

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, August 4, 2015

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. Mr. Gary L. Ottmann, School Business Administrator called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m. and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a WORK & STUDY MEETING of the Plainfield Board of Education. Members hope you will find the meeting interesting and informative. We thank you for taking the time to attend. Please be advised 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 the advance notice required therein has been provided to the Courier News and Star Ledger on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President, arr. @ 7:20 p.m.
Mr. Terrence S Bellamy, Sr.
Mr. John C Campbell
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley, arr. @ 6:48 p.m.
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.
Mr. David M. Rutherford

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mr. Gary L. Ottmann
Mrs. Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Clarke 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 6:46 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Business Meeting at 9:00 pm.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell questioned Item G, Acellus Online Program, if we are paying for all students, or just students who use it.

Mrs. Johnson-Tucker indicated that it's been used since 1997 at PHS.

Mrs. Campbell inquired what kind of data can be shared with the Board that shows its effectiveness. Are there other programs that could be offered as an alternative?

Mr. Campbell questioned the lack of vendors not getting required permits. We may want to visit policy to see what our options are.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE

V. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mr. Bellamy indicated that in June, students with no money were denied lunch.

Mrs. Coley said the same thing at PHS.

Mrs. Johnson-Tucker invited all board members to the administrative retreat later this month.

VI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rutherford moved Finance Items E and G as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Bellamy. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with nine members in favor and none were opposed.

E. Modification of the District's Long Range Facilities Plan

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

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education will incorporate the property (1700 – 1804) therein as (I) two school facilities having NJDOE approval as sufficient to provide additional District educational capacity; (II) as school facilities which are adequate for District needs to serve the Jefferson Elementary School and the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies School, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education authorizes such application to be filed as soon as NJDOE is able to accept and process such application but in no event later than fifteen (15) days after notice from the School Development Authority to do so.

G. Professional Services

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District and individually named administrators require legal representation, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education appoints Francesco Taddeo, Esq., of Somerville, New Jersey, to represent it and the individuals so named in the litigation.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Recorded by,

Gary L. Ottmann, Business Administrator
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