

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, November 11, 2014

A **WORK & STUDY** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School Conference Room. 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. Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Monday, November 3, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards,
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache
Mrs. Mahogany Hall
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mrs. Yolanda Koon
Mrs. Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq.

Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Edwards, 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 adjourns to closed session to discuss:

- Personnel
- 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 6:45 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:35 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell shared her thoughts on Veteran's Day and the importance of this day and thanks all the vets for their work, and efforts in making the United States feel safe and protected.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This December we plan on having a student presentation.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles announced that our great Soccer team lost in the State's by penalty points and we are very proud of each one of them. The Board suggested that we recognize them on the morning announcement and at the next meeting.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles announced that we received the official letter for our PHS Middle-states accreditation.

There will soon be a presentation on the test data. The Board suggested having a consultant talk about the PARCC's whole initiatives. Mrs. Belin-Pyles will consider whether it should be an employee of the District or to consult outside or a collaboration of both.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles mentioned that a presentation of Safe School may occur during the November 18, 2014 Business meeting.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Human Resources was moved to the business agenda. Item E was voted on and passed.

C & I and Finance were moved to business agenda.

Policy was moved to business agenda with changes to policy #4119.26/4219.26 to add..."and parent \legal guardian."

Mr. Moore briefly informed the other members of the 2014 NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ and the various topics addressed.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed the Board that we have two (2) additional charter schools slated to open next September 2015 in our area; one charter school is slated to target both Plainfield and North Plainfield students and the other is primarily Plainfield students.

Mrs. Campbell stated it's appalling that Plainfield, again is challenged with the State planting charter schools in our town.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles stated she will look at other options that can keep our students here in Plainfield, by developing a magnet school, specialized trades or computer technology to be more competitive. She also mentioned she is always looking at how we can improve our product / services and are willing to explore all possibilities.

She is always looking at the quality of instruction and what other ideas can be incorporated into a competitive school. A suggestion is to look at other schools, models to see how they are closing the gap.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hall presented various policy changes to be updated and it was moved to the Business Meeting.

X. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3 – Business Practices

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

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Edwards for the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education acknowledges that the “Annual Meeting Between Education and Law Enforcement officials”, which will take place on or about, November 11, 2014, between the Superintendent of Schools and the City of Plainfield, Director of Public Affairs and Safety to discuss the Memorandum of agreement (MOA), and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement between Education and law Enforcement officials.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with seven members in favor and none opposed.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board of adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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