

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION  
6:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR  
EXECUTIVE SESSION  
7:00 p.m. SPECIAL MEETING  
(ACTION WILL BE TAKEN)

Place: **PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM  
950 PARK AVE.**

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez, President  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, Vice President  
Mr. Alex O. Edache  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach  
Dr. Susan Phifer  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon  
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim Superintendent

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. WELCOME
- V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WELCOME to a SPECIAL MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised this and all meetings of the board are open to the media and public, consistent with the Open Public meetings Act (Ch. 231 Laws of 1975), and that the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Thursday, January 19, 2012 for advertisement on Saturday, January 21, 2012 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- Personnel
- Legal, and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the minutes of this closed session be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board of Education will recess into its Executive Session.

## VI. CONDUCT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

The Board of Education takes official action at its Business Meetings. Business meetings are regularly scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month, subject to changes that may occur because of holidays. Prior to the board taking action at its business meetings, committee meetings are scheduled where in-depth discussion occurs.

At the Board of Education's committee meetings, no formal action is taken. The typical monthly schedule of meetings is as follows:

<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>* Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Time</u>
Policy Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	1 <sup>st</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Conf.	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Auditorium	8:00 p.m.

**(EACH OF THESE MEETINGS MAY INCLUDE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

\*Meeting Schedule Subject to Change

At each committee meeting, the Board discusses recommendations of the Interim Superintendent of Schools and other relevant items. Committee approval authorizes resolutions to be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate business meeting and/or possible formal action.

The agendas for all committee and board meetings are available at the Office of the Board of Education, 1200 Myrtle Avenue during business hours.

At the business meetings, privilege of the floor will be provided for sixty minutes for public comment prior to committee reports. A five-minute time limit per person is provided for public comment.

Concerns of the public regarding the schools or departments should be brought to the attention of the appropriate administrator in charge (principal, director, etc.). If concerns remain unresolved, they are to be directed to the Interim Superintendent of Schools. These procedures should be followed prior to concerns being presented to the Board of Education. This procedure allows administrators to resolve concerns at the most appropriate level of decision making.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

- District Reconfiguration

**IX. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE**

**A. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) – Approval for Submission of Application**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

**To provide high-quality educational and enrichment programs that will enable students to improve academic achievement, and promote positive behavior and appropriate social interaction with peers and adults.**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

**To improve the recruitment, retention, development of district staff.**

**Goal 3: Business Practice**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district school operations.**

**Goal 4: Safe Learning Environment**

**To provide a safe, secure, professional and clean environment for students, staff, and community members.**

**Goal 5: Community & Family Engagement**

**To implement activities that promote parental involvement and provide opportunities for literacy and related educational development to the families of participating students.**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield of Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit the following application for state and federal funds to expand the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers special education program services at CH Stillman Elementary School, Washington Community School, Hubbard Middle School, and Maxson Middle School.

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Administrator</b>	<b>Amount</b>
NJ Department of Education Office of Special Services & Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, Part B	<p>The NJ Department of Education is offering Plainfield Public Schools 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers the opportunity to secure additional funding from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act 2004, Part B, to expand or establish activities to existing or to increase the inclusion of special education students within the current grant project through August 31, 2012.</p> <p>Funding is solely for the purpose of supporting students with disabilities either through the implementation of new activities, expanding existing activities, providing professional development, or increasing outreach efforts to families who care for students with disabilities. The project activities may include but is not limited to school-based training and technical assistance, strategies and support for social skill development, instructional strategies and materials, and family involvement.</p>	Anna Belin-Pyles	\$39,840.00

**X. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE****A. Appointment of Insurance Broker**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of the firm of Reliance Insurance Group as the Broker of Record for Health and, Property and Casualty Insurance for the remainder of the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

**B. NCLB FY 2011 Amendment**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

**To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in PPS**

**Goal 3: Business Practices**

**To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district and school operations**

The Interim Superintendent of Schools recommends, and I so move, adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring that all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and insuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and achieve academic and life-long success.

No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation requires that FY 2011 carryover funds be incorporated into the FY 2012 Amendment, per the New Jersey Department of Education. NCLB funds support student academic achievement, school improvement, professional development, technology in education and English language acquisition. Funds have been allocated for Plainfield Public Schools and specific Non-Public schools within the district (I AM's Temple, King's Temple, Koinonia Academy and New Covenant Christian).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Interim Superintendent of Schools to submit FY 2011 NCLB Amendment for Federal funds to support educational programs and increase grant revenue in the district.

**XI. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A. Adoption of Policy – Second Reading**

The following is recommended for adoption:

**RESOLUTION**

The Board of Education finds it necessary that this policy be implemented for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools; therefore the following is recommended for adoption:

The Board of Education has reviewed the policy listed below and finds it acceptable for the management and operation of the Plainfield Public Schools, and

The Board of Education now finds it necessary that this policy be implemented, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves, on **second reading**, the following policy:

**Policy Number**  
9326

**Title**  
Minutes

**Amended**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**