

The minutes of a special joint meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education and the Borough of North Plainfield held on January 25, 2012 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:

Thomas Allen	Kathleen Mullen
David Branan	Nancy Szaroleta
Sandra Dodd	Linda Bond-Nelson
Thomas Kasper – absent notified	

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, as well as, members of the Borough of North Plainfield and approximately 35 members of the staff and public.

Comments from the Public

Upon request of the chair for topics from the public:

Ms. Alexis Gardner asked if it would be possible to receive phone notification of future joint meetings.

Ms. Womack asked the council if there were any plans for the Kmart Shopping Plaza and a possible recreation Center.

New Business

Communication – Cable Channel – Mrs. Forbes discussed the status of a contract with the cable company. Mr. Hollod mentioned receiving additional funds for equipment and requested a plan be developed.

Shared Services – Mr. Edward Ostroff, director of operations, North Plainfield Board of Education, provided an overview of the current status of the sharing of services between the two entities.

School Election Law – P.L. 2011 Chapter 202 – general discussion was held relating to the current law and option to move to November.

Field Usage – general discussion was held regarding field maintenance and the general costs related to use of fields.

Borough Website – general discussion regarding utilization of the website, specifically referring to BOE information.

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Mr. Merrill asked about HIB law. Dr. Birnbaum gave an updated and mentioned it would be scheduled for a presentation shortly.

The Board of Education and the Borough Council members agreed to another meeting in the fall of 2012.

Adjournment

Mr. Branan moved, seconded by Mr. Stabile and unanimously approved to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg