

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, September 6, 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. Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:37 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 Monday, August 29, 2016 to be advertised on Saturday, September 3, 2016.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, President
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President, arr. @ 6:50 p.m.
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.
Mr. John C. Campbell, arr. @ 6:44 p.m.
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Mr. David M. Rutherford, arr. @ 6:44 p.m.
Mr. Richard Wyatt, arr. @ 6:44 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Mrs. Anna Belin-Pyles, Superintendent
Mr. Phil Stern, Esq.
Mrs. Yolanda Koon

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Anderson seconded by Ms. Pile 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 Work & Study meeting at 8:19 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

NONE.

V. REMARKS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Belin-Pyles remarks were that we had an outstanding opening of schools today and that the Convocation was good, in which she credited the employees and staff district-wide. Today she covered most of the schools and found great things happening. She was instruction taking place on the 1st day. Maxson and Hubbard had increased enrollments of approximately 90 students.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles will provided a cost analysis on before and after care for each school to the Board members. This will be used to see if the District could offer some program in order to help keep some of our children in our schools as oppose to going to Charters Schools. We have to come up with strategies.

Mrs. Belin-Pyles has reached out and will continue to reach out to the City's grant writer to see if there are any opportunities for grants that would also help subside the cost or expand our programs.

Another discussion was the topic of older students from point of entry, and how is it impacting our schools and reports. This was a very lengthy discussion with input from some of our administrators and some solutions.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Ms. Anderson, C&I chair, stated there were questions asked and most were answered. All was moved to the business agenda and some additional questions are needed for the p.30 & p.45 for PAAAS.

Another discussion was the topic of older students from point of entry, and how is it impacting our schools and reports. This was a very lengthy discussion with input from some of our administrators and some solutions.

The Board attorney read aloud the statute regarding residency as this issue has come up.

Board members requested a copy of the Domicile law from Phil Stern.

A board member wants to see supporting documentation, or data of our over-aged students and how they are faring when they are mainstreamed with the general population. Do we have a tracking system?

Mrs. Belin-Pyles will provide the Board with supporting data showing our tracking of these students and how they are transiting into mainstream high school.

Finance agenda was moved to Business Meeting with the exception of the walk-on of the Affirmative Action appointment. That walk-on was voted and passed.

Policy was moved to the Business meeting however, we need to post the policies on website for anyone to make their comments and suggestions since the wrong set of hard copy policies were distributed.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE.

VIII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

A. Field Trip

(1) National Constitution Center - Philadelphia, PA Tour – Cook School

Strategic Plan Link

Goal: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring all students succeed academically and reach their full potential. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring all students meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, achieve academic, and life-long success.

In celebration of Constitution Day, **F.W. Cook Elementary School's** 4th and 5th grade will visit the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA.

Transportation will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield. The breakdown is as follows:

Date	Friday, September 16, 2016
Time	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Number of 4th and 5th Grade Students	77
Number of Staff Members	7
Number of Chaperones	8
Transportation	\$1,400.00
Admission	\$0.00
Total Cost to District	\$1,400.00

Signature attractions are:

- Freedom Rising and Signers’ Hall, view an original copy of the Bill of Rights, Kids Town Hall with Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, enjoy craft activities, sign our giant Constitution, meet founding fathers, and enjoy a piece of birthday cake.
- Philadelphia Mint Tour-to view and learn about the printing of paper money and coins
- View and extend their knowledge about the Liberty Bell

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the 4th & 5th grades from F. W. Cook Elementary to travel to the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA – total cost not to exceed \$1,400.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-15-0000 (Cook Prin Field Trip).

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

G. PAAAS Saturday Institute

PULLED

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for students and ensuring all students meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, achieve academic, and life-long success.

The **PAAAS** Saturday Institute Program will focus on technology, business management, accounting, marketing, and Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS), SAT and ACT Prep for student in grades 8-10. Saturday Institute will increase academic achievement of students participating in career and technical education programs.

Dates	September 17, 2016 – April 21, 2017
Time	9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Grade Level	8 th – 10 th
Staff	8 Teachers
Rate of Pay Per Hour/ Maximum	\$28.00 / \$2,200.00
Total Cost to District	\$17,600.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the Saturday Institute at PAAAS – total cost not to exceed \$17,600.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 20-362-200000-101A-52-0000.

T. After-School Tutorial Program – PAAAS **PULLED**

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

To improve the learning and academic performance of all students in all PPS

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education is committed to ensuring all students succeed academically and reach their full potential in life. In doing so, it is also committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring all students meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, achieve academic, and life-long success.

The **PAAAS** After School Tutorial Program will focus on Mathematics, English and Science. Students will receive academic support and enrichment activities which will increase academic achievement in our students' reading, literacy and science skills.

The breakdown is as follows:

Dates	September 14, 2016 – June 12, 2017
Days / Times	Monday – Friday / 3:05 – 4:05 pm
Grade Level	7 th – 12 th
Staff	5 Teachers
Pay Rate Per Hour / Maximum	\$28.00 / \$5,040.00
Total Cost to District	\$25,200.00

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the After-School Tutorial Program at PAAAS – total cost not to exceed \$25,200.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-130-100000-101C-52-0000 (PAAAS Teacher Stipends).

XIX. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

F. Affirmative Action Officers for 2016- 2017 School Year

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

RESOLUTION

The Board of Education is required by the laws of the State of New Jersey to designate an Affirmative Action Officer, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education appoints Delores BrownLawson, Director of Professional Development/Teacher Effectiveness, as its Affirmative Action Officer for the 2016 – 2017 school year and may appoint other officers as needed in specific areas.

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

Mr. Wyatt moved and seconded by Mrs. Morgan and unanimously approved by the Board to return to executive session at 10:02 p.m.

Mrs. Morgan moved and seconded by Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Interim Board Secretary
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