

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**

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 July 31, 2017 in the amount of \$5,461,415.85 and August 31, 2017 in the amount of \$2,615,628.15

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 July 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**

Mr. Everitt Merrill expressed appreciation to the Board for the addition of the Parent Forums and for the district seeking and obtaining the Preschool Education Expansion Aid grant.

## **Student Representative Report**

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

Good evening everyone. It's so nice to see you all again and I hope your summer break was as wonderful as mine. This year I will be joining you as the senior representative and Jasmine as your junior representative.

Right before school started, the annual freshman orientation was held. The mentors did a splendid job of introducing the high school to the 9th graders. A senior member of the yearbook class is working on an article about that wonderful day and it will be shared shortly. In addition, many seniors were happy that the scheduling process went very smoothly this year and were excited to start off their last year in high school.

The 2017-2018 school year has kicked off with a bang. The freshmen were as excited as the seniors to begin this year. During the first day of school, NPHS mentors filled each hallway to guide the freshman to their classes and assist them in any difficulties they were facing. In addition, the mentors hosted the annual freshman field day this previous Friday on Upper Krausche field. It was very successful as the 9th graders bonded with their fellow upperclassmen mentors while also getting more comfortable with high school and their peers in their homerooms.

In addition, most clubs and honors societies have started running again and chose their officers for this year. There were tryouts for the female and male a cappella choir groups the previous week. In addition, the drama club held auditions for their annual violence prevention show. The Canuck dance company also held auditions this previous this Thursday for their new dance team.

The student activities club has proudly begun working on the festivities that will be held for homecoming week! This will be the largest homecoming celebration NPHS has seen in years and we are so excited to bring that spirit to our school. Student activities has reached out to all programs and we are looking forwards to sharing more news in the future.

### **Student representative: Jasmine Muhandu**

Good evening everyone, I hope you all had an eventful summer and I am so glad to see you all again. To add to what Radha said, this school year has kicked off to a great start, especially with the athletic programs in the high school. There are many new faces and a lot of potential for the Canuck teams. Last Friday our school held their first home football game of the year. It was a very exciting game with great effort from our fellow football players. They played Somerville, playing hard with strong defense and speedy wide receivers. Last Thursday the cross country team did an amazing job at their first meet. Ryan Smith, a junior, took 1st place out of 115 male runners! The other male Canuck runners dominated, taking top 5, and 2 female Canuck runners placed in the top 10. The cross country team is off to an amazing start with many more victories to come. The boys and girls varsity and JV team are incorporating complex tactics and aggressive play on the field. Although the boys have been more successful, the soccer teams are working towards a great season. The girls tennis season is off to a slow start, but with more matches to come they are sure to rise above the rest. They are excited to see how the rest of the season goes, and they are determined to climb back up the ladder. Finally, the Lady Canucks field hockey team is working vigorously towards a win after they tied 1-1 with Mt. St Marys early in the season. The JV field hockey team has yet to bring home a win, but that will surely change soon. Both teams are training consistently and will hopefully bring home a victory for North Plainfield High School. I believe confidence, practice, and strategy is key for all sports to win their games. This school is off to a great start as I said earlier, and I hope our Canuck teams continue to stay motivated throughout the season. Let's go Canucks!

### **Presentation**

Mr. Stuart Buckman provided an overview of the new response protocol to be implemented throughout the district. This is a standardization of emergency responses and a simplification of instruction used during responses to threats.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced representatives from Kean University who provided an overview of a research study involving the district bi-literacy program they would like the district to approve.

Ms. Meghan Reeves discussed with the Board the need for a choral director and accompanist and their respective responsibilities.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Each year, we begin with goals that are consistent with the district's commitment to four keys areas - academic achievement, communication with the school community, effective use of technology, and commitment to our infrastructure. We were tremendously gratified to note a second year of notable growth among cohorts of students. Ms. Vella recently shared those results with the curriculum committee and Ms. Armento is poised to provide a detailed review of our state testing results in October. We are tremendously grateful for the hard work, receptivity, and commitment of our staff, and we are proud of our students who have responded to the instruction they are receiving, showing their respect for learning and their determination to succeed.

Preschool information sessions were conducted earlier today. One morning session and one afternoon session to ensure that parents are knowledgeable about the full day preschool format that will be effective October 2nd. Full day preschool will begin before our next board meeting. Highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals have been hired, classroom materials are in route, and classrooms are presently being made ready in both the district and provider schools.

The application for full day preschool occurred in large part due to the information that we heard from parents about the needs of their children. In small and large group meetings and forums, parents expressed that need and so it was unsurprising that the survey conducted for the application showed a 100% response for full day. This continues to underscore the need to provide our families an opportunity to express how the district can better serve their children, our students. In this vein, we will continue and expand our parent forums. Five forums have been set up for the school year that include mornings, evenings and Saturdays. I will also expand upon this effort this year by incorporating some visits outside our district walls - story time at the public library and a recently arranged forum at Super Heroes. It is my hope that continued proactive efforts to go out to the community will demonstrate how important the voice of our parents and residents are to the work of education in North Plainfield.

In addition to our community forums, we have increased the district's internet and social media presence. If you follow the district on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, I am sure you have noticed an uptick in the postings from every school in the district. Our community outreach coordinators have started the year off with a great deal of energy and as a group

agreed upon media postings that occurred weekly at a minimum. We are excited to share our schools' achievements and endeavors and allow the community to see the great work occurring in North Plainfield.

This August, all of the district's administrators were trained in the use of AED and acquired their CPR certification. This training was a part of our continual effort to be proactive in regard to our students' health and well-being, and to assure that we are equipped to respond to an emergency that could save the life of a student or staff member.

Additional steps that will be occurring this year include the November training of all district custodians in the use of the AED and CPR. Increased signage is being ordered and will be posted in all school buildings to assure that AED's can be located with ease. We are exploring plans for AED drills that can be conducted under the guidance of staff from Robert Wood Johnson who would provide feedback and constructive suggestions to ensure maximum responsiveness.

During our opening days of convocation, the district nurses participated in regional conference that included training in the administration of Narcan. We are all extremely aware of the dangers of opioid abuse in today's society and the heightened risks presented to our students. We are fortunate that there has been no need for our district to use measures such as Narcan to date, but we are know it is critical to be prepared. The board will consider a revision of our policy this evening to facilitate this usage, newly permitted by the State of NJ. I compliment the board on its foresight and proactiveness, since it is my understanding that we are one of the very first districts to take action in this regard.

I am grateful to the board for their support in the exploration of addressing capital projects that are vital to the health of the district's infrastructure. Although none of the funding mechanisms for such endeavors are without challenge, it was clear from our discussion on September 13th that we are all committed to continuing to provide a physical environment that promotes learning and provides a safe atmosphere for our students.

#### 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 Judy Veglatte, paraprofessional in the North Plainfield School District, has indicated that she wishes to retire effective September 1, 2017, and

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of North Plainfield extends to Ms. Veglatte 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 September 20, 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. Veglatte.

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 Eileen DeMeo, academic support teacher at Somerset School, from the MA Guide to, effective September 1, 2017, MA+30 Guide/Step 11 at the annual salary of \$67,360, to reflect her attainment of an additional 30 credits beyond her 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 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.

Stephanie Lopez

Lorena Torres

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 to each teach an additional class, for the prorated additional annual salaries noted.

Name	School	Course	Dates	Salary
Timothy Hollis	HS	PARCC/Algebra I	9/1/17-1/30/18	\$4,969.17
Thomas Bannon	HS	Health 10	1/31/18-4/13/18	\$3,288.96
<b>Isabel Roca-Lizarazu</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>Introductory/Novice Spanish</b>	<b>9/1/17-6/30/17</b>	<b>\$13,155.83</b>

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.

Shadelle Hernandez

Evan Dickerson

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 student council advisors at Somerset School, at stipends of \$1,034.00 each.

Saida Clark

Nancy Reyes

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 Mary Leriche, paraprofessional at Stony Brook School, effective September 7, 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 staff indicated be reimbursed for graduate courses taken between January and August 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Crds</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reimb.</u>
Teresa Diller (Elementary/WE)	Using Multicultural Literature in K-12	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
	21 <sup>st</sup> Century Literature in Today's Schools	Rowan University	3	\$1,995.00	\$ 997.50
Ashley Gutkowski (Special Ed./WE)	Home, School & Community Relations	New Jersey City University	3	\$2,023.65	\$1,011.83
Argie Kantilierakis (English/HS)	The Structure of English	The College of New Jersey	3	\$2,659.51	\$1,329.76

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 salary of Kaitlyn Graziano, instructional paraprofessional at Somerset School, for the 2017-2018 school year **from** Instructional Degree/Step3 at the rate of \$18.43 per hour **to** Instructional Non-Degree/Step3 at the rate of \$17.43 per hour for 3.50 hours per day.

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 Alexis Holbrook to serve as computer club advisor at East End School, at a stipend of \$1,595.00.

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 accepts the resignation of Alison Gomer, health and physical education teacher at NPHS and the NPHS Bridge Program, effective September 15, 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 indicated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>From (hours/week)</b>	<b>To (hours/week)</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Anne Heinzerling	WE – 17.50	WE – 21.25	Sept. 7, 2017
Nickolas Psillos	SS – 17.50	SS – 20.00	Sept. 7, 2017
<b>Harry Hooker</b>	<b>SS – 20.00</b>	<b>EE – 17.50</b>	<b>Sept. 7, 2017</b>
<b>Tatiana Navarro</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 20.00</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 21.75</b>	<b>Oct. 2, 2017</b>
<b>Magda Aguilar</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 20.00</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 21.75</b>	<b>Oct. 2, 2017</b>
<b>Jagmohan Goraya</b>	<b>MS – 17.50</b>	<b>MS – 21.00</b>	<b>Oct. 2, 2017</b>
<b>Gina Ahearn</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 20.00</b>	<b>HS Bridge – 21.75</b>	<b>Oct. 2, 2017</b>

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 Sabina Astafovic to facilitate *Google Training* for in-district teachers, as needed, 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 individuals indicated to supervise the NPHS media center on a rotating basis in the morning and/or the afternoon at a rate of \$28.35 per hour not to exceed 8 hours per week.

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 Martha Tejada-Schultz, Spanish teacher at Somerset School, a leave of absence effective November 21, 2017 or sooner, if necessary, using accrued sick and personal days until released by her physician and thereafter on an unpaid leave of absence under the Family Leave Act through June 30, 2018.

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 Savita Bhosale as an instructional paraprofessional at NPMS for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 22, 2017, Savita Bhosale shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 2 and will be paid the rate of \$17.89 per hour, for 4.00 hours per day. (Ms. Bhosale is replacing Patricia DiFrancesco.)

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 Amy Lourenco as a non-instructional paraprofessional at West End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective September 22, 2017, Amy Lourenco shall be placed on Non-Instructional Degree/Step 2 and will be paid the rate of \$15.89 per hour, for 1.75 hours per day. (Ms. Lourenco is replacing Maria Banos.)

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 Gretchen Jacot-Guillarmod, elementary teacher at Stony Brook School, effective November 22, 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 BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Nicole Duarte as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 2, 2017, Nicole Duarte shall be placed on Instructional Degree/Step 1 and will be paid the rate of \$17.37 per hour, for 4.25 hours per day. (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; that BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board hereby approves the employment of Sandy Hawthorne-Marrow as an instructional paraprofessional at East End School for the 2017-2018 school year. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective October 2, 2017, Sandy Hawthorne-Marrow 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

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education accepts with regret the resignation of Lagina Womack, payroll bookkeeper for the district, effective October 21, 2017. Her last day of work will be Friday, October 20, 2017. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye	Sandra Dodd – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye	John Fellin, Jr. – Aye
David Branan – Aye	Thomas Allen – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – 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 out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 25, 2017. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
DDDDDD-17-18	8/21/01	ED	Lamberts Mill Academy	\$53,170.00/yr. prorated

  

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 out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 25, 2017. Transportation will be required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
QQQQ-17-18	1/10/03	OHI	Middlesex County Vocational & Technical High School – Piscataway Campus	\$10,000.00/yr. prorated

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 rescinds the out-of-district placement of the classified student as indicated, effective September 7, 2017.

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Placement</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
OOOOO-17-18	4/6/08	AUT	Celebrate the Children	\$105,124.00/yr.

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 following curricula:

Law, Crime and Punishment  
The Study of War and the US Military  
Latin American Studies

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 approves line item transfers in accordance with the attached list dated 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 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  
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 allocation of Extraordinary Aid received for district use in the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Construction Services	\$125,000.00
OT & PT Purchased Services	\$100,000.00
Ed Evaluations and Classification	\$ 25,000.00
Speech Services	\$ 80,097.00
Nursing Services	<u>\$ 50,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$380,097.00

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye  
Bianka Butler – Aye

Sandra Dodd – Aye  
John Fellin, Jr. – Aye

David Branan – Aye  
Kathleen Mullen – 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 capital projects as follows:

WHEREAS, the North Plainfield Board of Education (“Board”) has identified several facility improvement projects effecting buildings and grounds of the North Plainfield School District that need to be repaired, replaced, or modified and that these projects are necessary for program expansion, health and safety, replacement in various buildings per the attached list; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that funding for these projects will be provided by a referendum and in addition that the projects qualify for debt service aide; and

WHEREAS, some of these projects have been identified in the Long Range Facilities Plan and that the additional projects will be updated in the LRFP as necessary, as projects for the purpose of improving and/or replacement of issues related to the structural conditions, health and safety, or program expansion of the school buildings; 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 advertise and solicit bids 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  
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 Parette Somjen to submit projects to the Department of Education for approval per proposal, not to exceed \$9,000.00.

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

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

Kathleen Mullen – Aye

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote; that the Board of Education authorizes Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing Wonder Dash Robots for the library at West End School at a total value of \$459.16.

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 Christina Moscatello to apply for a grant through DonorsChoose.Org for the purpose of purchasing Bee-Bots Programmable Robots for the library at West End School at a total value of \$279.96.

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, that the North Plainfield Board of Education approves the NJ Division of Civil Rights Consent Order and Decree, DCR DKT NO. ET12HE-64996-H and the Settlement Agreement dated August 22, 2017.

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 scheduled for October 10, 2017 at 5:30 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 current legislation.

SCSBA – Next meeting will be held on October 2, 2017 at Raritan Valley Community College.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote, with Ms. Dodd abstaining, that the Board of Education approves for first reading the following new policies:

3542.2 School Meals Program Arrears

That the Board of Education approve the following policies as revised:

- 3510 Operation and Maintenance of Plant
- 3516 Safety
- 5113 Attendance, Absences, and Excuses
- 5141.4 Missing, Abused and Neglected Children
- 5141.21 Administering Medication
- 6145 Extracurricular Activities
- 6145.1/6545.2 Intramural and Interscholastic Competition
- 6146 Graduation Requirements
- 6153 Field Trips
- 6162.5 Research

**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 that and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, October 4, 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 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED: Donald Sternberg