

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, June 9, 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 6:40 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 Monday, June 1, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, June 6, 2015.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mrs. Keisha Edwards, Vice President, arr. @ 7:49 p.m.  
Mr. Terrence S Bellamy, Sr.  
Mr. John C Campbell  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers  
Mr. David M. Rutherford

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent  
Mrs. Yolanda Koon  
Ms. Mallory Griffin, Esq.

Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., absent

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell seconded by Mr. Campbell 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 Work & Study Meeting at 8:58 p.m.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell mentioned that this is a very exciting time of the year where we are recognizing students, staff and to honor our graduates.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

IX. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Curriculum & Instruction was moved to the Business agenda.

Finance was moved to the Business agenda, except Item Ap., which was voted on and passed and item which was voted on and failed.

Policy was moved to the Business agenda

Mrs. Campbell gave a brief summary on the shared services. All have agreed to identify an Information Technology person to help support the Help Desk area.

Mrs. Coley provided an update on the proposed change in the mission statement. She attended a meeting and received feedback from the parents, etc. and will sift through the comments and will report back on the changes.

A Board member requested Mr. Ottmann to provide the update on the Hub Stine Field project. Mr. Ottmann informed the Board that the vendor, Gallen Construction, would absorb the cost of the electrical job needed to complete the project.

A Board member mentioned that he feels it's a nice project but will not be able to support. He feels that we don't have the staff or resources to oversee this project; and that there are other projects that are more urgent than this.

Another Board member mentioned that we again have building that are aging and neglected that needs to be addressed. He couldn't support the project when there are ceiling tiles collapsing and bricks falling from the buildings. We are doing a disservice to our children.

The Board received an email today regarding the Hub Stine Field project. The email alleges that the specifications did not contain certain language that is required by the State of NJ. Ms. Griffin informed the Board that Mrs. Fittipaldi and Kevin Renwick addressed the email and stated she wasn't worried about this subcontractor who didn't bid and she felt that Plainfield did follow proper protocols according to Statue 18A.

The Board wanted to know from Foreman Architects, how communicate to the community that we are comfortable with the turf product. The Board was very concerned with toxicity and wanted Mr. Renwick to find some support that could be distributed to the community.

Montague Sparrow, employee of the District mentioned his concerns for the field and questioned will he get some assistance in taking care of the field, etc. I support ½ of the project because the fields are in bad shape. We have bathroom issues that need some attention. Some 15 years Plainfield use to get awards for their fields (best grass). How do we protect our investment? I'm there daily.

Mr. Turner a community person was concern with the management of the project. I want to see our children do will both academically as well as athletically and Athletics is for some a vehicle to get into college. I would like to see the project done.

Board members spoke about the facilities around the District and express the dire need for repairs as priority as opposed to at this time, to spend over \$5million on the fields.

**An-12 2015-35 Renovation of Hub Stine Fields/ Turf Fields**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 18A-1 (et seq) advertised for sealed bids for 2015-35 Renovation of Hub Stine Fields/ Turf Fields on April 23, 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with that advertisement bids was received, publicly opened and read aloud at the Board of Education Office on May 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. with the following final results.

	Applied	*Gallen	JC Landscape
Base Bid	4,877,911.00	<b>4,572,000.00</b>	5,294,000.00
<b>Alternate 1</b>	29,000.00	<b>28,000.00</b>	68,400.00
<b>Alternate 2</b>	22,000.00	<b>16,000.00</b>	20,900.00
<b>Alternate 3</b>	29,000.00	<b>28,000.00</b>	40,425.00
<b>Alternate 4</b>	23,000.00	<b>6,000.00</b>	20,630.00
<b>Alternate 5</b>	30,000.00	<b>30,000.00</b>	15,000.00
<b>Alternate 6</b>	16,000.00	<b>9,000.00</b>	15,000.00
<b>Alternate 7</b>	110,000.00	<b>66,000.00</b>	121,800.00
<b>Alternate 9</b>	17,000.00	<b>38,000.00</b>	19,800.00
<b>Alternate 10</b>	41,000.00	<b>28,000.00</b>	84,000.00
<b>Alternate 11</b>	45,000.00	<b>38,000.00</b>	35,100.00
<b>Alternate 12</b>	40,000.00	<b>38,000.00</b>	39,204.00
<b>Alternate 14</b>	52,400.00	<b>41,000.00</b>	45,576.00
<b>Alternate 15</b>	22,900.00	<b>58,000.00</b>	52,920.00
<b>Alternate 17</b>	375,000.00	<b>349,934.00</b>	349,934.00
Alt Sub-Total	1,132,300.00	<b>773,934.00</b>	1,455,687.00
<b>G-Total</b>	6,010,211.00	<b>5,345,934.00</b>	6,749,687.00

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education accepts the lowest responsible and responsive bid of Gallen Construction, Inc., of Hackensack, NJ in the amount of \$5,345,934.00.

The motion failed on a roll-call vote with three (3) members in favor: Mr. Bellamy, Mrs. Clarke and Mrs. Jeffers voted yes. Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley and Mr. Rutherford opposed and Mrs. Edwards abstained.

**Ap. Former Board Members Participation in Commencement Exercises**

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mrs. Edwards for adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

In recognition of the personal service and dedication of former Board members to the Plainfield Public School District, those who have a child or children in the graduating class, and who express the desire to participate in the commencement ceremony shall be allowed to participate by wearing a cap and gown provided by the district, walk in the class procession, and shall be afforded the opportunity to award a diploma(s) to their own child(ren).

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the participation of former Board members in high school commencement exercises.

**The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mr. Bellamy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Coley, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Jeffers and Mr. Rutherford in favor. None were opposed.**

Mr. Campbell moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary  
YK/bsc