

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
Time: 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL 2008-2009  
BUDGET HEARING  
BUSINESS MEETING  
Place: **PHS LIBRARY**  
950 PARK AVENUE

Board of Education Members

Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale, President  
Ms. Bridget B. Rivers, Vice President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mr. Martin P. Cox  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach  
Ms. Vickey Sheppard  
Dr. Garnell Bailey, Interim Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a SPECIAL 2008-2009 BUDGET HEARING BUSINESS 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, February 28, 2008 for advertisement on Saturday, March 1, 2008 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the district's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, Plainfield Public Library and Comcast Cable for posting.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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, the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- 1. matters rendered confidential by federal or state law
- 2. pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations and/or matters of attorney-client privilege
- 3. prospective or current employees unless all who could be adversely affected requested an open session

and be it

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

## 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 Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec. Ses.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues .ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m..
<b>BUSINESS MEETING</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.</b>	<b>Altn. Plfd. Schs.</b>	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>

**(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 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, 504 Madison 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 three-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 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**

**IX. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

At the business meetings, privilege of the floor will be provided for sixty minutes for public comment prior to committee reports. Members of the public in attendance will have the opportunity to raise concerns during this period of the meeting. Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of three (3) minutes by the clock; this time is not transferable by one individual to another. An extension of two (2) additional minutes will be granted only upon a majority vote of the board members present.

**X. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Adoption of the Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is required to certify a local tax levy for the support of the public schools, and

WHEREAS, a local tax levy will be the subject of the April 15, 2008 Annual School Board Election where citizens will be asked to vote on the tax levy for general funds, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education took action at its March 4, 2008 Business Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education adopt the budget to be presented at the March 25, 2008 Business Meeting and certify the amount of \$18,391,262 as the general fund local tax levy.

**XI. REPORT OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE**

Adoption of Policy – 2008-2009 Calendar

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, 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

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education waives the required two readings and approve the following policy that will be available for public inspection and comment, with final Board adoption:

**6111.1 2008-2009 School Calendar**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**