

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, October 6, 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 6:37 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, September 29, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, October 3, 2015.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., Vice President
Mr. Terrence S Bellamy, Sr.
Mr. John C Campbell
Mrs. Deborah Clarke
Mrs. Jackie Coley
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Mr. David M. Rutherford
Mr. Richard Wyatt

ALSO PRESENT

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

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Bellamy 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 Business Meeting at 9:09 pm.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Belin-Pyles met with the Mayor on the MOU; the Mayor feel that they should not be charged since they are not charging us for the four (4) SRO's which totals approx. \$500,000.

The Board expressed a willingness to work with the City of Plainfield to apply for grants that would help to subsidize the cost. A contingency plan is needed.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Some student's needed their schedules changed to better serve them and prepare them for the future (i.e. Honor classes, AP classes and relevant electives). It was a challenged but this has been rectified and all students should have received revised and corrected schedules by October 9, 2015.

Board members expressed their dissatisfaction with the way things were handled. It's October and the students are still not fully situated in their proper classes. This is unacceptable.

Mrs. Johnson-Tucker also provided what was done to correct this problem.

A discussion around the 6th graders not having tablets was brought up and Mrs. Belin-Pyles informed the Board that we are currently working with Business Dept. on getting more tablets for the students. We need an additional 400 tablets.

C&I, Finance and Policy were moved to the Business meeting. Corrections were made on the Toilet Waiver resolution.

The Board requested a detail of service offered by the Neighborhood Health Center from the 2014-2015 school year and the number of students who used this service.

Breakfast in the Classroom, a Board member received some complaints on what was being served. That is too high in sugar. Stop serving breakfast bars and start serving better nutritious meals.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles has already met with Sodexo on various issues that have been raised. So they have planned to modify the breakfast by having yogurt, breakfast sandwiches, chocolate and strawberry milk and water just to name few.

The menus are on the website.

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

H. Appointment of Accounting Firm

The following is recommended for adoption, moved by Mr. Rutherford and seconded by Mr. Bellamy:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the District has identified a need for accounting services and Wayne A. Salas, CPA has the skills and experience to provide the needed services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education appoints Wayne A. Salas of Somerset, New Jersey to provide special accounting services at a fee not to exceed \$150,000.00.

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with six members in favor. Mrs. Jeffers abstained. Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Campbell did not vote. None were opposed.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to return to executive session at 10:40 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mrs. Clarke and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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