

January 10, 2018

The minutes of the public hearing meeting of the North Plainfield Board of Education held on January 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM, Watchung School, 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ. Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary 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
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Aye

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

A quorum was established

Also present were Michelle Vella, Acting Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent; and Donald Sternberg, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Jennifer Osborne, Board Attorney, and approximately 4 members of the staff and public.

Ms. Osborne, Board Attorney, read the resolutions being presented and discussed process for public comment.

Comments from the Public

None.

Public Hearing on Resolution 1 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11 – Addendum to Contract of Employment – Assistant Superintendent of Schools:

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; that The Board approves the Addendum to the Contract of Employment between the Board and the Assistant Superintendent of Schools effective December 2, 2017 through January 31, 2018. The Addendum received the prior approval of the Executive County Superintendent of Schools. Public Notice in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11 was provided in accordance with law, and copies of the Addendum and Contract of Employment are available at the Board Meeting of January 10, 2018, as well as in the District Business Office during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday at 33 Mountain Avenue, North Plainfield NJ 07060.

Comments from the Public

None.

Public Hearing on Resolution 2 Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11:

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; that The Board appoints Michelle Vella to the position of Acting Superintendent of Schools for the period December 2, 2017 through January 31, 2018.

Comments from the Public

None.

Recommendations

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin and Mr. Vick abstaining; that the Board reaffirm recommendations from the December 6, 2017 Board of Education meeting as listed as follows:

A1-A16
B1-B2
C1-C3

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Abstain

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin and Mr. Vick abstaining; that the Board reaffirm recommendations from the December 20, 2017 Board of Education meeting as listed as follows:

A1-A18
B1-B5
C1-C6

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. - Abstain

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote with Mr. Fellin abstaining; that the Board reaffirm recommendations from the January 3, 2018 Board of Education meeting as listed as follows:

A1-A6
B1
C1

Linda Bond-Nelson – Aye
Bianka Butler – Aye
Kathleen Mullen – Aye
Willie Vick Jr. – Aye

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

Ms. Butler moved, seconded by Mr. Fellin and unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn to session to discuss for confidential matters relating to students, personnel, contract negotiations, litigation, and/or any other matter considered confidential by federal or state law at 7:34 PM

Mr. Fellin left the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Committee and Delegate Report

Board Staff – No meeting scheduled at this time

Communications – Next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 5:30 pm.

Curriculum – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Finance & Facilities – Next meeting scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Policy Meeting – Next meeting scheduled for January 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations – Next meetings scheduled for January 24, 2018 at 4:30 pm, then January 31, 2018 at 5:30 pm and February 12, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

NJSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCSBA – No meeting scheduled at this time.

SCESC – No meeting scheduled at this time.

Superintendent Search Committee – Next meeting scheduled for January 22, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Comments from the Public

None.

Future Agenda Items

Per the presentation calendar (www.nplainfield.org)

Adjournment

Ms. Mullen moved, seconded by Ms. Butler and unanimously approved by roll call vote that the Board of Education will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 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 Ms. Mullen and unanimously approved to adjourn at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED:

Donald Sternberg