

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

MINUTES of a **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, April 7, 2009

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield Board of Education Administration Building, auditorium. 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 and on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Work & Study 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 the Star Ledger on Wednesday, April 1, 2009 for advertisement on Friday, April 3, 2009.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ms. Bridget Rivers, President
Mr. Martin Cox, Vice President
Mr. Rasheed Abdul-Haqq
Ms. Patricia I. Barksdale
Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell
Mr. Agurs Linward Cathcart, Jr. left @ 9:50 p.m.
Mrs. Lisa Logan-Leach
Mr. Joseph Ruffin

Mr. Christian Estevez, absent

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Superintendent
Dr. Garnell Bailey
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mr. Terry Ridley, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mrs. Campbell, and unanimously approved by the Board:

RESOLUTION

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 adjourned 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 adjourned into its Executive Session at 7:06 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

None.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

A number of parent conferences have been occurring this week and they have been well attended. The School Development Association is meeting tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. to review the planned construction at Emerson School.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mr. Cox reminded Board members that questions on policy items must be to the Superintendent by noon tomorrow.

Mr. Ruffin congratulated administration for last week's wonderful "Red Carpet Event."

Dr. Gallon also advised the Board that we are submitting an employee for consideration as the New Jersey Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Cathcart would like to meet with the Superintendent and Business Administrator to discuss facility issues.

Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal.

Mr. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Barksdale and unanimously approved by the Board, to return to the public session and adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Recorded by:

Gary L. Ottmann, Board Secretary
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