

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m. PUBLIC SESSION
5:35 p.m. MEETING CLOSED FOR
EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 p.m. SPECIAL 2008-2009 PRELIMINARY
BUDGET 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 PRELIMINARY BUDGET 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:

- Personnel and Legal

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, 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 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, 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.

The next business meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in Barlow School.

VII REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

VIII. REMARKS FROM 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 Preliminary Budget for the 2008-2009 School Year

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Interim Superintendent of Schools has developed a tentative financial plan for implementing the policies and programs of the Plainfield Public Schools for the 2008-2009 school year, and

WHEREAS, policies, programs and financial plans have all been developed in compliance with Board of Education priorities, goals and objectives, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education adopts the attached preliminary budget submission as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$120,781,404	\$18,391,262
Total Special Revenue Fund	22,409,394	n/a
Total Debt Service Fund	2,457,847	223,032
Totals	<u>\$145,648,645</u>	<u>\$18,614,294</u>

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approve a 2008-2009 budget submission to the County Superintendent of Schools for review, with the understanding the Board will further review and refine its 2008-2009 budget leading to a final adoption at its meeting of March 25, 2008.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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