

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 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 6:38 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 Thursday, August 31, 2017 to be advertised on Saturday, September 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.
Mr. John C. Campbell, arr. @ 6:43 p.m.
Mrs. Carletta D. Jeffers
Ms. Carmencita T. Pile
Mr. David M. Rutherford, arr. @ 6:40 p.m.
Mr. Richard Wyatt, arr. @ 6:43 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT

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

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 6:40 p.m.

The Plainfield Board of Education resumed the public session of its Work & Study meeting at 9:14 p.m.

IV. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Morgan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and apologized for the delay.

Mrs. Morgan stated that an Interim Superintendent would not be appointed. The Board had identified several candidates, but no one has accepted.

V. REMARKS FROM THE ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Cooper gave a presentation on the QSAC report.

VI. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

C&I was moved to business agenda.

Finance was moved to the business agenda.

Policy was moved to business agenda and there will be a policy meeting for all to attend at PHS tomorrow September 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

VII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC

Community members inquired about the transportation issues and the reduction of routes for Amaker & Porterfield.

Other community members inquired about the terms of Dr. Leverett's contract\consultant services.

VIII. CONSULTING APPOINTMENT

Leverett Education Consulting

The following is recommended for adoption:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Plainfield Board of Education desires to implement a governance development work plan, and

WHEREAS, the proposed technical assistance objectives are:

- work with a board established retreat planning team and Superintendent to inform the focus, objectives and agenda for the PPS Board Retreat;
- assist the PPS Board of Education and Superintendent to develop and establish norms, rules of engagement, core values, vision mission, annual board of education goal and strategic direction;
- assist the PPS Board of Education and Superintendent to develop and implement a new board member induction process to support newly elected board members' knowledge and understanding of the school district and the roles and responsibilities of PPS board members;
- introduce strategies, practices and activities to support highly effective board governance to advance educational equity in the Plainfield Public School, and

WHEREAS, Leverett Education Consulting has the skills and expertise to provide such services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Plainfield Board of Education approves the appointment of Leverett Education Consulting in the amount of \$17,100.00.

IX. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

W. Approval of the 2017 – 2020 PEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Acting Superintendent of School recommends and I and moved by Mr. Hurtt and seconded by Ms. Pile the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Plainfield (“Board”) has entered into collective negotiations with the Plainfield Education Associated (“PEA”); and

WHEREAS, these negotiations have resulted in a tentative agreement on various terms and conditions of employment as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the PEA covering the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the PEA ratified said Memorandum of Agreement at its meeting of September 5, 2017, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Board does hereby accept and ratify this Memorandum of Agreement; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board President and Acting Board Secretary to the Board are authorized to sign and execute said contract on behalf of the Board.

The motioned carried on roll-call vote with eight members in favor and none were opposed.

X. REPORT OF THE CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

M. ~~Twilight Academy Program (BOAACD)~~ PULLED

Strategic Plan Link

Goal 1: Learning Outcomes:

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

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

RESOLUTION

The Plainfield Board of Education recognizes a highly qualified, competent, skilled, and dedicated workforce is essential to the success of the District and students. 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 committed to providing opportunities for and ensuring all students meet the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and achieve life-long success.

This school year Barak Obama Academy in conjunction with PHS will offer an individualized Twilight program in an environment structured for success. The program was developed for students who find the traditional/alternative programs at their high school incompatible with their individual and educational needs.

Dates	October 3, 2017 – June 21, 2018
Staff	6 Teachers
Rate of Pay / Maximum	\$28.00 / \$5,833.00
Total Cost to District Not to Exceed	\$35,000.00

This Twilight program provides an alternative setting in the late afternoon for students who have not succeeded in the traditional educational setting. The Twilight program is designed for a wide variety of students, enabling them to:

- complete their graduation requirements and attend school while working or facing serious family issues
- incorporate vocational training into their daily schedules

It offers an alternative for students whose concerns have not been remediated with traditional intervention techniques, strategies and programs. This program is included in the NJ Department of Education BOAACD School Improvement Plan for the 2017-2018 school year.

RESOLVED, that Plainfield Board of Education approves BOAACD to provide a Twilight Academy Program as per N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-8 in conjunction with PHS during the 2017-2018 school year – total cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. The availability of funds for this item has been verified and will be charged to account 15-140-100000-101A-51-0000 (BOAACD Salaries)

Ms. Anderson moved and seconded by Mr. Hurtt and unanimously approved by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Reported by,

Yolanda Koon, Acting Board Secretary
YK/bsc