

The minutes of a special joint meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education and the Borough of North Plainfield held on May 23, 2013 at the North Plainfield Community Center, 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ. 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, call of the roll was requested:

Thomas Allen

David Branan

Sandra Dodd

Thomas Kasper – absent notified

Kathleen Mullen

Nancy Szaroleta – absent, notified

Linda Bond-Nelson

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 2 members of the staff and public.

Council Members present were: Mary H. Forbes, Lawrence La Ronde, Everett Merrill, Keiona R. Miller, Frank “Skip” Stabile, Douglas M. Singleterry as well as, Michael Giordano, Jr., Mayor, David E. Hollod, Business Administrator, James Rodino, Director, DPW, and Richard K. Phoenix, RMC, Borough Clerk.

New Business

Strategic Plan Development – Ms. Bond-Nelson and Dr. Birnbaum provided an overview of the status of the district’s Strategic Plan Development process.

Borough Master Plan – Mr. Hollod provided an overview of the Borough Master Plan and the issues affecting education.

Security – Mr. Sternberg provided the Board and Council Members with an overview of the security issues and changes in the school district.

Shared Services – Mr. Sternberg also discussed and reviewed the shared services provided by Mr. Ostroff.

School Uniforms – Mr. Stabile discussed concerns and the advantages and disadvantages related to the district adopting a uniform for all students.

Comments

Council and Board members offered comments on various topics of interest to each individual.

Mayor Giordano mentioned Senior Day of Service for the 5th year and thanked the Board.

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Adjournment

Mr. Merrill moved, seconded by Mr. La Ronde and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg