

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

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL 2016-2017 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of
Education Held on Tuesday, March 29, 2016

A SPECIAL 2016-2017 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS MEETING of the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield was held this day in the Plainfield High School Auditorium. Notice had been provided to Board members and to the Courier-News, Star ledger, Public Library, City Clerk, Plainfield Police Dept., 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 6:38 p.m., and the following took place:

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE
- II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a **SPECIAL 2016-2017 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING BUSINESS 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 Thursday, March 24, 2016 for advertisement on Saturday, March 26, 2016.

- III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Wilma G. Campbell, President
Mr. Frederick D. Moore, Sr., Vice President
Mr. John C Campbell, arr. @ 6:48 p.m.
Mrs. Deborah Clarke arr. @ 6:38 p.m.
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Mrs. Emily E. Morgan
Mr. David M. Rutherford arr. @ 7:06 p.m.
Mr. Richard Wyatt

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mrs. Lisa Fittipaldi, Esq.
Mr. Gary Ottmann, School Business Administrator
Mr. Craig Smith, Board Secretary
Mr. Dan Williamson, Esq., HR Consultant

Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr., absent

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Wyatt, 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

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 6:41 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Special meeting at 7:15 p.m.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Campbell introduced Mr. Ottmann who provided information on the budget.

Mr. Ottmann gave a presentation on the budget.

Mr. Campbell asked about the figures for election.

Mr. Ottmann responded that it was approximately 60,000 to 70,000.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

NONE.

IX. PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

David Graves asked the following:

- Apple Award and felt it should not be political
- HIB report
- What gauge is there to show the relationship between the Athletic Director and students?
- Full-day kindergarten.
- Liaison reports
- Use of Facility meetings
- When will board meetings would be video taped

Terri Slaughter Cabbell stated that the Superintendent did not respond to her inquiries in a timely manner; therefore, she sent a complaint to the County Superintendent.

Eric Jones asked about the budget presentation and for clarity in the deficit of budget.

Jim Spearce asked about the bill board for the PAAAS building; who authorized it and who paid for it.

Carmencita Pile asked how the District could take credit for getting the PAAAS building for a \$1.00 from the State.

Ayeshia Eustace asked how the billboard for the candidate was paid by the District. Mrs. Campbell responded that it was paid by her.

Dorian Hurtt asked about the \$6 million deficit and how the gap was closed and was surplus encumbered. He also asked why the position of board secretary was separated from the school business administrator and why the election was moved to April.

Sherice Barker has put in a request for candidate forum for Hubbard School and asked if it would be available.

X. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Campbell moved and Human Resources as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Moore. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with eight members in favor and none were opposed.

“The Board of Education of the City of Plainfield reaffirms its commitment to ensure that the district provides equal employment opportunities regardless of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, ancestry, national origin, handicap and social or economic status...”

It is the policy of this district to provide, through a positive and effective affirmative action program equal opportunities for employment, retention, and advancement of all people.

The equal employment objective for the Board of Education calls for achieving full utilization of minorities and women, and handicapped persons at all levels of management and non-management and by job classification; to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or age; and to have a work environment free of discrimination.

A. Contractual Appointments

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 2: Human Resources

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

The individual listed have been verified by the Superintendent of Schools as qualified pursuant to the NJ Administrative Code, Statute 6A:9-1.1, which “sets forth the rules governing preparation, licensure, and professional development of those educators required by their positions to be certified. “The Superintendent in this item has used his authority.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education provisionally approves the employment of the following individual subject to the requirements contained in Ch. 116,P.L. 1986 and upon verification of experience.

	<u>Name/Certification</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary/ Pro-rated</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Replacing</u>	<u>Position Codes</u>
1.	Fredrick Akridge Plumber	04/12/16-06/30/16	\$75,165.00	District Facilities & Grds	New	PEAM-015
2.	Rasar Thompson Teacher Asst. P/T	04/04/16-06/30/16	\$24,196.00	Evergreen	A. Betancourt	PEAA-044

(A roll-call and an affirmative vote of 5 board members are required for passage.)

XI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Rutherford moved and Finance as a Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Wyatt. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with eight members in favor and none were opposed.

A. Adoption of the Budget for the 2016 – 2017 School Year

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education is required to certify a local tax levy for the support of the public schools, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education took action at its March 1, 2016 Work & Study Meeting to adopt a budget for the purpose of advertising, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education took action at the public hearing to modify the FY16 -17 proposed budget by \$2,620,000 and

WHEREAS, Plainfield Board of Education includes in the proposed final budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b). The District has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$470,000.00 for the purpose of out-of-district tuition, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education adopts the following budget and certifies the amount of \$24,295,492 as the general fund Local Tax Levy.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenues</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016 – 17 Total Appropriations	\$162,035,948	\$25,205,630	\$2,401,756	\$189,643,334
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$137,740,456	\$25,205,630	\$1,172,389	\$164,118,475
Taxes to be raised	\$ 24,295,492	-0-	\$1,229,367	\$ 25,524,859

B. Change Order

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

RESOLUTION

1) Cook School – Fascia & Soffit Reconstruction

WHEREAS, Spartan Construction, Inc., was previously awarded Bid # 2015-37 on May 19, 2015 in the amount of \$260,000.00 for Cook School Fascia & Soffit Reconstruction, and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the award, it was determined that there would be an increase due to the majority of angled support wood blocking supporting the existing gutter system is loose and not securely fastened on the south, west, and north facades. Additionally, there was deterioration of wood above the two (2) bay windows on the south façade, and now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves an increased change order in the amount of \$28,834.002 with a contract amount of \$288,834.00.

Mr. Moore moved and seconded by Mr. Rutherford and unanimously approved by the Board to return to executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Mrs. Campbell moved and seconded by Mrs. Jeffers and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Reported by,

Craig Smith, Board Secretary
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