

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **POLICY COMMITTEE** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009

A **POLICY COMMITTEE** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star Ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public schools. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Policy Committee Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised that 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 advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, April 3, 2009.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Martin Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq arr @ 6:35 p.m.
Ms. Patricia Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. arr @ 6:45 p.m.
Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach
Mr. Joseph Ruffin

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President absent
Mr. Christian Estevez absent

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq. arr. @ 6:20 p.m.

Ms. Jean Harkness, from New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) was in attendance to review the proposed policy updates in the 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 and 5000 series.

There was discussion of the Bio-Security Plan and the fact that it only applies to the Nutrition Policy.

Ms. Harkness indicated that we are adding an update to Policy 4111.1/4211.1 Nondiscrimination/Affirmative Action that addresses the American Disabilities Act.

There was a question concerning Policy 4119.22/4219/22 Conduct and Dress and how "Spirit Day, Cancer Day," etc. can be permitted.

Ms. Harkness provided confirmation that new laws/legislation will always supersede Board policy.

Ms. Barksdale moved, seconded by Mr. Ruffin and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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