

The minutes of the regular meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on Wednesday, September 20, 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 – Aye

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 10 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 with Ms. Butler and Mr. Brannan abstaining; to accept the public session minutes September 6, 2017.

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Ms. Butler and Mr. Brannan abstaining; to accept the executive session minutes September 6, 2017.

**Financial Report**

None

**Comments from the Public**

None

**Student Representative Report**

None

**Presentation**

Ms. Vella provided an overview of the district programs for Advanced Placement including data on past performance and future improvement.

Mr. Taylor provided an overview of the new district website. Samples of the new site were shown and discussed. Changeover is planned for January 2018.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The North Plainfield School District welcomed its teachers back to the new school year on Tuesday. So many of our teachers have been in their classrooms prior to this time, preparing to welcome our students on Thursday, creating environments that are engaging and supportive. Our two days of convocation provided teachers with themes for the new school year, an examination of our district goals, professional development, meeting times as a school and/or department, and additional time to work in their classrooms. We are eager to greet our students and begin the work of learning.

September is attendance awareness month throughout the United States. It makes sense to promote this important message from the very first days of school since absenteeism can have serious consequences for our students. This applies to all grade levels, but as an example, one California study found that only 17 percent of students who were chronically absent in both kindergarten and first grade were reading proficiently in third grade, compared to 64 percent of those with good attendance. The good news is that students can begin to reverse their academic difficulties if they improve their attendance. The better news is that North Plainfield has seen significant growth in attendance based on efforts over the last two years. Included in the board packets was an article that appeared in the Courier News on August 18th highlighting this progress. Our efforts will continue this year based around a three pronged approach to

Inform parents early and often about the value of good attendance

Build a culture of good attendance

Identify barriers to attendance and partner with parents to alleviate them

Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification – Congratulations to Mr. Mathis, Mr. Sternberg and the administration and staff of West End, Stony Brook, East End and NPMS for this achievement. Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources, and take steps to create a brighter future, one school at a time. Certification requires specific verifiable actions that earn points towards the recognition of a sustainable school. This status not only demonstrates our commitment to the environment but also places schools and the district in a more advantageous position to apply for grants that can continue to contribute to this effort. Schools achieving certification in 2017 will be recognized at an Awards Ceremony in Atlantic City during the New Jersey School Boards Association Workshop the evening of Tuesday, October 24.

On Friday, our district received the news that the state approved our application for Preschool Expansion Aid funding in the amount of \$1,615,426. The district was truly proud of the application submitted to the department and believes that the plan outlined for our four year old students will provide outstanding learning experiences that enable our youngest population to enter kindergarten and first grade with the foundational skills they require for success and gains in literacy and mathematics. Research clearly shows that investment in student learning at the earliest ages can make the world of difference. Effective October 2nd, our preschool programs at East End, Holy Cross and Growing Tree will be full time and there will be two new classes, one at Stony Brook and another at our community providers that will serve the anticipated growth of students. The award not only addresses all the costs associated with the program but also has allowed enhancements that include a certified behaviorist, new materials and professional development.

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 Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of John Trapp as a special education mathematics teacher at the NPHS Bridge Program for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, John Trapp shall be placed on BA/Step 2-3 (3) and will be paid the annual salary of \$59,630.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 teachers indicated on the attached list to teach an additional class, for the additional annual salary noted.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 on the attached list be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and June 2017.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated as district chaperones, at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Guido Carrano

Irvin Solis

**Robert Dixon**

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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.

Jerry Daniel	Vincent Angelone	Joan Graham	
Vincent Fuschetto	Michael Kuchar	Henry Ibarra	<b>Princeton Holt</b>

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 continued employment of Christopher Palfy as a Security Officer at the rate of \$22.00 per hour for up to 29 hours per week, and that a contract to employ be issued.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 following individuals as district substitute custodians, to be paid at the rate of \$18.29 per hour, to be called on an as-needed basis.

Joseph Marsigliano	Derron Fareed	Delores Galimore
Harvey Nix	Angel Valentin	Marcelina Rondon
Patrick Smith		

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Tina Gurrere-Shallo as an instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 7, 2017, Tina Gurrere-Shallo shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 3.00 hours per day. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Kaitlyn Graziano as an instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 7, 2017, Kaitlyn Graziano shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 3 and will be paid the rate of \$18.43 per hour, for 3.50 hours per day. (Ms. Graziano is replacing Mary Leriche.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Kristie Reed, paraprofessional at Somerset School, effective August 21, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Courtne Mooney to serve as assistant boys' basketball coach at NPHS, at a stipend of \$6,892.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 assistant football coaches at NPHS, at stipends of \$4,202.50 each.

Vincent Angelone

Vincent Fuschetto

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Sonya Larado as an advisor for the Art and Computer Clubs at Stony Brook School.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Michelle Creighton as a part-time occupational therapist for the district for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017, Michelle Creighton shall be placed on MA/Step 2-3 (2) and will be paid two-fifths of the annual salary of \$62,630, equaling \$25,052. (Ms. Creighton will replace Colleen McCarthy.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 guide and salary of Maria Lopez, elementary teacher at East End School, from the BA Guide to, effective September 1, 2017, MA Guide/Step 4-5 (5) at the annual salary of \$62,830, to reflect her attainment of a Master's degree.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Deanne D'Armiento, science teacher at NPMS, a leave of absence effective September 5, 2017, using accrued sick days until November 10, 2017 or when released by her physician.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Andrea Legiadre as a preschool teacher at Stony Brook School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 2, 2017, Andrea Legiadre shall be placed on BA/Step 4-5 (4) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,830. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 adjusts the previously approved recommendation for the retirement of Dan Morgan, maintenance employee for the district, **from** effective October 23, 2017 **to** effective October 1, 2017.

September 6, 2017

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes the attached job descriptions indicated.

Behaviorist  
Career and Technical Student Organizations Advisor

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Judy Veglatte, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, for reasons of retirement, effective September 1, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 individuals indicated as a volunteers in the district.

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Joseph Gyurian

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Thanya Mendez as a staff development trainer at the rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 continued employment of Pam Hughes as a paraprofessional at the NPHS Bridge Program at the rate of \$22.00 per hour for 4.50 hours per day, and that a contract to employ be issued.

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

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that for the 2017-2018 school year, the Board of Education approves the appointment of the individuals indicated to the School-Based Planning team for Somerset School at a rate of \$28.35 per hour.

Courtney Getz

Laurie Pfundheller

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 James Horan, pianist, to accompany the North Plainfield High School chorus classes for 16 days to be scheduled, at a rate of \$125 per day, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Brandon Cosby, paraprofessional at Somerset School, effective August 31, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Michael DeJean, naval science teacher at NPHS, effective October 31, 2017, or sooner if a suitable replacement is found.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Diana Saez, paraprofessional at East End School, effective August 31, 2017.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 assignments of the listed paraprofessionals as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>From (hours per day)</b>	<b>To (hours per day)</b>
Kimbralynn Ward	EE - 2.50	EE - 4.00
Veronica Ortega	EE - 4.50	EE - 3.25
Pat Chwialkowski	WE - 3.75	WE - 4.25
Alison Griffiths	WE - 3.50	WE - 3.75
Anne Heinzerling	SB - 3.50	WE - 3.50
Concettina Campo	SB - 3.50	SB - 4.50
Maria Flores	SB - 3.75	SB - 4.00
Beatriz Murillo	SB - 3.50	SB - 4.00
Esther Domiciano	SB - 3.50	SB - 3.25
Toni Liccone	SS - 4.00	SS - 4.50
Harry Hooker	SS - 3.50	SS - 4.00
Mery Solis	MS - 3.50	MS - 4.00
Ian Erhard	HS - 3.50	HS - 3.75
Jessica Hernandez	SB - 1.50	SB - 4.75

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Andre Dabney as a non-instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 7, 2017, Andre Dabney shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day. (Mr. Dabney is replacing Brandon Cosby.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
 Bianka Butler – Aye  
 David Branan – Aye  
 Kathleen Mullen – 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 Tammy Mackiewicz as the art club advisor at NPHS/NPMS.

Further, that the Board of Education appoints Sarah Van Vliet as the art club advisor at NPHS/NPMS at the stipend of \$1,757. (Ms. Van Vliet will replace Tammy Mackiewicz.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branam – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 appoints Sarah Van Vliet as an advisor for the Art Club at Stony Brook School at the stipend of \$1,757. (Ms. Van Vliet will replace Sonya Larado.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branam – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 June O'Neill as a non-instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 7, 2017, June O'Neill shall be placed on Non-Instructional/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$15.37 per hour, for 3.75 hours per day. (Ms. O'Neil is replacing Kristie Reed.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branam – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Megan Horezga as a preschool teacher at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 2, 2017, Megan Horezga shall be placed on MA/Step 2-3 (3) and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$62,630. (This position is new.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branam – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Maureen Weakley as a temporary science teacher at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 1, 2017 through November 10, 2017, Maureen Weakley shall be placed on BA/Step 1 and will be paid the prorated annual salary of \$59,430. (Ms. Weakley will temporarily replace Deanne D'Armiento.)

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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:

High School Computer Science  
Pathways

Advanced Placement Physics  
Units 1 & 2 Science, Grades K-5

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 authorizes the Superintendent to submit for review and approval the application for change of use of educational space (Room #16), for the purpose of accommodating the addition of full day Pre – Kindergarten at Stony Brook School (Room #8).

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 alternate method of compliance in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-6.3 (h) 4ii and iii by providing toilet rooms adjacent to or outside the classroom in lieu of individual toilet rooms in Stony Brook School class room #22 for the 2017-18 school year.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 and approves attendance at the NJ School Boards Annual Convention to be held October 24-26, 2017 in Atlantic City for the individuals identified per the attached list, not to exceed a total cost of \$4,391.00.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 Mr. Robert Epstein, construction attorney, to proceed with formal appeal of decision regarding the AMIC litigation at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00 plus expenses.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 affirms the attached Addendum to Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Education and Law Enforcement Officials approved by the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the New Jersey Department of Education and between the North Plainfield Public School District and the North Plainfield Police Department.

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

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

### **Correspondence**

There were none.

### **Committee and Delegate Report**

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Communications – Next meeting is to be determined.

Curriculum – Next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

Finance & Facilities – Ms. Bond-Nelson provided an overview of topics discussed including various capital projects to be submitted to the state for approval.

Personnel – Next meeting scheduled for September 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

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 current legislation.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

September 6, 2017

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Dr. McLaughlin discussed with the Board his attendance at a conference which is fully funded by the sponsoring organization.

**Comments from the Public**

Jim McGovern inquired about running for the Board of Education, it was suggested that he contact Mr. Sternberg to discuss further.

**Future Agenda Items**

Per the presentation calendar ([www.nplainfield.org](http://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, September 20, 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 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg