

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m. BUSINESS MEETING

Place: **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
AUDITORIUM**  
1200 MYRTLE AVE.

Board of Education Members

Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr., President  
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Ms. Sandra L. Chambers  
Mr. Christian Estevez  
Mrs. Brenda Gilbert  
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach  
Ms. Katherine Peterson  
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a 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 25, 2010 for advertisement on Saturday, February 27, 2010 and also provided to the Plainfield Public Schools, the District's website, the Plainfield City Clerk, Police Department, and Plainfield Public Library for posting.

## V. 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.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec.Ses.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	8:00 p.m.
Business Meeting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo.	Admin. Building	7:00 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 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 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.

VI. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

VIII. 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.

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

X. REPORT OF DELEGATES/LEGISLATIVE REPORT

**XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE****A. Adoption of the Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield 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 20, 2010 Annual School Board Election where citizens will be asked to vote on the tax levy for general funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education took action at its March 23, 2010 Business Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education adopts the budget to be presented at the March 30, 2010 Business Meeting and certify the amount of \$21,848,819 as the general fund Local Tax Levy.

**B. BOAACD Grade Configuration Change**

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

**RESOLUTION**

The Plainfield Public Schools has developed and implemented an educational program for at-risk students in grades 9-12. The Barrack Obama Academy for Academic & Civic Development is currently serving students in a small, student-centered learning environment. In order to better meet the districtwide needs of students, a need has been determined to provide for such an environment for students in grades 7-8. As a result, an application was made and submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education to modify the grade configuration of the Barrack Obama Academy for Academic & Civic Development to serve grades 7-12.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the grade configuration change of the Barack Obama Academy for Academic & Civic Development to serve students in grades 7-12, as reflected in the application submitted to the New Jersey Department of Education.

## XII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### A. Contractual Appointment

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

### RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential in the success of the District and students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members between the Business meeting of the Board of Education and next succeeding meeting of the Human Resource Committee.

The individuals listed have been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the NJ Administrative Code, Statute 6A:9-1.1, which “sets forth the rules governing preparation, licensure, and professional development of those educators required by their positions to be certified”. The Superintendent, in this item has used his authority.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the employment of the following individual subject to the requirements contained in Ch. 116,P.L. 1986 and upon verification of experience.

<u>Name/ Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary Pro-rated</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Position Codes</u>
Aaron Richard Elementary Teacher	04/12/10 – 06/30/10	\$45,812	Jefferson	K. Ramsey	PEAT-227

### B. Termination of Staff Member

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

### RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves in compliance with NJ Statute Title 18A the termination of a non-tenured/certificated employee, whose name and reason is on file with the Board Secretary.

**(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)**

### **XIII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

#### **A. PAAAS Lincoln Center**

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

##### **Strategic Plan Link:**

##### **Goal 1: Learning Outcomes**

**To improve the academic performance of all students in PPS.**

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 committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring that all students (inclusive of English Language Learners and Special Education Students) meet the New Jersey core curriculum Content Standard and achieve academic and life-long success.

Thirty (30) students in grades 7 – 12 enrolled in Instrumental Music programs at the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies (PAAAS) and Plainfield High School (PHS) and three (3) chaperones will attend the Jazz at Lincoln Center, New York, NY on April 20, 2010.

Departure is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on April 20, 2010 with an approximate return time of 1:00 p.m.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education approves thirty (30) students grade 7 – 12 and three (3) chaperones to attend Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York City. There is no cost to the district for admission. Transportation will be provided by the district on April 20, 2010.

### **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**