

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Time: 7:00 p.m. SPECIAL 2009-2010
BUDGET HEARING
BUSINESS MEETING

Place: **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
AUDITORIUM**
1200 MYRTLE AVENUE

Board of Education Members

Ms. Bridget B. Rivers, President
Mr. Martin P. Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.
Mr. Christian Estevez
Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach
Mr. Joseph M. Ruffin, Sr.
Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent

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

WELCOME to a SPECIAL 2009-2010 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 on Thursday, March 19, 2009 for advertisement on Saturday, March 28, 2009 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. 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 st Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Personnel/Exec. Ses.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	6:30 p.m.
Curric. & Instr.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Finance Committee	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
School Community Rel.	2 nd Tues. ea. mo.	PHS Confr. Rm.	8:00 p.m.
BUSINESS MEETING	3rd Tues. ea. mo.	Altn. Plfd. Schs.	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 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. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Adoption of the Budget for the 2009-2010 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 21, 2009 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 17, 2009 Business Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education adopt the budget to be presented at the March 31, 2009 Business Meeting and certify the amount of \$19,862,563 as the general fund local tax levy.

B. Mandatory Board Member Training

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approve Rasheed Abdul-Haqq and Patricia Barksdale to attend the Mandatory Board Member Training, for Governance II: Finance to be completed by April 9, 2009 at a cost of \$37.00 each. This web-based mandated training will provide an opportunity for training under the School District Accountability Act. The account charged is 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000.

C. Submission for Schematic and Final Educational Review of Modular Classroom Relocation

**Strategic Plan Link:
Goal 3: Business Practices**

To Provide the overall efficiency and effectiveness of district and school operations.

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education previously adopted a revised long range facilities plan which called for a redistribution of grade 6 – 8 students to neighborhood schools.

Cedarbrook School is now a K – 8 elementary school and is in need of additional classroom space to accommodate its increased enrollment. Maxson School has excess classroom space as a result of students opting to stay in their neighborhood schools.

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to submit plans to the New Jersey Department of Education which call for the relocation of eight modular classrooms from the Maxson Middle School to the Cedarbrook Elementary School for schematic approval and final educational review and approval.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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