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The minutes of the public hearing on the 2013-2014 proposed school district budget of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on March 27, 2013 at East End School, 170 Oneida Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Mrs. 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, Mrs. Bond-Nelson requested the call of the roll:

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| Thomas Allen  | Kathleen Mullen   |
| David Branan  | Nancy Szaroleta   |
| Sandra Dodd   | Linda Bond-Nelson |
| Thomas Kasper |                   |

A quorum was established

Also present were Dr. Marilyn Birnbaum, Superintendent of Schools; Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator; and Dr. Robert Rich, Assistant Superintendent, and approximately 24 members of the staff and public.

### **Presentation**

Dr. Birnbaum and Mr. Sternberg presented the proposed 2013-2014 school budget.

Upon conclusion of the budget presentation the meeting was open to the public for comments as follows:

Mr. Brian Christian asked about replacing books with IPADS and if there would be a substantial cost savings to the district.

### **Recommendation from Superintendent of Schools**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved by roll call vote that be it

**Resolved**, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Plainfield hereby adopt the following school district budget for the 2013-2014 school year:

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| General Fund         | \$ 54,917,464.00       |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 2,516,789.00        |
| Debt Service Fund    | \$ <u>1,331,222.00</u> |
| Total Base Budget    | \$ 58,765,475.00       |

**Be it further resolved**, that the following amounts be raised from taxes:

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|--------------|-----------------|
| General Fund | \$27,931,831.00 |
| Debt Service | \$ 1,331,222.00 |

**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education has directed the Superintendent and Board Secretary to complete all required forms and has submitted this budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval and has advertised this budget as required by law, and

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**Be it further resolved**, that the Board of Education having received the approval from the Executive County Superintendent and having held the public hearing on the proposed budget hereby authorizes the Superintendent and Board Secretary, to enact this approved budget.

**Be it further resolved** that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Thomas Allen – Aye  
David Branan – Aye  
Sandra Dodd – Aye  
Thomas Kasper – Aye

Kathleen Mullen – Aye  
Nancy Szaroleta – Aye  
Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye

**Adjournment**

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Allen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg