

PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Plainfield, N.J.

Date: Thursday, January 27, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m. SPECIAL MEETING  
8:00 p.m. CLOSED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION  
PUBLIC MEETING

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

Board of Education Members

Mrs. Lisa C. Logan-Leach, President  
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq, Vice President  
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale  
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell  
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr.  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards  
Mrs. Brenda L. Gilbert  
Mrs. Renata A. Hernandez  
Ms. Katherine Peterson  
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Interim 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 Monday, January 24, 2011 for advertisement on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 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. 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**, 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.    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | PHS Conf.         | 6:30 p.m.   |
| Curric. & Instr.       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | PHS Conf.         | 8:00 p.m.   |
| Finance Committee      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | PHS Conf.         | 8:00 p.m.   |
| Bldgs. & Grds. Cmte.   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | PHS Conf.         | 8:00 p.m.   |
| School Community Rel.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | PHS Conf.         | 8:00 p.m.   |
| Business Meeting       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. ea. mo. | Alternate Schools | 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 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 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
- IX. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSION

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. ADJOURNMENT**

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