

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 20, 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 6:35 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 Thursday, June 15, 2017 to be advertised on Saturday, June 17, 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, arr. @ 6:50 p.m.
Mr. Richard Wyatt, arr. @ 6:40 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Debra Sheard, Acting 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 6:40 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 9:00 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan mentioned the Sweeny Bill and wanted to know the impact this will have on the District.

Mr. Stern will send letters to the non-renewal employees for both PEA & PASA units and will explain what's happening and there may not be a need for any hearings.

Mr. Stern reminded the Board that the District, doesn't hire a custodian for a fixed term (year to year) then the custodians will earn tenure.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

A board member asked "will any transfers of staff be ready if they get moved to another school?"

Dr. Sheard continued answering questions the Board member had regarding the HR agenda. A discussion took place on certain items. Mrs. Jeffers left meeting.

Each Board member expressed their view on the recommended abolished positions.

The Board stated "every year we're are moving forward, but our kids are NOT."

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

The HR agenda was moved to the business agenda.

Mr. Wyatt moved and seconded by Mr. Bellamy and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
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