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, October 7, 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 Tuesday, September 30, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, October 4, 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. Dorien Hurtt, arr. @ 7:55 p.m.
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon

ALSO PRESENT
Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mrs. Yolanda Koon
Ms. Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq.
Mr. Nixon Kannah, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Coley, 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 8:18 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Coley had some concerns on page 18 of the agenda and requested additional information.

Mrs. Edwards shared her concerns regarding documentation after one has already traveled and the turn-key process and if it is effective. She would like to see more staff members taking the opportunity to go instead of the same individual's. She feels that we should do more research on why staff members are opting not to attend conferences.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles offered that she made sure that the trip is line with the Districts goals and strategies and the information is turn-key via PLC committees, administrative meetings, and shared with colleagues.

The C & I agenda was moved to the Business agenda.

Mrs. Koon highlighted the change on page 56 of the agenda. The changes will be reflected on the Business agenda.

The Finance agenda was moved to the Business agenda, along with Item K. Mrs. Belin-Pyles pulled Item D; she stated a presentation would be needed.

The Board allowed the public to speak. A young mother advocated to keep Mr. Juan Pablo Jimenez as Vice Principal at Washington Community School; she expressed that Mr. Jimenez had shown care and concern for the students. She asked the Board could they permanently keep Mr. Jimenez.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

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

VIII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

~~A. Early Childhood Education, Provider Review/Corrective Action Plan~~ **PULLED**

Strategic Plan Link
Goal 3: Business Practices:
To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations

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

RESOLUTION

The New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance completed a limited review of the Abbott preschool educational program contract, budget and financial records of Neighborhood House Association (the contracted provider) for a period of 2012-2013 school years. The report issued as OFAC Case # ECE-031-13.

The review contained several findings and recommendations that should be addressed to insure proper use of Abbott funds in the preschool program. The report was reviewed by the fiscal coordinator and the director of Neighborhood House Association and a corrective action plan has been developed and presented for board approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the OFAC review and approves the corrective action plan, which is on file in the Business Office.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Ms. Surgeon and unanimously approved by the Board to go back into executive session at 8:40 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the public session of the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Recorded by:

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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