

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 22, 2015

A **SPECIAL 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 6:45 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 Wednesday, September 16, 2015 for advertisement on Saturday, September 19, 2015

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., Vice President  
Mr. John C Campbell  
Mrs. Jackie Coley  
Mr. David M. Rutherford  
Mr. Richard Wyatt

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr., excused  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke, excused  
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers, excused

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell 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 6:35 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:25 p.m.

#### **IV. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

##### **A. Administrative Appointment**

**Strategic Plan Link:**

**Goal 2: Human Resources**

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

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

#### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Plainfield Board of Education recognizes that a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and the students.

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of N. Christopher Payne as Chief Information Officer and Technology Officer effective October 20, 2015 or sooner at a prorated salary of \$125,000.00.

**The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Moore, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Wyatt in favor and none were opposed.**

**V. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE****A. Professional Services**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the District has identified a need for legal representation, now therefore be it,

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education appoints Daniel Williamson, Esq., of Plainfield, New Jersey, effective September 8, 2015, as Special Legal Counsel for workers compensation and related matters at a rate of \$150.00 per hour.

**The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Moore, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Wyatt in favor and none were opposed.**

**B. Appointment of Board Attorney – Workers Compensation**

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

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Professional Services agreement with Biancamano & Distefano, Esq. as Workers Compensation Counsel for the 2015 – 2016 school year.

**The motion carried on a roll-call vote with Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Coley, Mr. Moore, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Wyatt in favor and none were opposed.**

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mr. Campbell and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary  
YK/bsc