

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD  
IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

MINUTES of a **WORK & STUDY** of the Board of  
Education Held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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 Policy Department, and posted in all Plainfield Public Schools and on the Plainfield Public Schools website. Mr. Craig Smith, Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:35 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, January 27, 2016 to be advertised on Saturday, January 30, 2016.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President  
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.  
Mr. John C. Campbell  
Mrs. Deborah Clarke  
Mrs. Emily E. Morgan  
Mr. David Rutherford  
Mr. Richard Wyatt

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent  
Mr. Craig Smith  
Mrs. Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq.

Mrs. Carletta Jeffers, excused  
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., excused

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Campbell and 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, that the Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss

- Personnel
- Legal

and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the minutes to 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 8:01 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Iris House made a presentation on Health/HIV Prevention/STD Prevention. The Board was asked to consider.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mr. Graves asked what data is used for success. They said a pre and post-test will be given.

Mrs. Yvonne Breauxsaus, Director of Planning Research & Evaluations, gave a presentation on Student Performance Data/PARCC.

Mrs. Campbell asked the deadline for completion of assessments to qualify for June graduation. Mrs. Breauxsaus responded that she would provide an update at a subsequent meeting.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles stated that there are six options for graduation for students who don't take the PARCC Test. One of the options is submitting a portfolio and she is waiting on information from the State on how to process.

Mr. Wyatt asked when this presentation will be done to the parents.

Mrs. Johnson-Tucker that it has been done at some schools.

Mr. Campbell asked if summer school is available for seniors to graduate. Mrs. Johnson-Tucker said yes.

Mrs. Campbell requested that graduation options be formally presented at the State of the District Meeting.

Mr. Wyatt asked if the District can do a deadline for portfolios.

Mr. Gary Ottmann presented the 2016-2017 proposed budget.

Mr. Ottmann and the Mrs. Belin-Pyles fielded questions from the public and board members.

Mrs. Campbell asked if there are alternate sources of revenue to close the budget gap.

Mr. Rutherford presented A through E under finance to be moved to agenda; Item F presented for a vote and G was walked on.

Mrs. Campbell motioned and Mr. Bellamy seconded to approve item F. All were in favor.

Mrs. Campbell motioned and Mr. Bellamy seconded to approve item G. All were in favor.

Mrs. Campbell presented Curriculum & Instruction and moved the items to the business meeting agenda.

Mrs. Morgan presented the Policy Committee Report. The policy readings on Medical Marijuana & Nepotism were tabled for discussion until the business meeting.

Mr. Keith Young, Assistant Wrestling Coach, will honor sports writer, Harry Frezza on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 6p.m. at Plainfield High School Gym.

Mrs. Campbell gave a reminder that there will be a districtwide Black History Program on February 27<sup>th</sup> and a breakfast on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Central Office.

Mrs. Campbell wants a discussion on the presentation relating to Priority and Focus schools and what strategies are needed to get out of that status. Mrs. Campbell asked if a special meeting will be needed.

The Board decided to hold a special meeting on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 10a.m. at Plainfield High School.

Mrs. Campbell announced that there will be a celebrated ribbon cutting ceremony on February 12<sup>th</sup>, at 1700 West Front, home of PAAAS and Jefferson schools. The Lt. Governor will be featured. The Mayor, Assemblyman and Freeholders are invited to attend. Other Stakeholders have been invited.

## VII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### F. Settlement

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

#### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Bettina Heller retired from employment with the District; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Heller presented a claim to the District for longevity pay earned prior to her retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Heller and the District have fully and finally resolved any and all claims, complaints, and actions of any kind whatsoever whether known or unknown which either party may have against them as provided herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools of the District:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** the District shall pay Ms. Heller the sum of \$5,000 less all appropriate employment tax deductions in full settlement of all claims she may have against the District.

Mrs. Campbell moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

Reported by,

Craig Smith, Board Secretary  
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