and this should be a minimal cost (broken wheel, new drum head, etc.).

Ms. Reeves did note that this applies only to the HS marching band and that there are other concert band items that need repair and replacing, as well as some work to do at Somerset and the elementary schools.

Ginger Feola, NPHS Guidance Secretary, has been chosen as the Educational Support Professional of the Year for the Somerset County Education Association. Congratulations Ginger, we are very proud.

The second parent forum of the school year was held on Tuesday in the board conference room at Watchung School. This was one of our best attended meetings with 16 parents participating. A variety of items were discussed including but not limited to substitute coverage, the middle school lot, ASL, Elementary after school sports, air conditioning, literacy gains, Constant Contact messaging, tech forums and reading materials. A summary of the meeting will be developed and shared with those attending and posted on the website. The summary from the October 2nd parent/community forum can be found under the Parents and Community tab on the district homepage.

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At last week's Communication Committee Meeting Mr. Taylor shared the progress that has occurred thus far on the new website. The plans for training by Educational Networks and the peer training that will be provided to teachers on November 7th for the teacher website portion of the website were also discussed. Results were shared with the committee from Ms. Schutz's report relative to the number of opened and shared communications to parents across all media settings.

I had the opportunity to present to the borough council on Monday of last week, relative to the impact of charter schools on our community, what we have learned from the charter experience and our response. I would like to thank those who attended the presentation including Ms. Bond-Nelson, Mr. Allen and Ms. Dodd. I have been invited by the NPCCR to make a similar presentation on November 2nd, and I look forward to that opportunity.

Full day preschool continues to be operating well. We were recently advised that the NJDOE will conduct its first PEEA site visit on Thursday, 10/26/17.

In an effort to examine and improve the supports we provide to students with IEP's, a study group is being established with a particular focus on Intermediate and Middle School. The study group, facilitated by interim supervisor Dawn Cuccolo, will examine options that can provide effective supports to our students particularly in the areas of science and social studies. Information on the work of the study group will be provided to the Curriculum Committee at its next scheduled meeting.

Week of Respect – The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L. 2010, c.122) requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year (October 2-6 in 2017) was designated by the State of New Jersey as the Week of Respect. In recognition of the importance of social and emotional learning and character education, school districts are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing HIB. In a connected fashion, the third Monday in October of each year (October 16-20 in 2017) is designated as School Violence Awareness Week in New Jersey. I have included charts completed by each of our schools listing the activities for each of these weeks of observation. We are proud that the focus on respect and healthy relationships goes well beyond single weeks in our schools but remain a priority throughout the school year. Each of our school communities are invested in the work of character education as exemplified by the award Somerset School is poised to receive in Washington during the character.org conference on October 20th and 21st.

As has been the practice in the recent past, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the upcoming retirement of a colleague, Diana Sefchik, who will be retiring at the end of December.

Diana Sefchik, during her 40-year career in North Plainfield, has touched myriad lives. She has been a role model and mentor to staff and students alike. Diana's contributions to the community of North Plainfield are too numerous to list here. However, I would like to take a few moments to share some of the highlights of her storied career.

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Diana came to North Plainfield in 1977 as a part-time teacher and by 1981 was a full-time Spanish and social studies teacher. As the ESL population grew in North Plainfield during the 1980s, Diana was able to fully dedicate herself to teaching ESL to our newest student-members of the community. Ten years later, she was promoted to the World Languages, ESL and Academic Support supervisor where she has remained ever since. In between, Diana has found time to sponsor unaccompanied minors from abroad, establish a Port of Entry “school,” supervise the Middle School newspaper, and initiate an after school volleyball club. As a testimony to her dedication, Diana remains in contact with many of her former students.

Diana, thank you for all your years of service. Your dedication has truly created a positive impact in our school district and the greater North Plainfield community.

You have touched the lives of thousands of students and colleagues over your forty years of dedication. I wish you all the best in your retirement.

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 WHEREAS Diana Sefchik, supervisor of ESL and world languages in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective December 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately forty years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Sefchik its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on October 18, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Sefchik.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 WHEREAS Marla Miksa, secretary in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective January 1, 2018, and

WHEREAS she has served the District and children of North Plainfield for approximately twenty-five years with dedication to the highest standards, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Miksa its thanks for the service she has given and best wishes for her future; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the public meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education on October 18, 2017, and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution, signed by the President of the Board of Education and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, be sent to Ms. Miksa.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Roger Graubard to serve as boys' head tennis coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$7,832.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Belkis Moreno as an instructional paraprofessional at Stony Brook School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 19, 2017, Belkis Moreno shall be placed on Instructional Non-Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$16.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day. (Ms. Moreno will replace Judy Veglatte.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Superintendent, that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the employment of the individuals indicated as K-12 district substitute teachers/substitute paraprofessionals.

Kaitlyn Graziano

Lorena Rivera

Geralyn Nuber

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Brian Bigden, social studies teacher at NPHS, an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act effective February 1, 2018 or sooner, if necessary, through March 5, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Jessica Giron, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, a leave of absence effective November 27, 2017 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 March 29, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 leave of absence for Nicole DiVenuta, school counselor at East End School, **from** September 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 **to** September 1, 2017 through January 15, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 with Ms. Dodd abstaining; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Erick Dodd to serve as a volunteer assistant boys' basketball coach at NPHS.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Abstain
 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 May and August 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Jennifer Kittle (English/HS)	Film Genre Studies	National University	3	\$1,872.00	\$ 936.00
	Seminar in Theme I	National University	3	\$1,872.00	\$ 936.00
	Seminar in Literary Theory	National University	3	\$1,872.00	\$ 936.00
	Seminar in Theme II	National University	3	\$1,872.00	\$ 936.00

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 staff indicated as team leaders at NPMS, at the stipend rate of \$550 each.

Nicole DiTrani
Kimberly Annette

Danielle Fauci
Shona Wright

David Hooker

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Jennifer Mariani to supervise the SIT/detention programs at NPHS and NPMS at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Kavita Pavan to serve as H.O.P.E. club advisor at NPHS, at a stipend of \$1,595.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 appointments of the staff indicated to serve as freshman class co-advisors at NPHS, at stipends of \$881.50 each.

Vanessa DeHart

Adriana Pequeno

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Robyn Enderle to serve as boys' basketball coach at NPMS, at a stipend of \$5,682.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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
 David Branan – 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 individual indicated for clinical experience in the district.

Student Name	College	School/Class	Dates	Coop. Teacher
Kimberly Bracco	Middlesex County College	NPHS/ELA ICR, CP & Honors	Fall 2017	Jennifer Kittle/ Ann Ryan

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Adrianna Gerena as an instructional paraprofessional at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 19, 2017, Adrianna Gerena shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 4.00 hours per day. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 employment of Annarella Valdivia as a temporary school counselor at East End School, **from** September 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 **to** September 1, 2017 through January 15, 2018. (Ms. Valdivia will temporarily replace Nicole Divenuta.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 Veronica Ortega, paraprofessional at East End School, a leave of absence effective November 1, 2017 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 February 2, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Geralyn Nuber as a temporary paraprofessional at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, effective November 1, 2017 through February 2, 2018, Geralyn Nuber shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 3.25 hours per day. (Ms. Nuber will temporarily replace Veronica Ortega.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 with Mr. Branan and Mr. Fellin abstaining; that **WHEREAS**, on or about October 6, 2017, the North Plainfield Board of Education (the Board of Education), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract of employment with Dr. James V. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Schools (the Superintendent of Schools), submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County (the Executive County Superintendent) proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the period between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria are associated with merit salary bonuses for the Superintendent of Schools for the 2017-2018 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the attached Qualitative and Quantitative merit goal criteria to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for his approval for the 2017-2018 school year. Upon approval of the Executive County Superintendent, a resolution will be submitted to the Board of Education for final approval of the goals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – Abstain

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Branan and Mr. Fellin abstaining; that **WHEREAS**, on or about October 6, 2017, the North Plainfield Board of Education (the Board of Education), pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1 and its contract of employment with Ms. Michelle Vella, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (the Assistant Superintendent), submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for Somerset County (the Executive County Superintendent) proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria for the period between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Qualitative and Quantitative merit criteria are associated with merit salary bonuses for the Assistant Superintendent for the 2017-2018 school year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Education hereby authorizes and approves the attached Qualitative and Quantitative merit goal criteria to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent for his approval for the 2017-2018 school year. Upon approval of the Executive County Superintendent, a resolution will be submitted to the Board of Education for final approval of the goals.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – Abstain

Sandra Dodd – Aye
John Fellin, Jr. – Abstain
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 Mayra Martinez, paraprofessional at Somerset School, effective October 20, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 previously approved recommendation to appoint Courtne Mooney as an assistant boys' basketball coach at NPHS.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Nancy Schreck, LDTC at East End School, a leave of absence using accrued sick days, effective November 13, 2017 through December 8, 2017 or until released by her physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Lauren Paich, Spanish teacher at NPHS, to teach an additional Port of Entry class, effective November 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, for the additional annual salary of \$8,581.28.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Peter Giousios as a health and physical education teacher at NPHS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective November 1, 2017 or upon earliest release, Peter Giousios shall be placed on BA/Step 4-5 (5) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,830. (Mr. Giousios will replace Alison Gomer.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the following curricula:

- AP Statistics (new)
- American Government Grades 9-12 (new)
- VISTA (revision)
- Psychology (revision)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 1, 2017. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
RRRR-17-18	7/25/00	OHI	Hunterdon County Polytech Career & Technical Support School	\$5,660.00/yr.
			Paraprofessional Service	\$3,317.00/yr.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – 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 Zufall Health Center in Somerville to provide the Parent Readiness Education Program (PREP) to expectant students at NPHS.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
 Bianka Butler – Aye
 David Branan – Aye

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

FINANCE, PURCHASING AND AGREEMENTS

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated August 31, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 payments from the Cafeteria Account in accordance with the attached list dated September 30, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator and Parette Somjen to accomplish all necessary steps to proceed with Department of Education submission and approval for a capital project as follows:

Whereas, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has identified a classroom facility improvement project effecting the Stony Brook School of the North Plainfield School District, which needs to be modified and that this project is necessary for program expansion; and

Whereas, it is anticipated that funding for this project will be provided by local funds; and

Whereas, this project will be identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan and that the additional project will be updated in the LRFP as a project for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the program expansion of the school building; and

Whereas, the Board will now take all necessary actions as directed by the Department of Education and any other authority in order to receive a determination and approval to proceed; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to submit and take all necessary action to obtain approvals for proceeding with the projects, including the submittal of applications and related schematic drawings; and

Further, be it resolved that upon approval for the projects from the Department of Education and the determination of potential funding sources, the Business Administrator/ Board Secretary Donald Sternberg, along with Parette Somjen Architects is hereby authorized to, if necessary, advertise and solicit bids or obtain quotes, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. in order to award the project to the lowest responsible bidder; and

Be it further resolved this resolution shall be effective immediately.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 the appointment of “*Educational Consortium for Telecommunications Savings*” (ECTS) having offices located at *790 Newtown-Yardley Road, Suite 410 Newtown, PA 18940*, at an annual rate of \$3500.00 (Thirty Five Hundred Dollars) for consultative services relating to Category-1 e-rate funding and at the rate of 3% of acquired funds for Category-2 funding, for the 2018-2019 school year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 the appointment of “*Aspire Payroll*” Services, having offices located at *14 Main Street, Madison NJ 07940* at a monthly rate of \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) not to exceed \$9,000 (Nine Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of providing accounts payable bookkeeping services for the time period of October 23, 2017 to January 31, 2018.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 of the disposal of outdated and unused textbooks pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 34-3 as follows:

1. The Civil War; Bruce Catton, American Heritage Press
Copyright 1971, ISBN #978-0070102668
Location; Rm. 134 Middle School
Copies; 41
2. Lincoln – A Photo Biography; Russell Freedman, Clarion Books
Copyright 1987, ISBN #0-89919-380-3
Location; Rm. 134 Middle School
Copies; 47

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Tracy Buaron to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing a C-pen reader for her students at Somerset School at a total value of \$343.72.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 Heather Higgins to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing alternative seating arrangements for her classroom at West End School at a total value of \$774.42.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – 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 use of the entities indicated to provide substitute athletic trainers on an as needed basis, at the rate of \$50.00 per hour.

JAG Physical Therapy

SD Gameday

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
David Branan – Aye

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

Correspondence

None.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Mr. Fellin reviewed various topics discussed at the meeting held on October 10, 2017. Next meeting is scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Curriculum – Next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – No meeting scheduled at this time

Personnel – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – No meeting scheduled at this time.

NJSBA – Mr. Fellin provided an overview of recent legislation affecting education.

SCSBA – Mr. Fellin reviewed topics discussed at recent meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2017 (Tri-County Meeting).

SCESC – No report at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Sternberg provided process information for attendees of the NJ School Boards Association Conference being held October 24, 2017 through October 26, 2017 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

New Business

None.

Comments from the Public

Several members of the community expressed support for Dr. McLaughlin.

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Mr. Merrill discussed concerns regarding the Villa Maria property. Mr. Merrill also mentioned that Dr. McLaughlin will be appearing before the Borough Council on November 12, 2017 to discuss charter schools.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Adjournment

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin that and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 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.

Mr. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg