

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 Wednesday, November 8, 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 6:30 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, October 31, 2017 to be advertised on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

III. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mrs. Emily E. Morgan, President
Mr. Dorien Hurtt, Vice President
Ms. Lynn B. Anderson
Mr. John C. Campbell
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Mr. David M. Rutherford

ALSO PRESENT

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

Mr. Terrence S. Bellamy, Sr., absent
Mr. Richard Wyatt, 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 6:36 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 8:10 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan welcomed all to the meeting.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cooper informed the public that she provided the same budget exercise with the Administrators as she did with the public at the last work and study meeting in October. She offered that the District will continue to reach out to the community as we continue to go through this budgeting process.

She mentioned to the public the challenge with the location of the new school (flood zone) and the options that were provided.

Mr. Sutton and Dr. Cooper explained the concern of the original location of the new school. With the original location, the SDA made is clear the Board would have a very difficult time convincing the State to approve this project (and the possibility of scrapping the project all together); so the best option would be to move the school back towards Woodland Avenue.

Also, the Woodland School students would be displaced until the new school is completed. The State would pay 100% of the cost for the temporary classrooms (trailers).

Mr. Sutton and Dr. Cooper distributed blue prints to the community and board members to review for discussion. The new location is push back towards Woodland Avenue.

The community/ public voiced their opinions and concern with traffic on Woodland Avenue.

The public along with the Board decided to choose the recommendation that the State suggested (option 4). The State strongly suggested this location to avoid the flood zone issue.

The public also wanted to make sure that the community is notified when demolition will be done; preventative measures taken for asbestos removal and to involve Hazmat to ensure all protocols are being followed. In addition, the public wanted to make sure of the preservation of some of the trees.

Dr. Cooper offer that at the next meeting there will be a discussion on the naming of the "new school".

Someone wanted to know if it could be named after a corporation.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Dr. Cooper mentioned that a group from Colorado want to come and visit PAAAS. They want to see their model programs.

Dr. Cooper also mentioned that there would be a State of District in December.

The Board requested to have suspension reports in their board packets.

C&I was moved to business agenda.

Finance was moved to the business agenda.

Policy was moved to the business agenda with changes to be sent to Mrs. Koon.

The Board requested additional information \ explanation on the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan. Mr. Ottmann would provide this information.

The Facilities & Grounds committee requested that minutes from the Facilities & Grounds Committee be distributed to the entire board.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE.

VIII. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Ms. Anderson moved Items P & Q and seconded by Ms. Pile. The motion carried on a roll-call vote with seven (7) members in favor. None were opposed.

P. Professional Development and District Mentoring Plan – Statement of Assurance**Strategic Plan Link****Goal 2: Human Resources:**

To improve the recruitment, retention and development of District staff

Goal 3: Business Operations:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of District and school operations

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, New Jersey school districts must *annually certify* to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) that they are complying with the state's requirements for the school district professional development plan (PDP) N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-4.2(b)6, and

WHEREAS, these same requirements are needed for the district mentoring plan as set forth in the New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.9; N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-4.2(b)6; and N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-5.3, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education in the County of Union has reviewed the district's Professional Development and District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance and hereby approves submission through the NJDOE Homeroom Portal – PLRMS application (*Mentoring Plan*); and the SOAPDP application (*Professional Development Plan*), now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education does hereby authorize the Acting Superintendent of Schools to submit through the NJDOE Homeroom Portal, the Professional Development and District Mentoring Plan and Statement of Assurance for academic year 2017-2018 in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-4.2(b)6; N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.9; N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-4.2(b)6; and N.J.A.C. 6A: 9C-5.3.

Q. DPR and Statement of Assurance – New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 3: Business Operations:

To improve the overall efficiency and effectiveness of business operations.

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

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education in the County of Union is undergoing evaluation under NJ QSAC for the 2017-2018 school year, and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C 6A:30-3.2 (f) requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the district's DPR responses and the Statement of Assurance with respect to this process, and

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education in the County of Union has reviewed the district's DPR responses and Statement of Assurance and hereby approves these documents, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education does hereby authorize the Acting Superintendent of Schools to submit the attached DPR and Statement of Assurance to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2 (f).

Ms. Pile moved and seconded by Ms. Anderson and unanimously approved by the Board to return to the executive session at 10:45 p.m.

Ms. Anderson moved and seconded by Mrs. Jeffers and unanimously approved by the Board to return adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
YK/bsc