

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, September 2, 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 Wednesday, August 27, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mr. Alex O. Edache, arr. @ 7:10 p.m.
Mrs. Mahogany Hall
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mrs. Keisha Edwards, absent
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell 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 6:40 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:15 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell mentioned that she was pleased and excited that there are only two (2) days left before the start of school.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles mentioned the Convocation and she emphasized the increase of professional development that was offered to approximately 1,100 employees; she also mentioned that there is approximately 35 more employees to help the students in the PPS to achieve success.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The Human Resources agenda was moved to the Business agenda except for the following items: A20, B, C, G, P will be voted on tonight and Q was pulled from the agenda.

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

The Finance agenda was moved to the Business agenda. Walk-on items G & H will be voted on tonight.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Policies will be moved to the Business agenda.

VIII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A. Administrative Appointment

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

To improve the recruitment, retention, and development of district staff.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends, and moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Moore adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Kenneth Welch, Jr., as Coordinator of Facilities and Grounds effective, September 22, 2014 or sooner at a prorated salary of \$113,920.00 (Guide D Step 2).

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Moore in favor and none were opposed.

IX. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

G. Enrollment of a Student Who is a Non-Resident

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Coley and seconded by Mrs. Hall adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

An employee of the Plainfield Public Schools is requesting permission that his son who does not reside in the school district, be enrolled in the 7th grade class at Plainfield Academy for the Arts & Advanced Studies (PAAAS), and

The Board of Education has a policy which allows employees to request a waiver of tuition fees for enrollment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the student to enroll at PAAAS and waive tuition fees in the Plainfield Public Schools for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Parent/Guardian will provide any necessary transportation.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Moore in favor. None were opposed.

H. Enrollment of a Student Who is a Non-Resident

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mrs. Coley and seconded by Mrs. Hall adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

An employee of the Plainfield Public Schools is requesting permission that his son who does not reside in the school district, be enrolled in the 6th grade class at Cedarbrook K-8 Center, and

The Board of Education has a policy which allows employees to request a waiver of tuition fees for enrollment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the student to enroll at Cedarbrook K-8 Center and waive tuition fees in the Plainfield Public Schools for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Parent/Guardian will provide any necessary transportation.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote with Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Edache, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Moore in favor. None were opposed.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Hall and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Hall and unanimously approved by the Board to open the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The Board voted on walk-on items G & H.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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