

May 9, 2016

The minutes of the Special Session meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on May 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mr. Branan 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, Mr. Branan requested the call of the roll:

David Branan
Bianka Butler
Sandra Dodd
Linda Bond-Nelson

John Fellin, Jr.
Thomas Kasper
Kathleen Mullen

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, Ms. Phyllis Prestamo, Human Resources Director and 0 member of the staff and public.

Ms. Prestamo discussed with the board recent workshop topics regarding board participation in the interview process and recent rulings on the ethics commission on this topic.

Dr. McLaughlin discussed and provided an overview of the rationale for two recent newspaper district advertisements for various positions in the district.

Dr. McLaughlin and Ms. Vella led a discussion with the board on the “Why” of the board values, and the boards aspirations for students, staff, and the community.

The board asked a variety of questions, and solicited responses in order to expand their understanding of, issues related to core values, goals and directions.

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Kasper and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg