

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

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL** Meeting of the Board of  
Education Held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014

A **BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School, 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 the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**II. WELCOME**

WELCOME to a Business 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, August 27, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

**III. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

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

Mr. Alex O. Edache, absent  
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, absent  
Ms. Jameelah Surgeon, absent

ALSO PRESENT

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

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Edwards seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 6:55 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Business Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

## VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell stated that the agenda items will be handled first and then we would hear from the Superintendent on the State of the District.

Mrs. Campbell also mentioned and reminded us all of School Bus Training Requirements for our Bus Drivers.

She is Happy to announce that the Hubbard Garden project is finally in place and all are welcomed to come and visit.

She wanted to thank Mr. Eugene Campbell's, Buildings & Facilities Dept., and a special thanks to Mr. John Campbell for his participation and ideas in helping with planting of the seeds and getting the garden in shape. She feels that it is important for students to see how things grow and for them to participate.

Also, NJ State is implementing a legislation called "Farm-to-School" law that we will be seeing rolling out to all districts in the near future. Plainfield is already ahead of the game.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned a "Dollars for College" (grants/scholarships) that will be held this Thursday, Sept 11, 2014 in Springfield, NJ at 7:00 p.m. for all to learn ways to cut college cost. She will give this information to Mrs. Belin-Pyles to share.

Mrs. Campbell had a few items that the District needed to address and to be aware of:

- New law requiring High School Students to learn CPR and to train them on the AED
- \* equip
- Policies regarding the Wellness & Nutrition, Assessment of Individual needs,
- \* Physical Education & Health and Graduation Requirement

## VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles distributed hand-out for her presentation regarding the accomplishments of the District both past and present. She identified the benchmarks and whether or not the task was completed and if not, why. This included Goals 1-4 (Student Achievement, Professional Development, Curriculum and Communication).

Mrs. Belin-Pyles went over a PowerPoint presentation on the District goals for 2014-2015 and the continued efforts in increasing and enhancing our District in various different areas. All the information will be posted on the District's Website.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles also mentioned that the District was part of a pilot focusing on the Middle School students in language arts; our students were tested and passed an examination and the District received Certificate from the NJ Dept. of Education. Plainfield was 1 out of 7 that was recognized by the NJ Dept. of Ed.

She also mentioned our efforts in exposing our middle school students to three (3) languages and by 7<sup>th</sup> grade they would be able to choose one to follow until they graduate.

The Board mentioned that one population was underserved which were the deaf students. Sign Language should be considered when talking about languages. Mrs. Belin-Pyles responded that she would address and consider that as well. She mentioned that it will take finding the right personnel and support to ensure the program would be successful and that she would look into it.

Mrs. Campbell made some comments and suggestions. She wanted some check points on the roll-out of some of these initiatives. "How are these goals being implemented throughout the school year?" She suggested a quarterly report.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles was in agreement and that these items are essentially a living document. There will be constant monitoring and reviewing and also making adjustments as needed.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed all that AED equipment are in our schools and it is a part of the Crisis Team Plan which is in place.

#### REPORT FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

Policy chair mentioned that the Board should be receiving these polices and others in the month of Oct for discussion and revisions.

## IX. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell moved H.R. as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with six members in favor. None opposed.

### A. Contractual Appointment

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

### RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled and dedicated workforce is essential in the success of the District and students. Therefore, it has provided the Superintendent of Schools the authority to employ non-administrative and administrative staff members between the Business meeting of the Board of Education and next succeeding meeting of the Human Resource Committee.

The individuals listed have been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the NJ Administrative Code, Statute 6A:9-1.1, which "sets forth the rules governing preparation, licensure, and professional development of those educators required by their positions to be certified. "The Superintendent, in this item has used his authority.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the employment of the following provisionally subject to the requirements contained in Ch. 116,P.L. 1986 and upon verification of experience.

<u>Name/Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary Pro-rated</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Position Codes</u>
Lisa Quagliariello English Teacher	09/10/14-06/30/15	\$47,700.00	Maxson	M. McDonald	PEAT-847

(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)

### B. Substitute, Hourly and Per Diem Appointment

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

### RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following substitute, hourly and per diem employees as needed with terms as stated, provisionally, subject to requirements contained in C.116, P.L. 1986:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>	<u>Funding Code</u>
Jazmin Quiles	Substitute Teacher	09/10/14-06/30/15	\$100.00 per day	ELEMSUBTEA

## X. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Moore moved Finance as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Hall. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with six members in favor. None opposed.**

### A. 2014-2015 Transportation Contract Renewals September, 2014

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

### RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following 2014-2015 contracts:

RT	CARRIER	SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE	AMT PER DIEM	AIDE PER DIEM	TOTAL PER ANNUM
CED2	A&P	Cedarbrook	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$138.39	N/A	\$24,910.20
COO1	A&P	Cook	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$142.38	N/A	\$25,628.40
HUB 3	A&P	Hubbard	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$115.48	\$28.00	\$25,826.40
MAX 3	A&P	Maxson	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$114.80	\$28.00	\$25,704.00
EMR1	A&P	Emerson	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$147.16	N/A	\$26,488.80
EMR2	A&P	Emerson	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$147.16	N/A	\$26,488.80
WAS1	A&P	Washington	9/1/13 TO 6/30/14	\$158.30	N/A	\$28,494.00
MAX1	A&P	Maxson	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$148.56	N/A	\$26,740.80
HUB1	A&P	Hubbard	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$148.56	N/A	\$26,740.80
TPP1	A&P	Moms & Babes	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$190.00	N/A	\$34,200.00
TPP2	A&P	Moms & Babes	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$190.00	N/A	\$34,200.00
H19	A&P	Piscataway Rd	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$155.82	N/A	\$28,047.60
STB1	A&P	St. Barts	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$138.37	N/A	\$24,906.60
BBP	A&P	Bright B. (Pisc)	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$226.87	\$65.00	\$52,536.60
CLI1	LAMON	Clinton	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$116.21	\$30.19	\$26,352.00
ATH/H&M	A & P	PHS & Middle Sport Events	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$255.00 1 <sup>ST</sup> (4) HR Per Vehicle	N/A	\$150,000.00 Estimated
			9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$50.00 Over Time Rate P/H Per Vehicle	N/A	
AS/ATH2 SHUTTLE	A & P	Various Elem. Schools/Fields In Plainfield	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$86.00 Per Bus Per Day (2) Buses 1-East End 1-West End	N/A	\$30,960.00 Estimated
MAX6	A & P	Maxson	9/1/14 TO 6/30/15	\$196.00	N/A	\$35,280.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>\$621,760.20</b>

**B. Complete Care Medical Center – Medical Services**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for medical coverage at varsity high school football games as well as on-site athletic physicals, and

**WHEREAS**, Complete Care Medical Center of Scotch Plains, NJ has the skills and expertise to provide these services, now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes the appointment of Complete Care Medical Center at a cost of \$350.00 per game and \$15.00 per student physical. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to 11-000-213000-300A-27-0000 (Purchased Prof and Tech Services).

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Hall and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary  
YK/bsc