

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, May 10, 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 given to the 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. 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 provided to the Courier-News and Star Ledger on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 to be advertised on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, President
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.
Mr. John C. Campbell
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Mr. David M. Rutherford
Mr. Richard Wyatt

ALSO PRESENT

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

The following resolution was moved by Mrs. Morgan 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 6:40p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of the Work & Study Meeting at 8:03 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan welcomed the public and stated her desire that meetings will be held on time and encouraged the public to ask questions.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent thanked Plainfield High School (PHS) administrative and district personnel for the effect for obtaining the approval of portfolios by NJ Dept. of Education (NJDOE) for graduating seniors who had not taken the PARCC test.

The Superintendent also acknowledged PAAAS School with a bronze rating by US News and World Report as one of the top high schools in the country.

Mr. Ottmann stated that Gov. Chris Christie would provide funds for water testing in next year's budget. Mr. Ottmann recommended that the District wait until a reimbursement can be done and when the state can determine what procedures should be followed. Mr. Ottmann stated current quote for water test at \$19,000.00.

Mr. Wyatt stated that money should not be a consideration.

Mr. Ottmann stated water testing would be done at 18 locations.

Mr. Hurtt stated that it would be a difficult decision.

Mrs. Morgan asked if state guidelines were more restrictive than that of federal guidelines for testing the Superintendent stated that the process is the matter of importance and that is unknown to the District at this time

Mrs. Morgan desired that the water issue to be taken up at the May 17, 2016 business meeting and that action may be taken.

VI. REMARKS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Mrs. Morgan presented committee assignments.

Mr. Wyatt asked if ad-hoc committee of Athletics would still be in existence.

Mrs. Morgan stated that it would be under consideration.

Mrs. Morgan stated that an ad-hoc committee for food service would be created. Mr. Bellamy and Ms. Anderson and Mr. Wyatt asked to be on committee.

Ms. Barris (public) asked if price was sole determining factor. Mr. Ottmann said no Ms. Pile asked to be on Athletic ad-hoc committee.

Mrs. Fittipaldi stated that Policy 9121 allows the board president to make decisions concerning the agenda.

Ms. Anderson presented the Curriculum and Instruction agenda.

Dr. Williamson explained Project Adelante.

Dr. Williamson explained the ELL Summer Academy.

Ms. Pile asked about marketing of the ELL programs and more should be done Ms. Adams explained SKIP program.

Ms. Anderson moved the Curriculum and Instruction agenda to the business meeting Ms. Pile presented the finance agenda.

Mr. Hurtt inquired about school messenger and why the change in platforms for robo-calls Mr. Ottmann explained the difference and functionality.

Mr. Hurtt asked about the Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP).

Mrs. Belin-Pyles explained what the CEP plan in detail.

Mr. Hurtt asked about the Smartlab.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles explained the Smartlab purpose.

Mr. Hurtt asked if a Request for Proposal (RFP) was done. Superintendent replied no.

Mrs. Jeffers presented policy agenda.

Mr. Hurtt asked questions concerning board president duties.

Mrs. Fittipaldi that the legal advice concerning duties would be given to board during executive session.

Mrs. Morgan moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to return to executive session at 10:35 p.m.

Mrs. Morgan moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Reported by,

Craig Smith, Board Secretary
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