

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, June 13, 2017

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 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 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary, 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, May 30, 2017 to be advertised on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

**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

Dr. Debra Sheard, Acting Superintendent  
Mr. Phil Stern, Esq.  
Mrs. Yolanda Koon

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Hurtt 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 6:34 p.m.**

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed its public session of the Work & Study meeting at 8:04 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan welcomed to the Work & Study meeting.

Mr. Stern provided a quick update to the public\community on the “statement of reason” on Dr. Sheard’s request. She has rescinded her public request.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Sheard proceeded to show a brief year-end review of some of the great things that has happened over the year.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

C&I p.67 (B1 & B2) were Administratively pulled – budget reasons.

The Board had several questions on the C&I agenda and answers were provided.

The public had several questions regarding the STEM program. A lot of concern are around not having input in some of the decisions being made. Does the data support the decisions being implemented? A community person suggested that we need to promote our programs more, advertise them more and make it known that we have these offerings.

C&I was moved to the business agenda.

Finance, there were questions concerning Mr. Earl Ross, plumber. What does he do? Monitoring and for how long? How many black seals do we have in the District? Two in each school.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sam Cooper stated she is still uncomfortable with the thought that we are planning to fix up the 504 Madison Avenue building instead of using the money to save peoples jobs.

Mrs. Morgan restated that the purpose was to move the administrative offices at 1200 Myrtle Avenue back to the 504 Madison Avenue building.

A board member brought up the fact that it will be costing the District more to retro fit the 1200 Myrtle Avenue building back into school classrooms.

Eric Jones stated what sense does this make; who is benefiting from this? This is not wise.

Sheryl Nagel-Smiley, retired teacher mentioned that 504 Madison Avenue should be categorized as a historical building and would like to see it turned into a museum. She believes the building is 300 years old.

Finance was moved to the business agenda.

Policy (3250.1) will be return to the agenda for further discussion. Public concern is that these meetings are advertised or communicated to other stakeholders.

Policy to the business agenda.

### VIII. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

#### Z12. Reappointments

The Acting Superintendent of Schools recommends and moved by Mr. Bellamy and seconded by Mr. Wyatt for adoption of the following:

#### RESOLUTION

**RESOLVED**, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the following staff members to be recalled for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

First Name	Last Name	Job Code Description	Building Description
Rebeca	Allain	Science Teacher	Maxson MS
Mohamed	Allie	Biology Teacher	Plainfield High School
Erica Tina	Campbell	Science Teacher	Maxson MS
Ralph	Cardillo	Science Teacher	Hubbard MS
Candice	Curry	Math Teacher	Maxson MS
Paul	D'amico	Tv Production	PAAAS
Lissette	Ferreras	Secretary Lev 5	Special Education
Yvette	Figueroa	Eng/2nd Language	Jefferson Elementary
Steven	Gable	Math Teacher	Maxson MS
Randy	Granda	Math Teacher	Maxson MS
Jessika	Herrera	School Counselor	Plainfield High School
Ayesha	Howard	School Climate Culture	Stillman Elementary
Elzbieta	Indyk	Math Teacher	Hubbard MS
Arlen	Klinger	Math Teacher	PAAAS
Keli	Leunes	Math Teacher	PAAAS
Changyun	Liu	Math Teacher	PAAAS
Eric	Lurie	Science Teacher	Maxson MS
Nicola	Myrie-Cureton	Biology Teacher	PAAAS
Maria-julissa	Ortiz	Secretary Lev 4	Evergreen Elementary
Anisa	Ouheish	Math Teacher	Hubbard MS
John	Quinn	Director Athletics	Plainfield High School
Danny	Ramirez	Math Teacher	Plainfield High School
Norma	Rivera	School Counselor	Plainfield High School
Joely	Rodriguez	School Counselor	Hubbard Middle School
Myla	Simmons	Math Teacher	Maxson MS
Brunilda	Solano	Biling/bicult Educ Soc Studies	Maxson MS
Haxia	Torres	Science Teacher	Hubbard MS
Katy	Vaca	Secretary Lev 4	Cedarbrook K-8 Center
James	Walters	Math Teacher	Plainfield High School
Caleb	Williams	Math Teacher	Plainfield High School

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

Mr. Wyatt moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary  
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