

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, January 13, 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. Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:48 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 Friday, December 19, 2014 for advertisement on Saturday, January 3, 2015.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mrs. Keisha Edwards,
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr.
Mr. David M. Rutherford

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mrs. Mahogany Hall, excused

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 8:20 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell mentioned the possibility of moving the venue of our business meeting due to the poor lighting. Several suggestions were given.

Mrs. Campbell also mentioned that she would like to know when the “Bee’s” will be scheduled.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Human Resources, C & I and Finance, including Mr. Haqq’s resolution were moved to business agenda.

A board member asked about the movie “Selma” and Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed the Board that she along with her staff was working on trying to get a quote on renting out the entire theater for our students. Some classes were already scheduled to attend the movie.

Mrs. Campbell mentioned that it’s a possibility of having a memorial for Mr. Haqq. A committee should be set-up and Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Edwards would love to be on the committee.

The Lady Cardinals and Viking Cheerleaders will be recognized by the Mayor of Plainfield on Saturday, January 24, 2015 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. for their accomplishments. The Board would also like to recognize the cheerleaders of both groups at the next meeting.

The Board mentioned that the individual websites be updated with correct information i.e. rosters.

The Board also wanted to know when the Breakfast Program will start. Mr. Ottmann estimated that it should begin in February 2015.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles mentioned the discussion and news media around the PARCC exam and whether parents can opt-out or refuse the exam and what the process should be. This Thursday at PHS there will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m., which a presenter will answer all questions and concerns.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE POLICY COMMITTEE

NONE.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Edwards and unanimously approved by the Board to go back into executive session at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Coley and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the public session at 11:07 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Coley and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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