

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

MINUTES of a **SPECIAL BUSINESS** Meeting of the Board of
Education Held on Thursday, May 26, 2016

A **SPECIAL BUSINESS** 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 the District's website. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Mr. Craig Smith, Board Secretary, and the following action took place:

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. WELCOME

WELCOME to a Special 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 Friday, May 19, 2016 for advertisement on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily Morgan, President
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President
Ms. Lynn Anderson
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.
Mr. John C. Campbell
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Ms. Carmencita 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 Ms. Pile seconded by Mr. Campbell, 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 6:45 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Business Meeting at 7:05 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles gave her remarks and said a presentation would be given by the Clerk of the Works on the roof projects.

Mr. Greer passed out samples of roofs to the Board and the public.

Mr. Greer said numerous leaks were in roofs in the various schools and replacement was needed.

Mr. Greer described the roofing system and process being considered. He recommended not doing a hot process.

Mr. Greer stated that the mule-hide-system is being considered and they will offer a 20 year guarantee.

Mr. Greer stated that he requested a 1 year warranty for workmanship be put in the specifications. He stated a 2 year warranty would cost additional funds.

Mr. Greer recommended that the Board move forward so that work can be done in the summer while school is not in session.

Mr. Wyatt asked rating of mule-hide-system; Mr. Greer replied that it is highly rated and that it is comparable to a C Pass system.

Ms. Anderson asked what a C Pass system is.

Mr. Greer replied that a C Pass system is a very good system but cost more than the mule-hide system.

Ms. Pile asked how Mr. Greer acquired his knowledge of the mule-hide system. Mr. Greer replied he installed this system while being a contractor.

Mr. Hurtt asked Mr. Greer to explain his credentials. Mr. Greer replied he has multiple certifications in inspections and has worked as a contractor as well as a municipal code inspector.

Ms. Anderson asked if other schools had used the system in NJ: Mr. Greer said he would check.

Ms. Pile asked where he had used the mule-hide system. Mr. Greer replied he used the system in Maryland.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Greer if he has reviewed the plans; Mr. Greer said no.

Mr. Hurtt asked if plans were not reviewed how that would affect the vote.

Mr. Greer stated that the plans should be reviewed by next Tuesday and he hopes to have enough time.

Mrs. Fittipaldi explained bid process to the Board.

Ms. Koon stated that an addendum could be added to bid specs to allow for any changes.

Ms. Anderson asked how long Mr. Greer would need to review specifications. Mr. Greer replied that he would be reviewing them all day and night, if necessary, because of time constraints.

Mr. Campbell inquired about the timeframe for construction. Mr. Greer stated that it could take 3-6 weeks with no unforeseen circumstances.

Mr. Bellamy asked if he was the only person to review the specifications. Mr. Greer stated that Mr. Welch may also review specifications.

David Graves asked Mr. Greer would he normally do this review in this manner. Mr. Greer replied no. Mr. Graves also asked if Mr. Greer was the sole person to change a terra cotta roof to a mule-hide system. Mr. Greer replied that the architect made that decision.

Mrs. Morgan asked if Mr. Campbell would recommend tabling the resolution for roofing projects. Mr. Campbell said yes.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles said that Mr. Greer and Mr. Welch had a two hour conversation with the architect. She also explained that the board was approving submission to NJDOE, not the actual bid, so the District still had options to do the work during the summer and that Mr. Greer would work with architect over the weekend.

Mrs. Fittipaldi asked if act of approval of NJDOE would affect the change of plans to NJDOE.

Ms. Koon explained the NJDOE process of permission.

Mr. Hurtt inquired about an amendment to the resolution to approve plans subject to Mr. Greer's review and approval.

Mr. Rutherford felt that was inconsequential.

Mr. Hurtt said an amendment was necessary.

Ms. Koon stated that there is a three (3) day lead time for advertisement in the local paper and that she would place that order by the next day.

Mr. Hurtt stated that he felt that the Board was being rushed to approve the resolution.

Mr. Hurtt asked for a motion to approve plans subject to Mr. Greer's approval. It was seconded by Mr. Campbell. All were in favor.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles explained Item B dealing with board travel.

VI. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

A. Submission of DOE Specification–Evergreen ES, FW Cook ES, Maxson MS and the Plainfield High School Roof & Partial Roof Replacements

Strategic Plan Link:

Goal 3: Business Practices

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mr. Hurtt and seconded by Ms. Pile adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education has previously authorized certain capital projects, and

WHEREAS, the District, pursuant to the Education Facilities Construction and Financing Act, P.L. 2000 and the New Jersey Department of Education implementing regulations N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1 et seq is requesting that the following projects be reviewed as an “other capital project” and:

WHEREAS, if the facility is to house students it is therefore subject to the educational adequacy requirements set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-5, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Plainfield Board of Education approves the submission of the applications for:

<u>School Name</u>	<u>State Project Application#</u>
FW Cook Elementary Partial Roof Replacement Bid# 2016-41	4160-120-16-1000
Evergreen Elementary Roof Replacement Bid# 2016-40	4160-140-16-1000
Maxson Middle School Partial Roof Replacement Bid# 2016-42	4160-070-16-1000
Plainfield HS Partial Roof Replacement Bid# 2016-43	4160-050-16-2000

By LAN Associates, Engineering, Planning, Architecture, Surveying Inc. to the New Jersey Department of Education, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, these projects are included in the District’s Long Range Facilities Plan (except the Plainfield HS Partial Roof Replacement) list of projects to be completed, and therefore, no amendments to the plan are required. The Board of Education is not seeking state funding for this project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Plainfield HS Partial Roof Replacement project was not included in the District’s Long Range Facilities Plan list of projects to be completed, and therefore, the Board of Education authorizes submission of an LRFP amendment request to include this project. The Board of Education is not seeking state funding for this project.

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with nine members in favor and none were opposed.

B. Out-of-District Travel

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3: Business Operations

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

The following is recommended by adoption and moved by Mr. Hurtt and seconded by Ms. Pile:

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Terrence Bellamy to attend the School Security and Student Safety Conference on Friday, June 3, 2016 in West Windsor, NJ at a cost of \$99.00; and Carletta Jeffers and Emily Morgan to attend the Spring School Law Forum on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 in Monroe Township, NJ at a cost of \$299.00 each. The availability of funds for these items has been verified and will be charged to account 11-000-230000-580A-01-0000 (Board Travel).

The motion carried on a roll-call vote with six members in favor. Mr. Bellamy, Mrs. Jeffers and Mrs. Morgan abstained, none were opposed.

Mr. Campbell moved and seconded by Ms. Pile and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Reported by,

Craig Smith, Board Secretary
CS/bsc