

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, December 5, 2017

A **WORK & STUDY MEETING** of the Plainfield 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 on the Plainfield Public Schools' website. Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary called the meeting to order at 6:36 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 Tuesday, November 29, 2017 to be advertised on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, President
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr.
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Mr. David M. Rutherford

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Caryn D. Cooper, Acting Superintendent
Mr. Philip Stern, Esq.
Mrs. Yolanda Koon

Mr. John C. Campbell, absent
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers, absent
Mr. Richard Wyatt, absent, absent

The following resolution was moved by Ms. Pile seconded by Ms. Anderson 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 6:39 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:08 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan welcomed all and hoped all had an enjoyable Thanksgiving.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cooper mentioned the State of the District will be held this Thursday, December 7, 2017. She encouraged all to support this event. She also mentioned that each school will have a booth ready to highlight what is going on at their schools. Students will also be performing.

Mr. Gary Higgins, auditor, presented the audit finds for the 2016-2017 school. He mentioned the management report and the district's surplus. There were also areas in need of improvement. The report was favorable. He explained the challenges the district is having, especially with the charter schools budgets.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

C&I was moved to the business agenda.

Finance was moved to the business agenda.

Policy was moved to the business agenda.

Human Resources was moved to the business agenda.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public may comment on agenda items only. Members of the public may speak once for each committee report. (Policy 9322)

VIII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Ms. Anderson moved Items B1; B2; B3 seconded by Mr. Bellamy. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with six members in favor. None were opposed.

B. Field Trips

(1) Lakehouse Music Academy – Asbury Park, NJ (PHS)

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

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

Plainfield High School students will visit Lakehouse Music Academy in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Amaker and Porterfield will provide transportation. The breakdown is as follows:

Date	December 6, 2017
Departure / Return Time	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
Grades	9 th – 12 th
# of Students	20
# of Staff	2
Admission	\$360.00
Transportation	\$680.00
Total Cost to District	\$1,040.00

Students will participate in a recording studio session workshop with a professional recording engineer. Students will learn and develop the skills necessary for performing musical arrangements in the recording studio. Students will play, perform on instruments, mics, recording equipment, and on the mixing console.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School students to attend the Lakehouse Music Academy in Asbury Park, New Jersey – total cost not to exceed \$1,040.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-000-270000-512A-25-0000 (PHS Prin Field Trip).

(2) Tour of Midtown, New York City (PHS)

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Plainfield High School U.S. History II Honors students will be given a tour of Midtown, New York City.

Transportation will be provided by Amaker and Porterfield, the breakdown is as follows:

Date	December 20, 2017
Departure / Return Time	8:00 am – 3:30 pm
Grades	11 th – 12 th
# of Students	45
# of Staff	3
Admission	\$0.00
Transportation	\$725.00
Total Cost to District	\$725.00

The tour will include a few stops and a historical tour of coverage of historical points of interest in Manhattan. The following venues will be the focus of this tour – Grand Central Station, Rockefeller Center, Union Square, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Bryant Park, New York Library, Empire State Building, Flatiron Building, Park Avenue, 5th Avenue, and the Chrysler Building.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Plainfield High School U.S. History II Honors class to visit New York City – total cost not to exceed \$725.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 25-000-270000-512A-25-0000 (PHS Princ Field Trip).

(3) Branchburg Sports Complex – Branchburg, NJ (Hubbard)

Strategic Plan Link

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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.

Hubbard Middle School eighth grade class will visit the Branchburg Sports Complex, in Branchburg, New Jersey.

Parents/students will fund the cost of admission. The breakdown is as follows:

Date	December 20, 2017
Time	8:45 am – 2:00 pm
Grade	8 th
# Students	200
# Staff	13
Transportation	District Organized
Admission (\$35.00 per student)	(\$7,000.00)
Total Cost to District	\$0.00

Branchburg Sports Complex offers an expansive thrilling outdoor learning environment with a variety of physical activities to support health. The real world unique designs will encourage interaction, communication, and critical thinking for students.

This field trip will also provide students with experiences that cannot be experienced in school and supports our goal of providing interdisciplinary curricula.

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves Hubbard Middle School 8th grade to visit Branchburg Sports Complex, Branchburg, New Jersey – at **no cost to the District**.

Mr. Bellamy moved and seconded by Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved by the Board to return to executive session at 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Bellamy moved and seconded by Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
YK/bsc